

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7.30p.m in the Bowl's Pavilion, Coles Road, Milton

Present: J E Coston (Chair), R J Farrington, G Heaney, D Burch, H M Smith, A Bradnam, A Horne, A Anwar,
S Corder, Clerk
3 members of the public

- 1. Introduction by Chairman and apologies for absence:** The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the meeting.
Apologies: T Leavens – personal, R Summerfield – personal, V Chang – personal
- 2. Introduction of Parish Councillors:** The Parish Councillors introduced themselves. The Chair reported that the council now have 13 members of the 15 needed and made an appeal for new members to join.
- 3. To confirm minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2016:**
Derek Kemp proposed to accept the minutes (they both attend the meeting last year), Sheila Kemp Seconded. **All AGREED.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 16 May 2016 were approved and signed.
- 4. Chairman's Annual Report including draft accounts 2016/17**
The Chairman's report was circulated and included information on the following:
Land and property owned by the Parish Council, management of assets, play areas, allotments, bus stops, Milton Trolley Bus, Community Care, street cleaning and volunteers, planning, Waterbeach development, contractors, committees, working groups and representatives of the Parish Council, Tesco support, finance and the draft Annual Return.

Youth Club – Parish Council are looking into paying a privately run agency to save it from closure.

New pavilion and recreation ground at North Lodge Park - Milton Parish Council had worked hard for over 20 years looking into a number of options to gain additional recreation land. Some of the options included trying to buy some of the fields between Milton and Landbeach, a land swap with College of West Anglia and negotiating for part of the golf course land. No one wanted to sell or give the Parish Council any land. In 2008 a developer wanted to redevelop the industrial buildings adjoining Milton Hall and the Parish Council persuaded both the developer and the planning authority to redevelop the site as housing rather than industrial as that was what was needed in the village. At the same time the Parish Council tried to ensure through planning that any developer of the site would have to provide a recreation ground and pavilion at the back of the site. This was agreed but the developer sold the land and eventually Bellway Homes developed the area.

In 2014 the Parish Council called a meeting with Bellway as houses were going up but there was no progress with the pavilion or recreation ground that had been promised and it was then discovered the legal planning deal for this was not tight enough. The Parish Council brought in all the help they needed to ensure the village received the pavilion and recreation ground that had been promised, built to FA standard. The resulting recreation space and pavilion that we now own is excellent.

Some of our achievements

- Boardwalk replaced in Tomkins Mead Nature Reserve
- School patrol crossing signs replaced
- Repairs to the flashing lights for the school crossing patrol
- Fence at the end of Butt Lane/A10 replacement – the old one blew down and The County Council have agreed to replace it
- New bus stop is now to be installed in Ely Road paid for by Bellway and Cambridgeshire County Council
- Receiving over £31,000 for allowing access over one of our roadways
- Receiving over £6,000 of grants and donations towards the cost of some of the services the Parish Council provide
- Portable flashing speed limit sign – agreed to jointly fund this, to be shared between 3 villages
- The new pavilion and recreation ground at North Lodge Park

Future challenges

- A10 corridor study – responding to the report due June 2017
- Youth Club provision - saving the Youth Club
- Updating play equipment - finding funding, planning and consulting on replacement equipment
- Sourcing additional recreation space - we are still under the standard for land for sports activities
- Spending £50,000 of ring fenced arts funding from a developer on an art related project(s)
- Waterbeach development including roads and infrastructure pressures - considering the planning details and responding
- Updating our website
- Continuing to provide services over and above the minimum
- Protecting the village from too much inappropriate development - commenting on planning applications. Responding to consultations on issues that affect the wider area

JEC thanked Tesco for all their support and the Parish Councillors for all they had done over the last year and recent years as it had been a very busy time.

5. Charities' Report - Report for the Year to 31/12/2016

A report was received from Andy Gray, Clerk, Milton Parochial Charities as follows:

A total of £2,892 was received in rent from tenants who farm on land owned by the Charity. Investment Income amounted to £479.

The Charity administers 3 Lifeline Alarms for Milton residents although this service is being wound up. The Charity donated £2,500 during the year to the Parish Council Community Care Scheme, £500 towards the cost of tree maintenance within the village and £500 towards the Phoenix Trust.

6. Milton Community Centre Report

Milton Community Centre report received from Andy Gray, Community Centre Manager as follows;

Bookings

These continue very much as in previous years, with the main building being used most of the time during the day and every week day evening. Weekends are also very busy, even though Saturday night parties are not so popular.

- The Annexe continues to be used by Kids-R-Us, before and after school or all day during school holidays. It is also used by Milton Childminders fortnightly on a Monday and by the Home Education Group fortnightly on a Tuesday. Children's birthday parties are held on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, on average twice a month.
- The Youth Building hosts the Youth Club on a Tuesday evening, Young Carers use the facilities every other Wednesday afternoon and Cavalry Chapel uses it in the evening on the first and third Friday of the month.
- North Lodge Pavilion is used on various days throughout by Edmund Trust for their staff training and also by IVC for an adult French Class on a Wednesday morning. It also used by Milton Colts and Milton Cricket Club at weekends.

