

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th September 1979
at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), R. Day, K.P. Humphries, H.W.H. Easy,
 Mrs. G.F. Tonks, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, A.D.J. Bull and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence received from P. Kiddle and G. Patten.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 4082 The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

4083 S/1074/79 - R. Bennison, rear of 24 Cambridge Road - the Planning Officer (4053) replied to the Council's query concerning drainage to the effect that single caravans are dealt with by the Environmental Services Officer and the Clerk was therefore asked to pursue the query accordingly.

4084 Access to Milton Hall. Mr. Sillery had replied to the Council's letter (4055) confirming that he felt that the fears expressed are groundless, but that a copy letter had been sent to the County Surveyor who will be responsible for any adjustments if any. The Clerk should write to the County Surveyor to ascertain what action is to be taken.

4085 Dickerson's Pit Areas. Mr. Sillery had confirmed to Mr. Dickerson that (4065) fishing on a limited basis could continue, but the provision of such facilities as car parking, toilets or whatever would have to be the subject of planning permission. On the question of access Mr. Sillery agreed with the undesirable increase in traffic aspect, but felt that the Committee looking at the Country Park Scheme would not regard the use of the Fen Road access as a precedent for future arrangements.

3. New Applications

- a) 4086 S/1555/79 - Mr. C. Silverman, Blue Gates, Fen Road, Chesterton - proposed workshop and offices - no comments.
- b) 4087 S/1557/79 - University of Cambridge, former Todd's pit area - car parking area etc. for fishing/boating use - Mr. & Mrs. Wright, immediate neighbours in Old School Lane forwarded a copy of their letter objecting to the application on the grounds of traffic access through Milton and also the disturbance aspect in the early hours of the morning. After consideration the Council unanimously agreed with a proposal by H.E., which was seconded by K.P.H., that the application should be refused on traffic grounds and also that it is premature in advance of the Structure Plan. If however the District Council decide to grant permission the Council wish this to be on a temporary basis, one year maximum, and restricted to day-time use only.
- c) 4088 S/1594/79 - Mr. C. Silverman, Blue Gates, Fen Road, Chesterton - renewal of temporary planning permission - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

- a) 4089 S/1372/79 - Cambridge Consultants, Science Park - erection of (4043) laboratory - approved subject to normal conditions regarding storage of oils and chemicals and piping of surface water from roofs.
- b) 4090 S/1401/79 - Trinity College, Science Park - erection of 6 'starter' units - approved with normal conditions as 4089. The Clerk would chase planning for an answer to the query on this consultation form regarding future developments in this area.

- c) 4091 S/1493/79 - M. Maltby, 12 Pryor Close - two storey house extension
- approved - no conditions.

Signed... R. Sumner Chairman..... 6th November 1979 Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

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2. Matters Arising

4093 Disposal of M.V.H.M.C. Land Rover. The Committee expressed thanks to the (4030) Council for their kind gesture in not accepting the £50 resulting from the sale of the old Land Rover.

4094 Milton Bypass/Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk had not received any replies (4061) to earlier correspondence from the recent chasing letter of 7th September. K.P.H. had contacted Mr. Pym by letter and received a letter from Mr. Pym's private secretary confirming that the matter is still under consideration.

4095 Butt Lane Agricultural Access Gate. No reply to original letter or chasing (4064) letter of 7th September.

4096 Tree Planting. Mr. Waggett had submitted a scheme to the Divisional (4065) Surveyor on 4th September which was acceptable and the tree order will be actioned at the appropriate time.

4097 Litter Bin on Waggon & Horses Green. The Clerk had placed an order for (4068) the bin to match existing receptacles and delivery was promised in 4 to 5 weeks.

4098 Structure Plan. Councillor Crossman had written to Mr. Pym regarding (4069) K.P.H. acting as representative at the Public Examination, but the request had again been turned down and the suggestion was that the P.C. should go to the High Court to Appeal. It was felt however that the possible cost coupled with the lack of time did not make this course of action a worthwhile prospect.

4099 Village Grass Cutting. The County Surveyor is unable to advise the (4010) Council what services will be provided next year, but the comment was made that there is little chance of any improvement being forthcoming. In the past we have been unable to ascertain when the cut is scheduled to take place or indeed even the areas which appear on the work schedule through the village. The matter should be placed on the forward planner for March 1980.

4100 Matters Arising from the A.P.M. R.D. requested any information on the (4017) report promised by P.K. ref. I.V.C. Information requested for next meeting.

3. 4101 Drainage. A site meeting was held on 9th September attended by R.T.S., A.D.J.B., P.K., H.W.H.E., R.D., B.K.C. (apologies K.P.H.) - and members examined the drains and ditches to the east of the bypass. The Clerk had communicated various requirements in the form of a letter report to Mr. Flint together with a site plan prepared on 12th September.

To date no reply had been received, but the matter should be reviewed at the next meeting.

H.E. reported the bad condition of the ditches along both bypasses and the Clerk was asked to refer this matter to the ERCU at Bedford for further action mentioning the rectification work promised by letter on 1st March.

