

The Clerk said arrangements were in hand.

It will be recalled that Councillor Walkling had retired, in March, last, from the Chesterton Rural District Council and the Parish Council after serving 39 years on the latter. He still continued as a Milton Parochial Charity Trustee on which body he had now served for 42 years. The present Council wished to honour him by holding a Dinner at the Royal Cambridge Hotel on October 2nd, next and to make a presentation to him.

The Clerk's suggestion was accepted that the Charity Trustees be invited to associate themselves and accordingly, the Rev. H.C. Franklin, Rector, and Mr. F. Carlton and their wives be invited. Together with the present Council and past members who had served with Mr. Walkling, Mr. S.A. Siggs, Mr. A.W. Wenham and the late Clerk, Mr. L.E. Coulson, some 30 guests would be attending.

Mr. Doggett thought a case of table wines would be a gift Mr. Walkling would most appreciate together with an illuminated script commemorating his 42 years service to the village. This was agreed.

It was also agreed unanimously, on Mr. Forbes' suggestion that the Chairman, Mr. D. Pearson, who had had many years of association with Mr. Walkling in this Council, was the most appropriate person to present these gifts, and also that he be asked to make suitable choice of a case of wines.

The vice-Chairman then closed the meeting.

Signed *D. Pearson* Chairman *Nov 20 70* Date.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FARM SCHOOL, (by kind co-operation of Mr. Benfield, the Principal) ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1970, at 7.p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs H. Easy, P. Kiddle, J. W. R. Lewis, M. J. D. Nurse, R. T. Summerfield. Mr. R. Huddleston, the County Forestry Officer attended by invitation. The Clerk.

Apology from Mr. L. M. Forbes who was unable to attend owing to prior engagement.

The meeting was mainly concerned with further discussion on the proposed tree-planting scheme for the village and to take advantage of the advice offered by Mr. Huddleston

Mr. Huddleston explained that the County Council grants to parishes to encourage tree-planting in European Conservation year was to be made by allocating about 15/20 trees free of charge to Parish Councils. They had had big response to the offer. The grant may continue in future years.

He had looked round Milton and found possible sites for trees. He regretted, he thought for this year at least, it would not be possible to plant along the main road as certain verges carried the services, and also the necessary authorisation from the Ministry of Transport and County Highway Authority would be unlikely to be obtained in time for Autumn planting.

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Sites he suggested were: near the Initial Towel Company; the Industrial road; near the Allotments in Butt Lane (Burlin's Field) and on the Lnadbeach road past the Cemetery. Doubtless the Council would have others in mind.

15/20 ordinary landscape trees were likely to be available such as: Oak, Beech, Ash, Elm, Red Oak, Sycamore, Norway Maple, Field Maple, Bird Cherry, Mountain Ash, White Beam etc. They would be fully developed nursery trees of about 5/6 feet stems.

Mr. Huddlestone said that the Cornish Elm, such as near the Shire Hall car park was not a heavy tree; the Norway Maple bears yellow flowers and is greener than Sycamore. Red Oak turns colour in Autumn. Copper Beech, Scarlet Sycamore and Black Birch were also attractive; the latter prefers wet areas.

The Council could buy extra trees, if desired at the same advantageous rates through the County Council: e.g. Ash and other varieties, 8/9 feet, 16/6; Elm, 22/-, Oak, 24/-

Planting should be in November it being important to plant the same depth as had grown in the Nursery bed, and when staking this should be put in first to avoid damage to the roots.

Discussing various possibilities the Clerk was instructed to ask Edmund House if they would like trees inside their boundary.

The Council decided to walk round the village on Saturday afternoon, October 3rd., commencing 2.30 p.m. outside the Village Hall to select suitable sites.

Civic Amenities Act. Mr. Huddlestone pointed out that individual trees of great beauty or rarity can now be preserved under this Act. The Council's Forestry Dept. were always willing to schedule trees in a Parish at the invitation of the Parish Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk submitted two applications to which the Council offered no objections:

- 1751 C/70/578, Stead Investments, Warehouse & Factory on Winship Estate - purpose not stated
- 1752 S/70/588, C. Silverman, Garage & conversion of bldgs. to living accomodation at 37, High Street.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Huddlestone for his attendance and valuable advice and closed the meeting.

Signed *A. Pearson* Chairman *Nov 20 1970* Date.

A TOUR OF THE VILLAGE BY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd., 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

- 1753 Selection of sites for planting of trees.

Present: Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs H. Easy, P. Kiddle, J. W. R. Lewis
M. J. D. Nurse & R. T. Summerfield with the Clerk.

The following suggestions were agreed during the tour: