

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th., 1966,  
AT 7.30 p.m.

There were present:

Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman,  
Mrs. D. Pearson, Messrs J.S. Doggett, J.W.R. Lewis, A.W. Wenham  
together with the Clerk.

1186 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE, due to indisposition, was received  
from Mr. L.M. Forbes (Vice-chairman).

1187 MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 20th., 1966, were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1188 Maintenance of Grassed Areas (1161) - the Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. who now confirmed that their proposed scheme to share maintenance with parish councils would not be proceeded with due to the high cost of 63s/acre/visit on a weekly basis for 26 weeks.

1189 War Memorial (1162) - A meeting had taken place between Mr. Moule, representing the British Legion, and the Chairman and Clerk, representing the Parish Council. Mr. Moule said they would be prepared to look after flower-beds if any were incorporated in a scheme for tidying up the Memorial.

The Clerk reported that, based on rough measurement of the War Memorial site and an estimate from Messrs Lavender and Bateman, the cost of tarmacing would be about £400. The Council considered this prohibitive.

The Clerk also reported that he had written to a Mr. Weatherill of Bourne, who maintained the grass at nearby flats asking if he would be prepared to cut the War Memorial grass, and was awaiting reply. The Council confirmed this action and instructed the Clerk to follow it up.

1190 Speed of Traffic in Built-up Area (1163) - The Clerk reported he had given prominence in his last press report to the Council's efforts to obtain a safer road through the village. He had also sought the support of County Councillor, Dr. H. Hartley. In a sympathetic reply Dr. Hartley, had pointed out that the Ministry of Transport gave 100% grant to this road and the County authorities acted as their agents. He said he would oppose any national move to remove 30 m.p.h. limits citing Milton as an example of the dangers of doing so. The Clerk was instructed to thank Dr. Hartley for his helpful letter and interest.

On the suggestion of Mr. A. W. Wenham the Council instructed the Clerk to now put their views direct to the Ministry of Transport.

1191 Old School and Schoolhouse (1164) - The Clerk read a letter from the Bursar of King's College informing the Council the time had now come to sell these premises. The Bursar had informed the Rev. Franklin of this, and also, that the County Education authorities would instruct what was to be done with the money according to law.

1192 Extra Pillar Box (1167) - The Post Office had explained to the Clerk on his further enquiry that the delay in erection of this box, agreed on August 17th. last, had been due to reaching agreement on a public site and assured him it would be in position by December 5th.

1193 Landbeach Road Cemetery (1171) - The Clerk reported he had had reply from the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council asking to what extent the Parish Council would contribute towards upkeep.

Mr. J.S.Doggett proposed and Mr. J.W.R.Lewis seconded, that the Council make a grant of 50% annually subject to a maximum in the first year of £15, and £10, thereafter. This was agreed and the Clerk instructed to tell the Church Council.

1194 Proposed Toilets on Recreation Ground (1182) - The Clerk reported considerable negotiation by telephone and letter with the R.D.C in an effort to get their reconsideration of the postponement of such essential facilities as toilets in this rapidly developing village. A subsequent letter from the Clerk to the R.D.C., however, indicated that no definitive scheme for public toilets at Milton had ever been before the R.D.C. and, in view of this your Clerk had asked that the Parish Council's appeal would still be treated as urgent for the foregoing reasons and asking that it still come before the Public Health Committee on December 6th as originally promised the Parish Council Clerk by a R.D.C. spokesman.

Your Clerk's letter had also incorporated the suggestion of the Chairman of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee, Mr. L.M.Forbes, that one set of drains would serve both public toilets and village hall, and the Clerk of the R.D.C. had instructed their Engineers to look into this possibility.

1195 AQUEDUCT - RIVER CAM.

The Cam Conservancy had asked the Council whether this aqueduct was now needed, as its disrepair was contributing to flooding in Chesterton Fen.

The Chairman explained the original system by which the aqueduct drew water from the river Cam for pasture land in Milton Fen; this land, however, was now predominantly arable

The Council agreed that the aqueduct was no longer necessary and the Clerk instructed to ask the Conservancy if their Engineers would demolish it for the Council.

1196 VILLAGE HALL STOVE.

*S.P.*  
Following a telephone complaint September 20th from the Warden of Impington College that the Youth Club was endangered due to the condition of the stove and asking the Clerk to inspect it he had done so and then obtained an estimate for repair of £11 14s. After consultation between the Chairman of your Council and the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, the Clerk had instructed Messrs Mowell to proceed on the basis of the estimate. The repaired stove was re-installed in good order in October in time for the Over-60s Club Annual Meeting. The action of the Clerk and Chairman was confirmed by the Council. Letters of thanks for the prompt action were received from Impington College.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES.

