

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE NEW VILLAGE HALL, COLES ROAD RECREATION GROUND, ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th., 1967.

Present: Messrs Pearson (Chairman), Doggett, Forbes, Summerfield
and Walking with the Clerk.

1309 MINUTES (1293)

The circulated minutes of the Council's meeting held on July 25th. were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1310 THE NEW HALL

The Chairman remarked that, at long last, they were meeting tonight, for the first time, in the new Village Hall.

He referred to the kind hospitality over many years of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, of Willow Farm, who had provided a warm and comfortable meeting place for the Council many times in the past. The Council unanimously shared this view and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to them for their willing services to the village.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- 1311 Traffic conditions in Milton (1294) - The Clerk reported reply to the Council's letter of June 10th last to the Ministry of Transport had been received on July 28th. In it the Ministry had said they were carrying out further investigations on traffic through Milton and would reply further when these were completed.

The Clerk said he had thought it advisable to reply asking them to take into account a fresh aspect now arisen, namely the increase in traffic, especially heavy, caused by the Eastern Electricity re-organisation at their Milton headquarters which would mean more traffic using the Fen Road junction and Church Lane; the latter was especially unsuited to heavy traffic. To this the Ministry had again replied, on 25th. August, that they were not yet in a position to say whether a traffic island at the junction could be provided but would inform the Council of the outcome of their investigations.

- 1312 Path across War Memorial Green (1297) - The Clerk reported that the path had now been made up by the County Surveyor and he had sent a letter of thanks. The Council confirmed the Clerk's action.

- 1313 Development at Milton Hall (1300) - The Clerk had been pressing the Council's complaint to the County Planning Office that the Council had not been consulted about the extensive developments at Eastern Electricity Headquarters at Milton Hall by having talks with the County Planning Office and further communication was to be made.

- 1314 The Old Village Hall Site (1303) - The Clerk reported he had advertised the sale of the old Hall and site for three consecutive evenings in the 'Cambridge News' for two weeks running and also twice in the weekly 'Independent Press'. He had also circulated 45 builders in Cambridge and district and several Estate Agents and Solicitors.

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He also regretted to report that the advice on reserve selling price promised by the Ministry of Local Government to arrive in time for this meeting had not, in fact, done so. Efforts to obtain this through the District Valuer during the day were unsuccessful. The Ministry had given no real explanation as to why it had not been sent.

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The Clerk also explained that the Council, themselves, had no definite detailed planning permission: that given 3 years ago to a prospective developer having lapsed. The Planning Office had assured him that the permission of that date, being attached to the land re-application would be only formal. He had made this application.

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He had also written to Messrs W.J. and J.G. Taylor who had had negotiated the Council's purchase of the Village Hall in 1958 seeking their help in clarification of the title deeds.

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Consideration of Tenders - Several tenders and enquiries had been received; those for consideration are listed below: Number two of these was not considered by the Council to be a tender but an enquiry; after deliberation the Council decided to take this applicant's previous offer (of 24th July) in lieu of tender.

The following applicants were then considered: Numbers two and three, being marked 'tender' were unsealed by the Chairman.

	<u>Offer.</u>
1. Messrs D. January	£1,500
2. Messrs Cyril Middleton	£2,650
3. Aston Building Co	£2,700

It was agreed that Messrs January's offer be not further entertained. Offers two and three stipulated planning requirements of which only number three was specific as to the land being available for two detached dwellings

The Council agreed that no decision was possible between offers two and three until the latter point had been confirmed by the Planning Office and the Clerk was instructed to obtain this as soon as possible. The Council then agreed to hold a special meeting to be called by the Clerk to close with one of the offers two or three as soon as the planning information was known.

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Financial negotiations on behalf of the Committee of Management.

The Clerk reported several consultations with the Manager of the Council's Bank (Messrs Lloyds, who were also the Council's Treasurer). The Manager had thought it unlikely the Bank would grant a loan before the sale of the old Hall. It was also necessary for the Council to obtain permission to borrow on the security of the old site from the Ministry of Local Government. The Clerk awaited reply to his application for this.

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The Clerk reported that he found it difficult to obtain consistent information from the Committee of Management about receipt of their promised grant and had asked the Department of Education and Science about this.

He had received, in reply, a copy of a letter (dated 10th August) to Mr. L.M. Forbes, setting out the details of the Grant. It appeared that the Committee could in fact, obtain payment of accounts for completed work on application to the Department (within the limits of the Grant). This had not appeared to have been previously known to the Committee and the Clerk thought that some of the Committee's concern should now be dispelled.

should now be dispelled although he appreciated that only half the Grant was thus available. . He would continue with the loan negotiations as and when necessary.

1321 In a discussion on the pending sale the Clerk pointed out that he was corresponding with Messrs Taylor (Minute 1317 of this meeting) about the title deeds.

It was proposed by Mr. R.T.Summerfield and seconded by Mr. J.S.Doggett that Messrs Wild and Hewitson be approached.

The Clerk said that as Messrs Taylor already had the matter in hand it might be more expedient and desirable for them to act.

1322 The Council unanimously agreed with the Chairman that the Clerk write on behalf of the Council to Mr. Flint, Clerk to the R.D.C. and the District Valuer thanking them for their invaluable help and advice to the Council on the sale of the old Hall.

1323 CORRESPONDENCE.

1323 The Clerk read a letter ~~read a letter~~ from the Committee of Management asking the Council to raise a bye-law prohibiting motor vehicles on the Recreation ground.

The Council agreed that it was desirable and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the Council's powers and the necessary procedure. Mr. E.J.Walkling thought that in any case a notice prohibiting vehicles would be effective.

1324 The Clerk read an invitation from the R.A.F. Association Milton Branch, to their annual Battle of Britain Service on September 17th.

1325 Mr. Summerfield asked the Clerk if he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Committee of Management concerning the use of the notice board recently presented by Mr.R.G. Russell.

The Clerk said that Mr. Russell had confirmed to him and Mr. J.W.R.Lewis that he had intended it for Parish Council use but the Clerk indicated he was quite willing to post occasional notices on behalf of the Committee. Mr.E.J.Walkling suggested that the notice board be thus used jointly.

Mr.J.S.Doggett proposed and Mr. R.T.Summerfield seconded that a duplicate key be provided for the Committee provided that at all times the board s use by the Committe should be restrained and reasonable and also the authority as to the use of the board remain with the Clerk of the Council. The Council agreed.

Mr. Doggett felt that this was important as official public administrative notices should be able to take precedence over the Committee's notices if necessary.

1326 BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

Proposed by Mr. J.S.Doggett and seconded by Mr.L.M.Forbes that the following accounts be paid:

Hadden, Best & Co: Notice Forms	14	4
Cambridge News: Notices of Sale	£25	6 0
	£26	0 4

1327 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. - This was agreed for Tuesday, November 14th; a special meeting (see Minute, 1318, above) to intercede if necessary. The meeting then closed.

Signed: *J. Pearson*..... Chairman; Date *Oct 24 67*.....