

CAMBRIDGE NORTHERN BY-PASS

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Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Coles Road, Milton on 29-3-77 at 2pm

<u>Present:</u>	Mr. Summerfield	Chairman, Milton Parish Council
	Mr. Connor	Clerk, " " "
	Mr. Cook	" " "
	Mr. Humphries	Councillor, South Cambs. District Council
	Mr. Rose	"
	Mr. Watts	"
	Mr. Addison	Environmental Services S.C.D.C.
	Mr. Arnold	Works Supt.
	Mr. Asplin	Stanton Farm
	Mr. Wagstaff	Penfold Farm
	Mr. Pearson	Fen Farm
	Mr. Baker	Anglian Water Authority
	Mr. Lawrence	ERCU HQ
	Mr. Jenkins	ERCU B.S.U.
	Mr. Nicholls	" "

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the effect of the proposed discharges from the bypasses on the existing drainage system.

Fear was expressed by the farmers that the run off from the bypasses would exacerbate an already bad drainage situation and cause flooding in the low lying land east of Milton. This obviously would not arise until the road was complete, by which time they felt it would be very difficult to get remedial works done.

It was pointed out by the Council that a letter from S.C.D.C. to the ERCU contained requirements for improving some watercourses and requesting safeguards against storm water flows. None of this work appeared to be happening.

The ERCU accepted the recommendation contained in the letter but preferred not to have the improvements included in the main contract. They had in fact originally asked the SCDC whether or not they would be willing to carry out this work but were told this was not possible. With regard to safeguards against storm water flows, it was pointed out that all the water from the main bypass was going to be held in storage ditches with a regulated outflow.

The AWA pointed out that the discharges from the bypasses were small and should be kept in perspective. They did not envisage that flooding would result but felt certain avenues could be explored that would act as additional safeguards. These were outlined as follows. (see attached plan)

Where Bankers Ditch crosses Fen Road flowing north the flow to be diverted in part via a deepened ditch on the south side of Fen Road then under the hailing way in a new culvert to the River Cam (shown in red). Where the first public drain flows east from the A10 then turns north a culvert to be provided under the farm track to allow the water to flow along the route shown in red and through an existing culvert under the railway. This would relieve the pressure on a smaller culvert further north.

The ERCU agreed to investigate these proposals but felt that should they prove feasible then the benefit to the system would be such that the improvements outlined in the letter from the SCDC would be unnecessary and would consult with them on this.

SCDC pointed out that should any enlargements of awarded drains have to take place they would be seeking a payment in respect of increased maintenance costs.

The AWA felt this would be small since the only increased area for maintenance was in the bed.

The ERCU said they were willing to consider claims in this respect.

It was pointed out by the farmers that a scheme some years ago to make the first public drain flow north along the A10, as it is shown doing, does not in fact work and the water turns south (shown dashed blue) before passing under the A10. East of the A10 it therefore flowed in ditches under riparian ownership. They felt

that it would be of great help if the ERCU could divert the first public drain, where the Milton Bypass is to cross it, north along the western side of the bypass (shown dashed red).

