

# MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to the next meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held in the Bowls Pavilion on  
**Monday 4 December 2017 at 7.30pm**  
Members of the Public and the Press are cordially invited to attend

Clerk's signature: *Sarah Coker*  
Date of issue: 28 November 2017

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence.
2. **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017: (Pages 1-5)**  
**To APPROVE the confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 November 2017 (Page 6)**
3. **Casual Vacancies – Parish Councillors**  
To **CONSIDER** application received from D Wildman (**Page 7-8**)
4. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
  - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;
  - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);
  - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
5. **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**  
At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council members unless invited to do so by the Chairman
6. **Clerk's/Chairman's report:**

**From previous meetings:**  
CSLT – Signing of agreement  
Emergency Plan – Update AB  
Policies – to be circulated at next committee meetings  
Broadband is now installed.  
Mobile vehicle activated sign – The order was placed on 09/11. Please allow 6-8 weeks from the above order date. AB to update.

**New:**  
To **ARRANGE** a date for Belgrave to brief the Parish Council on about how the Waterbeach New Town plans are progressing.
7. **Planning**

**Decisions received:**  
S/2897/17/FL – 436 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0QA – New external services plant on an existing rooftop plant deck and a new ground level plant compound. **APPROVED**  
S/3273/17/FL – 48 Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AD – Erection of replacement freestanding shed and vehicular and pedestrian gates. **APPROVED**  
S/3342/17/FL – 7 Lander Close, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6EB – Two storey side extension and part two storey rear extension with first floor extension to front elevation. **APPROVED**  
s/3392/17/FL – 63A Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AW – Single storey annex to existing house. **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**New:**  
S/3975/17/FL – 7 High Street, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AJ – Demolish existing dwelling and replace with 3no traditional town houses and associated access.  
S/4038/17/NM – The Black House, Fen Road, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 1UN – Non material amendment of planning permission S/0692/17/FL – **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

An objection letter has been received from a Milton resident for the Fen Road development.

**8. Maintenance (Pages 9-11)**

To AGREE quote to take fencing down at The Rowans play area. – C J Mufitt £375.00 + VAT, P W Maintenance £150.00 per day (for 2 men).

To AGREE quote to install 2 bollards at North Lodge Park Pavilion small car park. – C J Mufitt £517.50 + VAT or in soft ground £387.50 + VAT. To consult with MCC.

**Annual Tree and Shrub Maintenance Review (Pages 12-15)**

To AGREE quote from Town and Country for: £1,399.00 + VAT to reduce height of 4no poplar trees by 50% Coles Road recreation ground, £120.00 + VAT to fell 1no cypress tree Old School Lane, £80.00 + VAT to remove lateral branches over road on 3no maple trees to clear street lights Coulson Close.

**9. Finance (Pages 16-25)**

To AGREE to apply to Milton Charities Jean Gallagher Trust for a further £400 towards the running costs of the Community Care Scheme 2017 and £1,000 towards running costs for Community Care Scheme and £900 towards the running costs of the Trolley Bus for 2018.

To AGREE to apply to Milton Parochial Charities for £500 towards the Community Care Scheme and £1500 towards tree work/grounds maintenance around the village for 2018.

Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Parish Precepts. To answer questionnaire.

**10. Youth Club (Page 26)**

To AGREE fees for the Connections Bus Project to run the Youth Club from 1 April 2018 at £167.60 per session (represents a 1% increase).

**11. Renewal of Utilities**

To AGREE Electricity supplier and tariff from January 2018.

**12. Enquiry to acquire Parish Council Land**

Motion to exclude public and press

It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960 that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted at Agenda Items 12.

The public and press will be temporarily excluded from the meeting at this point and any present are herewith to withdraw.

**13. Unlawful Encampment on Parish Council Land**

To AGREE to spend up to £3k for the eviction of unlawful campers.

To CONSIDER policy for Unlawful Encampment.

