



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 27 April 1998 at 8pm in the Community Centre**

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston IF May CF Nunn  
PK Oldham J Sandford J Shaw HM Smith SJ Snaith  
RT Summerfield LC Twinn the clerk SJ Daniels and 22 residents.

**Minute 203/98**

**1. Introduction**

After a welcome by the Chairman the Parish Councillors introduced themselves to the assembly.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

R Day DJ Lee and EY Wakeling

**3. Rowing Lake**

R Hoskins from the Rowing Trust (CRT) gave a presentation. The scheme was smaller than previously envisaged. The principles of landscaping remained the same. CRT would apply for an amendment to their planning application and all relevant parties would be consulted. Various issues were raised:-

- **Had all the land been purchased?**

CRT were in negotiation with all the land owners.

- **Drainage**

CRT were working closely with the relevant agencies. All issues would have to be resolved before the signing of the Section 106 Agreement. (Evidence to satisfy both the village and MPC that the drainage issues had been resolved had not been received).

- **Gatekeeper's Cottage**

RH to discuss with the owner.

- **Parking in Fen Road on Competition Days**

CRT would try to prevent indiscriminate parking.

- **Alterations to Fen Road**

A bridge would be built near the approach to the railway crossing.

- **Financial Backing**

CRT were applying for lottery money. They could not start work on the lake unless they could prove their ability to finish or reinstate if necessary.

If everything went to plan the lake could be finished by the year 2000. RH was not anticipating this.

**4. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 1997 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**5. Accounts**

Pre audited accounts were presented by the clerk. Excluding the income from the sale of the land for Sheltered Housing the balance of the General Fund was approx. £1300 less than at 1 April 1997.



## **6. Charities Report**

A summary of the accounts for the year ending 31 December 1997 was presented.

A Moore clerk to the Charities pointed out that there was some money available for people in need.

In response to a question A Moore confirmed that with the agreement of the Charity Commissioners the trustees were allowed to exchange some of its land required by the Rowing Trust for another (better) piece of land.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

### Sheltered Housing

MPC had leased the land behind the tennis courts on Coles Road recreation ground to the Cambridge Housing Society for 125 years. The start of the project had been delayed as archaeological remains had been found. It was anticipated that occupants would be moving in during the year 1999.

### Youth

MPC subsidise the Bus Project - up to 32 youngsters attend on some evenings. The junior Youth Club held on the same evening as the Bus was also proving successful. Congratulations to both the Cricket and Football Clubs for running various teams for youngsters. The Cricket Club had recently raised £23,000 towards extra facilities.

### Crime

Noted that the numbers of reported crime were still going down from 402 in 1995 to 282 in 1996 to 217 in 1997. Noted that from January to March 1998 the number of reported crimes was 50% lower than for the same period in 1997. Neighbourhood Watch still had not "taken off".

### Election

Four candidates stood for two vacancies. PK Oldham and LC Twinn were elected.

### War Memorial Land

After negotiation with the Treasury Solicitor MPC had acquired this piece of land on behalf of the village for £300.

### MCC

The Charity Commissioners had agreed the Constitution for the Milton Community Centre Charity. MPC were now negotiating to convey the land and buildings entirely to MCC.

### Conclusion

RLEW thanked the clerk for his efforts and also the fourteen other members of the Parish Council who between them give many hours of their time. He thanked also JEC and RTS in their roles of County Councillor and District Councillor respectively.

## **8. County Councillor's Report**

JEC is a member of many Committees including the new joint Fire Authority. She also spent a year as a Police Authority member. She also attends Rowing Trust meetings.

### Waterbeach Station Car Park

The new car park jointly funded by the District and County should soon be started WAGN however had not yet signed the Lease Agreement.

### A14 Cycle/Foot Bridge

Slow but sure progress was being made. JEC hoped to have some good news within the next two months.

### School Bus Update

JEC and a group of parents were able to persuade the committee responsible not to go ahead with the proposed cycle route from Milton to Impington thus saving the IVC bus.

### Internet

An Internet evening was being organised for May 14.

JEC had been pleased to work with the Parish Councillors and R Summerfield District Councillor. This joint approach had helped them achieve much over the years.

### Millennium

JEC gave an update. Seven projects had been proposed.

1. To enlarge the green area around the village sign.
2. To build a pathway to the Country Park from the Doctors' Surgery with seats and tree planting along the sides.
3. A garden between the Doctors' Surgery and the garage.
4. A Millennium wood grown from seed.
5. A maze similar to the one at Hilton.
6. A purpose built Youth Club and Coffee Bar.
7. Information technology centre.

These ideas would be discussed more fully following responses from the village.

## **9. District Councillor's Report**

The first five items were taken as matters arising from the APM minutes of 1997.

### Travellers

After co-operation between the landowners and MPC there had been no further visits from travellers to the land near Tesco.

### Thames Valley Eggs

The Appeal had been turned down.

### Milton Hall

New car parking had been built. SCDC and MPC were monitoring the progress of the proposed new entrance from Ely Road.

Sound Barrier

No progress had been made. A new noise reduction road surface was being laid on the A14 between Fen Ditton and Milton during the school summer holidays.

Public Entertainments Licence

There had been no problems during the last twelve months.

Council Tax

SCDC had levied nothing for six years. As the Government grant was coming down and SCDC had used most of their reserves they would have no alternative but to levy their part of the Council Tax in 1999.

Bus Passes

County Council had agreed to subsidise bus passes for disabled pensioners and those in receipt of benefit. The bus pass would cost £5.50. As the majority of pensioners would no longer qualify for this pass SCDC had increased their subsidy to £90,000 thus bringing the cost of the bus pass down to £16. MPC had agreed to reimburse £5.50 per bus pass.

Dog Fouling

New bye-laws were coming into operation on 5 May. There was a maximum penalty of £1000 for not clearing up dog mess. Co-operation of the public was needed. A Dog Warden was employed by SCDC.

Grasscuttings

SCDC were not collecting grass cuttings with the refuse any more in order to encourage composting and to conserve landfill resources.

Planning

The debate about future growth especially within the Green Belt continued.

Millennium

SCDC had agreed to plant a woodland in the west of the district.

Conservation Area

This was currently under review.

Tomkins Mead

This was owned by MPC and managed by the Country Park Rangers who were trying to recreate the wetland area. A path had been laid.

**10. Question and Answer Session**Traffic Matters

JEC had been assured that the new noise reduction road surface was harder (and therefore less likely to become rutted) than the present surface.

The Highways Agency had to apply for funding to repair the slip road. The work should be done within five weeks.

There was concern about water running off the landfill site across the A14 slip road. The drainage on this site would be attended to. JEC had been assured that the A14/A10 interchange traffic lights would be switched on full time by the end of May. The cycle lane to the landfill site would not be extended.

Recreation Land Money

The village should give MPC their views as to how the money received for the land for Sheltered Housing should be spent. There was a strong feeling that as recreation ground had been lost that some if not all of the money should be spent on recreation.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

Signed L.H. Waters, Chairman..... 26.4.99, Date