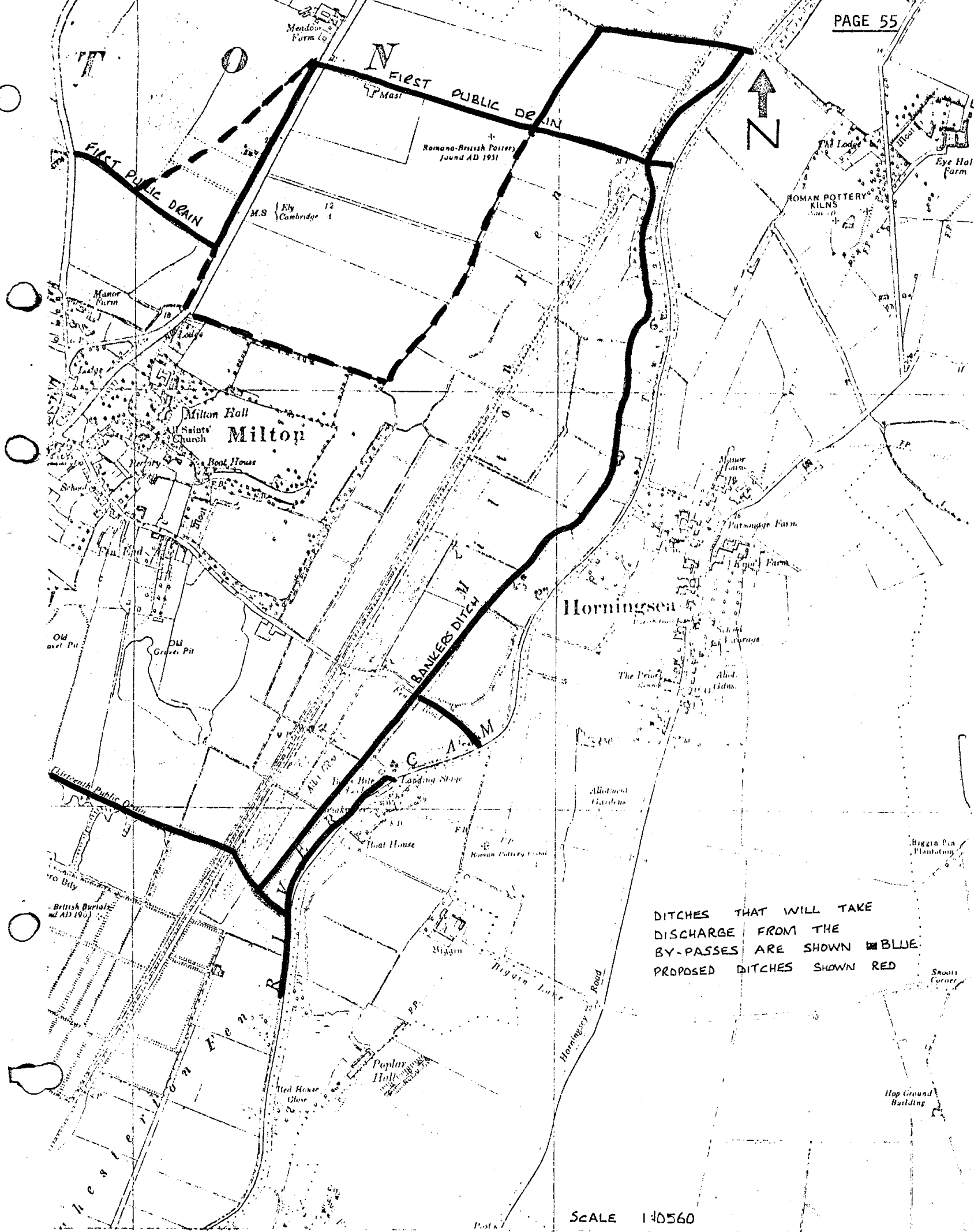
The ERCU were not in favour of this as the ditch would have to be about 2m deep. They did know however that the matter was under negotiation with the District Valuer in the light of proposed land drainage scheme and would await the outcome. The road scheme however did not affect the existing drainage of the field. They would however investigate the first point raised by surveying the ditch levels adjacent to the A10. With regard to permission to carry out the works outlined by the A.W.A., if appropriate, the ERCU asked whether the landowners would be in agreement.

Mr. Humphries as secretary to the Milton Charities could see no objection to consent being given for the scheme adjacent to Fen Road.

Mr. Wagstaff was in agreement with the works between the first public drain and the railway (shown red).

The consensus of opinion was that the meeting had been advantageous to all and should help in the forming of a satisfactory solution.

The meeting closed.



DITCHES THAT WILL TAKE  
 DISCHARGE FROM THE  
 BY-PASSES ARE SHOWN IN BLUE.  
 PROPOSED DITCHES SHOWN RED

SCALE 1:40560  
 6" = 1 MILE