**14. To CONSIDER making an application to Historic England for listing of land north of Fen Road which may be developed by Kingswater Lindum.**

**15. MCC Update and Report (Page 27)**

Report of 4 people on 2 quad bikes entering NLP football pitch on Saturday 11 November whilst a game was in progress – police called.

To DISCUSS retrieval of footballs and cricket balls from the adjoining field, car parking on match days and travellers gaining access to the site.

To AGREE signatories of North Park Pavilion and Recreation Lease to MCC.

**16. County Councillor's Report (Pages 28-29)**

**17. District Councillors' Reports (Pages 30-31)**

**18. Bills for Payment and Money Received, Budget figures (Pages 32-33)**

To AGREE bills for payment.



**19. Correspondence**

**General – copies available on evening**  
Cambridgeshire Annual Public Health Report 2017

**20. Dates of next meetings**

18 December 2017 – Planning (7pm)  
18 December 2017– Maintenance (7:45pm)  
8 January 2018 – Parish Council  
10 January 2018 – Community Care

Clerks Office

The full agenda papers are available on the website [www.miltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk) and at the Parish Council office.

## Community Centre Report – December 2017

### Maintenance/Improvements:

Nothing to report

### Bookings:

As you would expect, December is a busy month with a number of Christmas parties taking place

### Youth Building:

Nothing to report, other than the situation with Edmund Trust using the building on a daily basis is still ongoing

### North Lodge

Nothing to report, the facilities continue to be used by Colts on Saturday and Sunday mornings, IVC French on a Wednesday morning, Edmund Trust usually a couple of times a month for training and occasionally different groups in the evenings for various meetings.

### Vandalism:

Nothing to report

### Christmas Closing

The Community Centre will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, re-opening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Andy Gray  
Community Centre Manager  
24/11/2017



## **County Councillor's Report for Parishes, December 2017 – Anna Bradnam**

**U&C and Waterbeach Cycling Campaign** - I attended a meeting at which aspirations were shared and concerns raised. It's hard for anyone to make progress while the guidance is still awaited.

### **RLW Exhibition 24-25 Nov**

I attended the exhibition by RLW, who are presenting concepts for the Waterbeach New Town site, not just the land in their ownership. I quite like their idea of 'superblocks' – squares of development with only pedestrian access within them. Living here would require a shift in mind-set to a lifestyle much less reliant on the car. I also found their feedback form unnervingly bland, with every question logically eliciting agreement. The developer won't learn much from this, 'motherhood and apple pie' approach, apart from our email addresses. Meanwhile, we await reports...

**Joint Parishes Meeting - Waterbeach New Town** – the meeting scheduled for 28 November is being re-scheduled as neither the Ely to Cambridge Study (A10 Corridor Study), nor the Supplementary Planning Document being prepared by ARUP are ready. We hope to set a date in December.

### **...all things rail:**

**Waterbeach Station** – With Cllrs Johnson and Tregging, I attended the Fenline Users Association AGM and their Station Report meeting and learned that Network Rail are committed to the 8-car lengthening of the station platforms at the existing site by Autumn 2018 even though this will become redundant when the new station is built. Having not found solid ground down to 23 m depth, they will use multiple mini-piles and steel framed construction which can be adjusted if levels change, but this requires extensive access, which still needs to be negotiated.

**Waterbeach New Station** - They are at GRIP 3, site selection stage now. (Governance for Railway Investment Projects). They are proposing a high tech station with good canopies, better car parking and safe access to all platforms. The initial car park will be accessible from the village and as the development builds out, they will build new car parks to the north, leaving the original as a disabled car park. Long term, more and longer trains will be required, so eventually platforms will accommodate 12-car trains. No date yet.

**Cambridge North Station** – Brookgate's plans for a hotel were approved by the Joint Development Control Committee but those for the office building were refused, for not allowing enough room between the building and the pre-existing, approved and well-used cycle path towards Moss Bank. The proposal created major conflict between pedestrians and cyclists on the existing path because Brookgate propose building to the edge of the curtilage. Annoyingly, this was expressed as if the cycle path was in the wrong place, rather than that Brookgate have taken no account of it in their designs.

