

Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 1978  
at 8 p.m. in Milton Primary School

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), P. Kiddle, G. Patten, M. Waggett, Mrs. M.E. Jones, S.B. Poulter, D.J. Cook, H.W.H. Easy, Councillor K.P. Humphries, the Clerk B.K. Connor and 35 residents.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. B.C. Waterson.

1. 3738 S/1701/78 - Trinity College, extension of the Cambridge Science Park to accommodate buildings for the Napp Pharmaceutical Group - the Council examined the outline planning proposal and following a proposal by D.J.C., which was seconded by M.W., the Council unanimously agreed to support the application.  
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2. 3739 Appeal Against Planning Refusal by H.C. Moss for Shirley Close  
 (3727) Development. The Chairman gave an account of the history of the estate development for the benefit of the residents who attended and the Clerk read the Planning Sub-Committee's comments to the last planning application/consultation (ref. minute 3458). Unfortunately there had been a misunderstanding with the District Council concerning the Parish Council's views on the use of Old School Lane as the access to this 3rd and final phase of the development.

The Chairman read to the meeting the letter from Mr. Turrall-Clarke, the Legal Adviser for S.C.D.C., who had arranged for road traffic experts to carry out an examination of the site, and the conclusion reached was that the Fen Road access should not be used, but that all the traffic originating from the proposal should utilize Old School Lane. It was however suggested that housing density should be 10 houses per acre maximum.

At this stage the Chairman invited the residents to make comments on the proposals. Mr. R. Day felt that the analysis of traffic had been taken from the drivers point of view in that it did not take into account the pedestrian traffic which is at its heaviest around the Village Hall area, and this is the direction most of the Old School Lane vehicles tended to take.

Mr. D. Langford had carried out an analysis in Old School Lane and stated that there were 29 double/shared driveways and it is not always possible for these neighbours to keep their vehicles off the road. There are always cars parked in the road making traffic access more hazardous. Coupled to this fact there are approximately 70 children under the age of 16 living in Old School Lane. Many of the children living in Shirley Close walk through Old School Lane to catch the school bus. The cars leaving Old School Lane into Coles Road are faced with the children walking towards the Village Hall in the left direction, or in the right direction there is always a coagulation of parked vehicles around the Post Office and the butcher's shop, particularly in the morning. Over the years since the original plan was formulated the population of the houses has changed considerably.

Some of the residents felt that since neither of the two access roads are suitable the estate should not be developed unless another road is constructed. It was suggested that the access road for the proposed Country Park Scheme could be linked to the estate for this purpose, but the feasibility seems doubtful in view of the additional costs which would have to be covered.

Councillor Humphries explained that he felt that the Parish Council did in fact agree with the 1970 decision following the two Parish Council meetings where the plan had been discussed,

but unfortunately he had not seen the comments. The Chairman however stated that this had not been the case since K.P.H. had actually attended the relevant meetings. K.P.H. continued by outlining the Fen Road traffic situation in that it was used by a haulage business, Eastern Electricity traffic, wine warehouse, public house, 2 businesses, farm yards, tractor traffic, British rail vehicles, fishing traffic, and it is also a very popular walk. K.P.H. had received two telephone calls from residents of Fen Road stating that the traffic is already dangerous and in view of the overall situation he felt that the 1970 decision regarding the division of access is more relevant now.

Mrs. J. Chinnick mentioned the accident which took place at Pryor Close junction recently with a young child and commented that any lengthening of the road would tend to cause an increase in the speed of traffic thus making the chance of serious accidents more real. It was also reported that motorcyclists are using the footpath between Old School Lane and Shirley Close as an access.

In conclusion the Shirley Close residents felt that they would like to see the rubbish dump cleared, and a better quality type of housing should be built on a reduced density basis.

The Council then discussed the proposal in detail after the Chairman had closed the session of comments from the floor. Four points were made: (a) the maximum density on the site should be 30 houses preferably less if possible with better quality type of housing being provided; (b) it was agreed that there should be no through access for vehicles between Old School Lane and Shirley Close on the estate; (c) the frontage to Old School Lane involving the ransom strip should be included as part of the scheme to tidy the site; (d) to help bring a solution to the appeal a compromise was suggested to split the development access-wise between Old School Lane and Fen Road. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by H.E., and agreed unanimously that these comments should be communicated to the Secretary of State for the Environment at the Appeal.

The Chairman extended thanks to everyone who had attended the meeting which was then closed at 10 p.m.

Signed R. Summerfield ..... Chairman... 4/12/78 ..... Date

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 6th November 1978 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), G. Patten, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, H.W.H. Easy, M. Waggett, Mrs. M.E. Jones, D.J. Cook, S.B. Poulter, Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence received from P. Kiddle.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3740 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd October 1978 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3741 Complaint Regarding Lemins. K.P.H. had received another letter from (3705) Mr. Jenkins of Cambridge Road complaining about the nuisance still being caused. K.P.H. had discussed this with Mr. Sillery of the