Maintenance and Improvements

The following work has been carried out during the last year:

- The Annexe has been completely redecorated
- The Community Centre entrance hall + corridor + toilets have been redecorated
- The damaged wooden fascia on the rear of the Annexe has been replaced
- The high level loft hatch doors on the Sycamores Pavilion have been replaced as they had fallen into disrepair
- The CCTV at The Sycamores Pavilion and Youth Building has been upgraded
- New tarmac plainings have been laid on The Sycamores car park
- The 3 Netball/Tennis courts have been painted so that they are no longer slippery
- New post sockets have been installed on the 3 Tennis courts

Staff

Besides myself, there are 3 staff members – Kevin, Ray and Philip, who share some of the cleaning duties and lock the buildings up in the evenings and at weekends.

Village Fayre

Once again, this event will not take place as we do not have a Committee to organise things

RJF thanked Andy Gray for all his hard work managing the MCC. Derek and Sheila Kemp gave their gratitude towards the MCC for being well kept and clean. JEC thanked the MCC for all their help and support.

A question was asked about the cladding on the outside of the building and was this due to be repaired. RF responded that the outside had recently been painted and had brickwork done, but due to the cost at present of repairing the cladding it would be too expensive.

7. Milton Action for Youth

The Accounts for the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017 were tabled.

HMS reported that the Youth Club is working their way through the £500 grant received from Milton Parish Council with £173.78 balance left as of 1 April 2017. The Youth Workers are encouraging and helping the children to make healthy meals. Due to funding cuts through Cambridgeshire County Council the Youth Club may cease to run at the end of the term. There are 2 possibilities to keep the Youth Club running either a private run agency or the Connection Bus Project that currently runs in Histon. Milton Parish Council donates £10k to the running of the Youth Club.

8. County Councillor's Report

ML had sent in his report, the main topics being: Changes in local administration, Money, Caring for young people and for older people, Road maintenance and the A10.

JEC thanked Maurice Leeke in his absence for all his work over the last 4 years.

9. District Councillor's reports from Hazel Smith and Anna Bradnam

The main headings from **Hazel Smith** included:

Elected Mayor, boundary changes, City Deal, shared services, A14 developments, county highways, Cambridge North Railway Station, Chisolm Trail and Abbey-Chesterton bridge, cycle paths to Cambridge North Station, development near Cambridge North Station, FCC landfill & Cambridge sewage works liaison meetings, Local Plan problems, Northstowe, Ermine Street housing, South Cambs Council's own house building programme, youth issues, pensions, social isolation in South Cambs villages, mental health Vanguard initiative, Floating Pennywort and Cambridge Ice Rink.

A question asked was about the boundary changes and would Milton fall into the City. HMS replied not within the next 5 years.

A question was asked about the new Mayor and would the Mayor be working with Cambridgeshire County Council and would they have a pot of their own money. HMS replied that the Mayor is above the Cambridgeshire County Council and that devolution from Whitehall will go down the chain to the Mayor's office missing out Cambridgeshire County Council.

The main headings from **Anna Bradnam** included:

Planning, Waterbeach new town, Greater Cambridge City Deal - Greenways and Rural Transport Hubs, Cambridge North Station, street lighting, Council tax bills for 2017/18, EU referendum, boundary changes, devolution and a Mayor, SCDC Mobile Warden scheme grants, SCDC Community Chest grants, North Lodge Park - landscape planting and other issues, Southbound bus stop on Ely Road, Highways issues – Fen Road, hedges, verges and central reservations, Milton Air Quality Working Party, Police Panel, car meetings at the Park and Ride site, Speedwatch training, speed reduction in the villages, Milton Road Local Liaison Forum, Environmental Services, roadside litter, village litter pick and Cambridge County Council.

Anna Bradnam and Derek Kemp thanked all the members of MPC for all their time and effort given.

A question asked was; what is causing the delay in the 5 year housing plan, is it due to the shortage of timber? AB replied yes supplies are hard to find locally.

JEC thanked both the District Councillors for all their hard work and efforts.

10. Question and Answer Session

Questions from the public included:

Widening of the A14

- Q. Was the widening of the A14 going to stop at Milton and not carry on to Fen Ditton where traffic also turns off for Cambridge?
- A. It was explained that it will come as far as the Milton roundabout and that an A10 study will be coming out in June, which should include the Waterbeach planning proposal and the South of Ely planning, both will add traffic from the A10 to the A1. This might help levitate the issue. Watch this space.

Chisolm Trail and Abbey-Chesterton Bridge

- Q. What is the time scale for the Chisolm Trail and Abbey-Chesterton bridge?
- A. End of 2017/18. Awaiting clarification and has been put back 6 months.

North Lodge Park

- Q. Have the paths around North Lodge park been finished as some of them seem to stop and do not lead anywhere?
- A. North Lodge Park Management Group looks after the paths around North Lodge park area. The 2 paths leading into the wooden area have been finished with bark and do lead all the way round. The North Lodge residents pay a yearly charge for maintenance of the paths and grounds within the park area.

Fen Road

- Q. Is the other side of the Fen Road railway crossing going to have the pot holes filled in?
- A. MPC have battled with Cambridgeshire Highways to have the pot holes filled in on the other part of Fen Road, but as this is a narrow road and not well used it is not a high priority on their list.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

Signed.....Date.....