**Fen Road Chesterton** – since the station opened, residents in Fen Road, Chesterton have been frustrated by the length of time for which the level crossing barriers are down, especially in the morning, just when people want to go to work or take children to school. We have seen evidence of gates being down every 4 or 5 minutes and in theory, down 9 times between 08:00 and 08:20 but more likely down continuously for this 20 minutes. Whilst it seems unacceptable to trap some 500 residents and over 50 employees while the barriers are down, it is hard to see how this can be improved. Cllrs are seeking meetings with

Network Rail. In the meantime, I have been urging officers to re-consider any options for a pedestrian access to the towpath, so at least residents could leave on foot.

**Improved train services when Thameslink opens**

Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) have advised us about future timetable changes over the next two years as Thameslink comes into use and connects to Cambridge from May 2018. GTR operate in our area as Great Northern and run the trains into Kings Cross on the King's Lynn – Ely - Cambridge, and Peterborough – Huntingdon-St Neots routes. From May 2018 there will be services from Cambridge to Brighton and Peterborough to Horsham, both serving Gatwick Airport. From 2019 there will be Cambridge to Maidstone East services as well. Details are yet to be finalised around stopping patterns and frequencies.

**Highways** - The **A10/A14 roundabout** was being re-surfaced overnight, at the end of November – annoyingly, without much in the way of warning road signs or diversion, making for a very convoluted journey home. However, I'm pleased to see the gaping seams between lanes of tarmac are being sealed and the road markings re-painted.

**Litter on the River Cam towpath** – The Haling Way is a public highway, so a County responsibility; the Conservators are responsible for the waterway, paid for by boaters licences. For many years the Conservators have collected litter semi-voluntarily, whilst mowing on behalf of the County. I am trying to arrange meetings to discuss a proper Agreement with the SCDC/City Shared Waste Service and for collection of the rubbish.

**'Be Well Cambridgeshire'** - This new Cambridgeshire County Council website provides information to help people be healthier. The website [www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk) provides information and tips for your mental health, active living, a healthy diet, sexual health, alcohol, drugs and smoking. Links to other organisations that provide information also feature on the website as well as local support groups. The first campaign to be promoted is Stay Warm, Stay Well.

**Fen Ditton Primary School** – was recognised in November, for being a Modeshift STAR, for having demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and scooting to school. Cambridgeshire County Council's Road Safety Team celebrated the achievements of 10 of the county's schools at Shire Hall, Cambridge, as part of its STARS (School Travel Accreditation & Recognition Scheme). Councillor John Williams and I both attended to congratulate Fen Ditton Primary School.

**Milton** - I have been seeking estimates for cleaning the War Memorial from reputable stonemasons.

I am seeking confirmation from County Highways regarding the adoption of North Lodge Park Road, and what is standing in the way of its adoption.

**Landbeach and Horningsea** – no specific requests

**Waterbeach** – the highways faults reported to me, have already been reported on the County Highway fault reporting system.

**Fen Ditton** – After the discussion at the last pc meeting, of the proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Horningsea Road and High Ditch Road, the Case Officer and I have received a number of representations from local residents. I will be meeting the officer with the parish council to understand the evolution of the proposals. I understand there are not enough households here to make a resident's parking scheme viable (which some residents had requested.)

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## District Councillors Report – December 2017 – Hazel Smith

### **Chesterton Fen – railway crossing problems**

Since Cambridge North Station was opened there has been a big change in the amount of time that the crossing gates are down on Fen Road, Chesterton. The 'down time' for each train passing has always been longer there than for example on our own Fen Road rail crossing – because of the signalling, we are told, and now also because of the station. In the mornings, at the time the children are trying to get to school the barrier is regularly down for 20 minutes. On occasions it has been 30 minutes. There are about 500 residents that side of the railway and 50 or so businesses who have no other way in or out – even on foot the nearest access is at Grassy Corner!

We are putting together a petition to Network Rail. However perhaps the more useful addition would be Anna's parallel tack which is to try to get the County to reconsider putting in a pedestrian bypass via the towpath. Money is required, of course ...

