

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 51, OLD SCHOOL LANE
(BY INVITATION OF MR. R. T. SUMMERFIELD) - IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIN: 2365.
Wednesday, July 24, 1974 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mrs. B. C. Waterson, Messrs H. W. H. Easy, R. T. Summerfield & the Clerk.

2448 - Chairman: On the proposition of Mr. Easy, seconded by Mrs. Waterson, Mr. Summerfield was elected Chairman

2449 - Vice-Chairman: On the proposition of Mr. Easy, seconded by Mr. Summerfield, Mrs. Waterson was elected Vice-Chairman.

CLERK'S PLANNING INQUIRIES.

2450 - WARM-PAK & MINI-HAUL (2407) The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had now confirmed his previous advice (see 2407) - that there was no 'change of use' within the meaning of the Planning Acts. He also said the proprietor ~~had told him~~ that all coal packing is now done at the pithead and that the same vans are used for coal deliveries and 'mini-hauls'. This business change had been forced on him by the 3-day week last December.

2451 - PROPOSED VISIT TO COUNCIL BY PLANNING OFFICERS (2436A) The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Planning Officer (SCDC) expressing his own and the Development Control Officer's willingness to come and talk to the Council. The earliest possible date was TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 (falling this December) and the Committee, in agreeing to recommend this date to the Council instructed the Clerk to write and confirm this provisionally as Council would not be meeting until September 3.

PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED.

2452 - S/0185/74 - F. Bates, Milton P.O. Stores - 2-storey ext. resid. & retail (2395) - granted.

2453 - S/0276/74 - P.A. Technology (winship Est.) temp. Portakabin in fore-court of Kirks, opposite - granted until Dec. 31, 1974.

2454 - S/0106/74 - R.G. Russell - bungalow rear of Butt Lane - refused as (2395) undesirable backland dev. & sewage embargo

2455 - S/0197/74 - Middleton & Co. (Winship Est.) - filling-in of lake (2339) (2.85 ac.) i.e. gravel pit e. of Rec. Gd. - granted; restriction on filling materials to safeguard environment; to ground level with 1 foot of top soil and sown with grass seed; access from south only i.e. via Winship Est. road.

Members recalled that the County Planning Officers' proposals, at their meeting with Council (2339) included a plan to make part of the filled-in area into a shallow paddling pool.

CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT

2456 - S/0464/74 - K.W. Kirk Ltd. (Winship Est.) - generator and compressor store: 16,000 sq. ft. adj. N.W. corner of workshops & offices - approved subject to no noise nuisance.

2457 - S/0536/74 - Edmund Ho. Soc. for Ment. Hand. Detail. 2-storey resid. (2333) accom. with attach. hse. for hse. - parents. No comment further to outline app. i.e. sewage embargo (C/73/1241/Be : 2134).

2458 - S/0547/74 - D. Pearson & J. Wilson - "GRAVEL extraction with a view to ultimately producing an amenity area": parts of 9 fields in Milton Fen. (Dated July 15).

Public notice of the proposal, on behalf of the applicants, had appeared in the local press on July 8 and, a few days later, the Clerk had received a request over 8 signatures of Fen road residents for a public parish meeting to be called to permit a full discussion of the application,

The Clerk commented that this notice had put the Council, and himself, in some difficulty as no official copy of the application

had come through. Furthermore, he found on inquiry that such application (i.e. a mineral one) would not in fact be received by the District Planning Office until after Public Advertisement by the applicants according to law.

Consequently, the application (dated July 15) was only received by your Clerk that afternoon (July 24) and it was put, together with relevant plans, before this meeting.

Members felt that many of the points of objection made to the recent Rowing Course proposal in Milton Fen (C/73/1682/F -see MIN:2419) held good in objection to this proposal; the chief being loss of valuable farmland, and the opening of large areas of pits for several years. They agreed, therefore, that they must, of necessity, oppose this application consistent with the Council's objection to the Rowing Course. They also objected to excessive generation of traffic and noise in this area (the only comparatively traffic-free area for walkers from the village) and the Fen road particularly would be subjected to a heavy flow of heavy vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to send in firm objection on the above grounds.

Members pointed out that only some 3 acres of the 28 acres proposed for gravel extraction coincided with 3 acres of the 30 acres proposed for the Rowing Course so that the 'amenity area' proposed was not fully understood.

The Council's past Minutes showed that the Council's policy for the last 25 years had been to resist further cutting-up of the parish by opening gravel pits and had opposed the application in FEBRUARY, 1949, to open up some 40 acres in Milton Fen when the then Chairman put the Council's "strongest protest" and "views of residents in Fen road" before a Public Inquiry and the application was refused; in 1950 the Parish Council "unanimously agreed to object in the strongest possible terms to any additional land in Milton being used for gravel extraction" when an application was made for extraction behind houses on the Cambridge road - also refused.

On the proposal of Mrs. Waterson, seconded by Mr. Easy it was unanimously agreed that this Committee recommend to the Council, adherence to this policy.

Members also noticed that a question as to present use of the land had been incorrectly answered by applicants as riverside grazing whereas some had been arable for 3 years and some much longer. They felt this underestimated its true agricultural value.

X The Parish Banks - A member queried the inclusion of certain lengths of the Parish Banks (Awarded to the Parish) adjoining Bankers Ditch as being wrongly included by the applicants in their application. The Parish had not been informed, as owners of this land.

On the proposal of Mr. Easy, seconded by Mrs. Waterson, the Clerk was instructed to report on the Banks and, also, if appropriate inform the applicants of the position.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - This was agreed for AUGUST 14, if necessary to consider Planning Applications.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Ernest Field Chairman 28/8/54 Date
of Planning Committee.