

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 6 October 2003 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

Present: HM Smith (chair) EH Baker RH Chapman JE Coston (from min 378/03)  
IR Cowley R Day M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May  
RT Summerfield LC Twinn RLE Waters  
The clerk SJ Daniels + 2 members of the public (part)

**1 Apologies for absence** - JE Coston (for lateness – at Landbeach PC) PK Oldham

357/03 **2 Declarations of Interest** - RTS declared an interest for min 376/03.

358/03 **3 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 1 September 03 were approved and signed.

**4 Clerk's Report**

359/03  
(309/03) Seats

Money for all the seats had now been received. Letters of thanks received from Betty Diddams and Brian Cox's daughter.

360/03  
(345/03)

Parking Norman Industrial Estate Entrance

The traffic warden had spoken to Morley Brothers and warned them that if the van were parked there again a ticket would be issued.

Noted that other vans were parking there also. The police / traffic warden should be informed of such parking.

**5 Planning**

361/03  
(332/03)

Camstead Ltd – erection of 2 houses and garage land at Shirley Close.

RTS reported that he put Council's and the residents' case at the SCDC Development and Conservation Control committee meeting. The application was approved on the casting vote of the chairman.

The clerk had been unable to find a member available to help present the Council's case.

ME felt it ironic that he was not allowed to take part in the Council discussion yet had been invited to speak at SCDC. He did not wish to speak as his complaint concerned the method used by the developers to try to win approval not the actual development itself. He felt also that as the Planning Officers were recommending approval and that the garages were already being built chances of persuading the SCDC committee to refuse the permission were slim.

362/03 South Cambs Local Plan No 2 – details of further proposed modifications received.

363/03 Planning and Enforcement Appeals – details of SCDC's success rate on appeals for the first two quarters of 2003 received. The rate of 73% (first quarter) and 84% (second) is above the national average of 66%.

Decisions Received

364/03  
(329/03)

Dr L Martin 8 The Elms – change of use to garden land (retrospective application) – **approved**.

365/03  
(330/03)

Mr & Mrs Romeo-Smith 36 The Oaks - garage, bedrooms and bathroom – **approved**.  
Conditions: external materials of construction to be identical to those used for existing building; permanent space to be reserved on the site for parking.

366/03  
(328/03)

A Tierney Jolly Brewers Public House – extensions - **approved**.

367/03  
(334/03)

T Farrington 18 Willow Crescent – extensions - **approved**. External materials to be identical to those used for the existing building. No further windows, doors or openings of any kind to be inserted in the west facing elevation.

New Applications

368/03

S/1784/03 Trinity College - Building 313 Science Park – addition of chimney flues and associated equipment – **no recommendation**.

369/03 S/1851/03 GR Davies Lion and Lamb Public House – storage shed – **no recommendation.**

The above two applications had been dealt with under delegated powers.

370/03 S/1892/03 Mr & Mrs Wicks 28 Old School Lane – conservatory – **no recommendation. Concerns that a window might overlook the neighbouring property.**

371/03 S/1931/03 Mr CR Peters 11 High Street – single storey rear extension – amendment to existing approved scheme - **no recommendation.**

372/03 S/1934/03 Mr J Crickmore The Barn Chesterton Fen Road – change of use to tropical plant nursery comprising erection of 3 glasshouses, general purpose shed, alterations and extensions to existing barn / stable for display and sales, retention of mobile home and provision of car parking – **refuse. Contrary to South Cambs Policies for this area.**

373/03 S/1951/03 NTL – ntl transmitting station Eastern Electricity Office Ely Road - installation of 5 antennas on existing tower - **no recommendation.**

374/03 S/1966/03 Mr & Mrs Swann 5 Conder Close – first floor extension above garage and first floor extension above dining room - **no recommendation.** Noted that there were three letters of objection from neighbours.

375/03 S/2012/03 DL Bailey 46 Butt Lane – vehicular access - **approve.**

376/03 C/11/17/72/1 RT Summerfield 1 Willow Crescent – tree surgery to horse chestnut as recommended by J Hellingsworth (SCDC Trees Officer) – **approve.**

## **6 Finance**

377/03 The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 21 July were received.

Final accounts 2002-03

### **AGREED**

to approve an amendment to the final accounts (£2338 interest owing to PWLB at 31 March 03 now included in the list of creditors).

As expenditure had gone above £100,000 the accounts were now subject to an intermediate audit – fee £650. The RFO had replied in detail to a list of standard queries submitted by the auditor.

The auditor was concerned about the level of reserves. Reason for the level of reserves:

“Council’s reserves at 31 March 2003 included £40,000 set aside toward land purchase for colts football. When part of the recreation ground was sold for sheltered housing in 1997/98 the Sports Council for England withdrew their objection on condition that Milton Parish Council committed itself to replace the lost recreation area by providing more colts football pitches.

At 31 March 2003 £92,480 commuted sums remained. Council was using about £3,000 of this per year for the maintenance of open spaces.

In addition preliminary meetings were being held to consider the provision of a new youth building on the Sycamores Recreation Ground car park.”

## **7 Youth**

378/03 MYCMG - The minutes of the MYCMG meeting of 13 August 03 were received.

1. Monday evening sessions were from 6.30 to 8.30.
2. The junior club was proving a success. Numbers were increasing.
3. Membership cards scheme was working well. Thanks to EHB.