- 1197 From Mr. L.F. Coulson: - The Clerk read a letter of appreciation and thanks from the late Clerk for the Council's cheque. <sup>vice</sup>  
The private dinner to be given in honour of his long service was discussed and provisionally arranged for January 21st next.
- 1198 From the Secy. of the V.S.H. Committee inquired of the Council Insurance Cover - The Secretary had inquired of the Council about adequate insurance cover for users of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk had sought advice from the Insurance Companies concerned and it appeared that the extensive cover desired by the Committee was best obtained by fresh Insurances to be taken out by the Committee. The Clerk had informed the Secretary who had reported that this had been done.
- 1199 Cambridge Road Entrance to the Recreation Ground. - The Clerk had also informed the Secretary that the Council approved the erection of a fence and stile gate at the inner end of the trackway of the Cambridge Road entrance.
- 1200 Cole's Road/Recreation Ground Ditch. - The Clerk had informed the Secretary of the Council's resolution at their meeting on September 20th. that maintenance of this ditch be the responsibility of the Committee. He had inquired details and the Clerk instructed to reply that it is essential to maintain the flow of water by keeping clear of rubbish and large accumulations of weed growth.
- 1201 Fire Insurance on present Village Hall. ) The Clerk had passed on to the Secretary the premium demand note for this Insurance who had reported it paid within the time allowed.
- 1202 With the County Council:  
Commons Registration → The Clerk had received notices 'E' for display and also a letter stating registration by owners of common or anyone having rights of common was to proceed for 3 years from January, 1967.  
  
The County Council asked for answers from the Parish Council on 4 main points; these answers being to the effect that : (a) there is no common land in the parish  
(b) there are no parish pits  
(c) there is no manorial waste  
(d) there is no village green.
- 1203 With the Rural District Council:  
Postponement of Garages - They had written to say that those portions of Council tenant's gardens now pegged out for garages could be cultivated for a further 9 to 12 months
- 1204 Selective Employment Tax - The Parish Council have no employees holding Insurance Cards and do not, therefore, become liable for this tax.
- 1205 The Annual Report of the R.D.C. Medical Officer of Health had been received.
- 1206 Connection to Public Sewers - notices announcing connection at a nominal charge before June, 1967 had been received and the Council asked to give publicity to these.
- J.P.*

- 1207 With the County Surveyor:  
The Surveyor had replied to the Council's complaints of bad side-road and pavement surfaces and that re-surfacing was to be undertaken.
- 1208 From the National Association of Parish Councils:  
A Memorandum of their evidence to be put before the Royal Commission on Local Government had been received.  
  
Preliminary notice of their WINTER CONFERENCE to be held at Witchford in February, 1967, had been received.
- 1209 From Mr. Whitton, Head Teacher, Milton School:  
As Chairman of the School's Swimming Pool Committee he invited the Council to appoint a representative to their Committee. Your Chairman had instructed the Clerk to reply that he was willing to stand and the Council confirmed this action.
- 1210 With the Eastern Electricity Board:  
At the Clerk's request they had very kindly investigated light failures in the two 'bus shelters although there is no maintenance agreement between the Council and the Board. The failures had been due, in the Cambridge Road Shelter to 'vandalism' - the fuse carriers having been removed. The Board had replaced these free of charge and also adjusted the time switch in the Wagon and Horses shelter. The Clerk was instructed to write and ask for details of costs and services of maintenance by agreement.

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- see Addendum.  
BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the following bills were passed for payment:

C.C. Smallholding Rent	£23 5 0
Village Hall Stove repairs	11 14 0
Binder for Minutes and	
Twinlock sheets	2 6 9
'Bus shelter lighting to Sept.	15 3
	<u>£38 1 0</u>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- 1212 Applicant: The National Cash Register Co. Ltd.  
Description: Change of use from joinery workshop to offices and workshop inc. internal alteration.  
Location: 135, Cambridge Road, Milton. C/66/701.

Approved, subject to adequate car-parking facilities.

- 1213 Applicant: Mr. L.F.W. Stokes.  
Description: Parking of two caravans  
Location: Milton Pits, O.S.P. 220, Milton. C/66/738.

Approved.

- 1214 Applicant: Mr. D. Parsons, Long Reach House, Chesterton Fen Road.  
Description: Erection of Chalets;  
Location: Chesterton Fen Road, O.S.P. 301, Milton. C/66/750.

No observations.

1215 Applicant: Cambridge Brick Co. Ltd.  
 Description: Erection of building plant for manufacture of concrete products (2 acres approx.)  
 Location: Milton Pits O.S.P. 220 Cambridge Road Milton.  
 C/66/767

Not approved. Outside zone for light industry and this is heavy. Traffic hazards considerable - unsuitable access to the busy A.10. County traffic authorities refuse to include industrial entrance here within built-up area.

1216 Applicant: Mr. B.R. Buttress  
 Description: Alterations and additions to dwelling  
 Location: 34, Old School Lane, O.S.P. 130, Milton  
 C/66/784.

The above 5 applications had been considered by the Planning Sub-committee:

1217 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Council agreed that this should be on Tuesday, January 24th. 1967.

1218 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Clerk retired from the meeting. On his return the Chairman informed him that the Council had found his services satisfactory and a resolution had been passed offering him an increase in salary to £40 p.a. with an additional £10 p.a. - making £50 in all, for the duplication and circulation of draft copies of the minutes before each meeting. By sharing amongst Council members 4 copies were deemed to be sufficient.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Addendum → 1210A State of the Fen Rad:

The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Dickerson complaining of the accumulation of mud dropped from their lorries in the Fen Road, and to send a copy of the letter to the local police officer.

Signed: *S. Pearson*

Chairman.

Date: *Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 67*