4. 4102 Provision of Public Telephone Kiosk on Bypass. A.D.J.B. confirmed that (3879) he still receives requests for use of his private telephone by motorists and the Council agreed that there is still a need for the provision of this facility. The Post Office had promised to review the matter within six months of the Council's first request and the Clerk was asked to pursue this accordingly.
5. 4103 Bypass Landscaping. It was reported that work is in progress at the (4025) present time but R.D. felt that the original plans are not up to date and if possible landscaping by the rubbish pit should be carried out sooner rather than later. H.E. commented that the access to the pit is already dangerous and planting nearby would make the situation worse. The Clerk was asked to request latest details of the scheme.
6. 4104 Allotment Situation. The Assistant Clerk had contacted the County Land (4066) Agent to chase the tenancy agreement for the Council to sign and Mr. Grubb had telephoned on 24th to apologize for the fact that the agreement was still not finalised. It was however agreed that the Parish Council could now use the new holding. The Clerk had contacted the Head of the Farm School Mr. Benfield to ascertain the situation with regard to tenants relinquishing the original allotment holdings, and Mr. Benfield was kind enough to extend the period of grace to allow the transfer to the new gardens to take place. Mr. Benfield had also ploughed the new field as a goodwill gesture. The Clerk had ordered 120 stakes for marking out the new plots and these should be delivered within the next week or so so that a working party could be organised to plot the new area.
- The Clerk was asked to send a letter to all existing tenants to ascertain the size of new holding required on the basis that the gardens would be 10 pole areas (10yds x 30yds). The Clerk had obtained a model tenancy agreement from the Local Council's Association which the Parish Council should use for each tenant, and it was suggested that copies should be distributed with the next set of minutes for members to peruse prior to acceptance.
7. 4105 Review the Size of the Parish Council. K.P.H. had investigated the (4074) situation and confirmed that the matter is controlled by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the S.C.D.C. The number of members is governed by the size of the population and Milton is entitled to 11 members. K.P.H. proposed that the Council should apply to S.C.D.C. for an increase in members to 11 to take effect from the election period in May of 1980 and this was seconded by R.D. Following a vote of 3 in favour with 3 against the Chairman cast his vote in favour of the proposition which was therefore carried. The Clerk would make the necessary application.
8. 4106 Christmas Tree Arrangements. It was felt that in the long term a (4106) traditional christmas tree should be planted and R.D. was asked to liaise with M.W. and investigate the cost of such a tree. It was agreed that the Clerk would organise the purchase of a 25'-30' tree from Madingley as in 1978 and liaise with H.E. regarding transportation etc. The Clerk would also collect the wiring in preparation. The Clerk should also contact the Salvation Army with regard to a Carol Service around the tree on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Monday before Christmas.
- 4107 Landbeach Road Cemetery. The Clerk had received a letter from the Secretary of the Milton Parochial Church Council regarding the restoration work carried out recently. The materials involved cost a total of £42 but all the work was carried out on a voluntary basis. Agreement had been reached some years ago that the Parish Council should contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery and in view of this H.E. proposed that the Council should pay the full cost of materials, this was seconded by K.P.H. and agreed unanimously.

9. 4108 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by H.E., seconded by G.T.F. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

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| 1. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd. - envelopes & note books | \ £3-56 |
| 2. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties, 12hrs @ £1-20 14-40 | \ £17-35 |
| posts & telephone for Sept. 2-95 | \ £45-37 |
| 3. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for September | \ £12--94 |
| 4. Tech Science (Publications) Ltd. - copying agenda & mins. | \ £42-00 |
| 5. Milton Parochial Church Council - (min.4107) - renovation of cemetery grounds, railings | \ £42-00 |

11. Any Other Business

- 4109 Car Parking, Willow Crescent. It was reported that the entrance to Willow Crescent near to the Waggon & Horses Public House is being obstructed by patrons parking in an inconsiderate manner. The matter would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 4110 Rubbish Tip by Milton Bypass. It was mentioned in a recent issue of the Cambridge Evening News that private tipping facilities are being considered. Concern was expressed that if this was allowed that the filling of the pit may take considerably longer than the 5 year period specified on the planning approval.
Since the Council would like to see the land restored to its original condition as soon as possible the Clerk would refer this matter to the Planning Officer.
- 4111 Local Transport. The Clerk had been asked to provide details of groups of conveniently situated households and a suitable public meeting place to the County Surveyor in preparation for a survey of travel needs and difficulties in the locality with a view to improving services. A local public meeting would be held and an invitation extended to Parish Councillors to attend.
- 4112 Landbeach Parish Boundary Review. The Clerk had received a request from (3650) S.C.D.C. to confirm that the original new boundary proposals which had been agreed were still acceptable. Since this had been clearly agreed in the earlier minute the Clerk would reply accordingly.
- 4113 Extension of Recreation Ground Facilities. H.E. felt that Tomkins Mead was not being utilized since he examined the area and could not find access paths. In view of this he felt that some of the area could be used for possible car parking. R.D. and K.P.H. strongly disagreed with the proposal and commented that much use is being made of the area. It was agreed that the Council should examine the area before discussing the matter further, and a meeting was therefore arranged for Sunday 7th October at 10.30 a.m. venue Recreation Ground car park. The matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 4114 Request for Village Sign. This matter should receive further consideration and would be considered at the next meeting with information concerning a possible source.
- 4115 'Milton' Sign. R.D. reported that the sign which was originally located at the entrance to the village by Benet Farm before the roadworks has not been reinstated. The Clerk should put in hand the necessary request.
- 4116 Structure Plan Newsletter. R.D. asked if the P.C. had considered contributions to the next edition. The Clerk was asked to discover when the next copy was scheduled to be produced and place the matter on the next agenda if relevant.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m.

Signed..... *R. Hume-Jed* Chairman..... *6th November 1979* Date