### Report of Summer Programme

K D’Arcy had submitted a report. The programme of activities had been successful. The total cost to MPC would be approximately £190.

IVC had appointed a new manager to replace K D’Arcy.

IVC would continue to pay for the Monday and Thursday youth workers.

- (338/03) Report by the youth building working group - minutes of the meeting held on 29 September were received.  
 SCDC would not conduct an assessment of the building. L Henderson and HMS had carried out a risk assessment.  
 At this stage the building had yet not been condemned.  
 It was **AGREED**

to proceed with the proposal to erect a steel frame permanent building with breeze blocks on the Sycamores car park for the youth.

Issues discussed:

Building for the youth is necessary – what is alternative?

Ideal size of building 126 square metres

Funding

Wider use of building by other groups (as per Youth Business Plan)

Concerns about amount of money being spent per youngster

Planning implications – HMS would discuss with the Planning Officer.

**AGREED**

that IRC should join the youth committee.

## 8 Highways

- 379/03 The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 15 September were received.  
 JEC apologised for not attending.  
 JEC was meeting S Mallott to discuss the outstanding issues, some of which had now been dealt with.  
 The clerk had not received a detailed reply to the issues raised in the minutes.  
 JEC would discuss with County Council officers the situation regarding the street light on The Rowans and raise the issue of double yellow lines at the corner between Norton and Thurlton Court Coles Road.

The recent tragic accident in High Street had raised the question of traffic calming. It was agreed to wait for the result of the inquest before considering a response.

Concerns about parking on the pavement at the Butt Lane / High Street junction were raised.

## 9 Maintenance

- 380/03 The minutes of the Maintenance Committee meeting of 15 September were received  
Encroachment on to Parish Council land – the clerk would write to the resident asking him to remove his fence from MPC land and to reinstate the land within 28 days.

## 10 Community Minibus

- 381/03 The minutes of the Community Minibus Committee meeting of 22 September 03 were received.

## 11 Society of Local Council Clerks - Regional one day conference

- 382/03 **AGREED**  
 to send the clerk at £25 + travelling and one other at £20 - PKO or RLEW to the one day conference about Quality Councils.

## 12 Parish review Milton Detached

- 383/03 A SCDC consultation document about the future of Chesterton Fen was received.  
**AGREED**  
 to support the formation of a new Parish with or without its own Parish Council and to propose to name the parish "Chesterton Fen".

## 13 Cast.Iron – Cambridge to St Ives Railway Organisation

- 384/03 A letter from Cast.Iron was received. It was **AGREED**  
 to invite Cast.Iron to make a presentation to Council; and  
 that membership of the organisation should be left to individuals to decide.

The clerk reported that the County Council wanted to make a presentation about the Rapid Transport System. It was **AGREED** also

to invite the County to make a presentation.

**14 MCC Update**

385/03 MCC AGM Wednesday 8 October. RLEW was happy to continue as Council's representative.

**15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

386/03 **CONFIRMED** payment of cheques 2630 to 2637 and minibus cheques 9 to 11  
**AGREED** payment of cheques 2632 (2631 void) to 2647 (1 abstention)  
 The clerk reported that cheque 2620 to SCDC was written as £45.34 instead of £43.54.

**16 County Councillor's report**

387/03 JEC had met with Philip Sharp to discuss ideas for the country park entrance road. Double yellow lines were not an option. Financial help from SCDC might be forthcoming.

JEC had attended a presentation by the CAM TOO project.

The County Council had reaffirmed that the Rowing Trust (CRT) could have land between Milton and Waterbeach on a 999 year lease with conditions – to be incorporated into a Section 106 Agreement. RTS reported that the CRT would be submitting a new application in May 2004.

Police Consultation Meeting set for 28 October.

Crime figures were circulated. Noted that no details appeared against the actual crimes. The fence at The Rowans play area had been vandalised again.

Noted that HMS was due to attend a meeting organised by the Police to discuss arrangements for Parish Councils to pay for their own police officers.

**17 District Councillor's report**

388/03 RTS had arranged to meet N Howlett of Cambridge Housing Society to discuss ongoing problems at Barnabas Court. (Letter min 389/03 refers).

The SCDC Planning Committee had approved the change of use of the egg farm at Mere Way to warehouse units subject to consultation with MPC. One of the conditions of approval was an extension of the cycle / footpath from the landfill site.

JEC was concerned that allowing the extension of the path could prompt the County Council to reconsider the provision of the school bus to Impington.

**AGREED**

to approve the provision of the cycle footpath to the Mere Way  
 (10 votes in favour 1 against and 2 abstentions).

*Action: the clerk to respond to consultation accordingly*

**18 Correspondence**

389/03  
 RNIB - Workshop 6 November  
 Countryside Agency - Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000  
 Noted that the draft map of open country and registered common land for Milton was accurate  
 ACRE - Harvest Magazine AGM 22 October  
 South Cambs NHS - Public consultation NHS Foundation Trust  
 CIAC - Notice of residents' new telephone advice line  
 J Gray - Copy letter sent to Cambridge Housing Society re Barnabas Court  
 Care Network - AGM and training courses  
 Cambs County Council - Local Transport Plan – progress summary

**19 Dates of Next Meetings**

**Finance** 13 October  
**Planning** 20 October  
**Council** 3 November

The meeting ended at 10.25pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date