I always raised the crossing 'down time' as a possible problem in the consultation meetings on Cambridge North station and they assured me the 'down time' at the crossing would be no worse than before ... but there is no planning condition on it (I should have insisted it was written down).

We will continue to use whatever means we can to get Network Rail to consider the needs of the residents when putting the timetable together – but it will never be high on their list of priorities and constraints. A road bridge will have to be the ultimate aim, but of course no-one has the money for that.

### **Sewage connection for Chesterton Fen**

I am continuing to collect signatures of residents of Fen Road on a petition. It would be helpful if the Parish Council would write to Anglian Water as they did before, to support the request for a sewer down there (please).

### **Local Plan – South Cambs leader told off by the Inspector!**

At this time, when the Inspector is coming to final conclusions on the Local Plan, we do need to work alongside her, and cooperate for the sake of our residents. She is putting together the report on the Local Plan, which will tell the Council the modifications to consult on one final time, before she finalises the plan that we will be working to from now on. Remember we still have no 5-year Land Supply and will not have it until the Plan is published, at the soonest. Our Local Plan has just broken the record as the longest one ever, for the length of its examination by the Inspector.

So in November, the Leader of South Cambs put a very optimistic gloss on the facts, and published in the local press an up-beat press-release saying the Plan was largely there and the Inspector had no problems with it. He also published all the emails that had gone to and fro between the Council and the Inspector recently – but failed to warn them in advance that this was going to happen. For these actions the Inspector has sent a letter giving him quite a dressing-down. They are really upset – and so far he has not personally apologised, although he has instructed officers to do so on his behalf.

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership**

They are trying hard to collect ideas for the next 5 years (2020-2025) in case they get the second tranche of funding (£200m) for innovative traffic-busting suggestions. The current plans for Milton Road are not very similar to the ones the Local Liaison Forum worked so hard on, as those would have been better for residents but would not have speeded up buses heading through to the City Centre.

Hazel



## District Councillor's Report for Milton PC, December 2017 – Anna Bradnam

**Ely Rd Bus Stop** Whilst I understood the feeder pillar for the RTPI was to have been installed around now, my protest about the location of the bus stop in relation to the existing cycle path seems to have called things to a halt for the time being. There are all sorts of regulatory reasons, including height-clearance for cyclists, why it would be stupid to put the bus shelter canopy over the cycle path, so I am trying to negotiate a more satisfactory arrangement.

### **Highways**

Residents brought to my attention the traffic control on **Landbeach Road, Milton** which enabled a water leak to be repaired – but which has remained in place for days without the hole being filled in or the road surface repaired - also to the lorry driver, fast asleep in his cab with the engine running for hours at a time on several days, with no work being done. I have researched the **ownership of various strips of land** in the village, on behalf of the parish council.

### **Streetlights**

A resident reported street lights not working at the southern end of Coles Road, which they and I have reported to Balfour Beatty.

### **Land north of Fen Road**

The public consultation on the proposed development by Kingswater Lindum at Hill Close, Fen Road, Milton has now closed. The presentation is available here:

<http://lindumgroup.com/consultations/downloads/JV350147%20-%20PC%20Boards%20-%20web%20version.pdf>

**Hoarding** - Hoarding is a serious and complex issue that goes far beyond simple untidiness. It is a recognised mental health condition requiring careful treatment. Hoarding is a widespread issue affecting between 2% and 3% of the population - approximately 1.2 million people in the UK.

People who display hoarding behaviours excessively collect items such as newspapers, books, clothing, and in some cases rubbish, rotten food and animals, resulting in unmanageable amounts of clutter. This in turn can cause serious health problems, structural damage, pest infestations and serious risk of fire.

If you discover someone displaying hoarding behaviours, you can find help and practical advice at [www.helpforhoarders.co.uk](http://www.helpforhoarders.co.uk) or contact South Cambridgeshire District Council on 03450 450 063. Alternatively you can contact the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 917 9994 or <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk> and visit the 'home safety' pages.

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