

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 16 July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: J E Coston (JEC) (Chair), R Farrington (RF), T Leavens (TL), Don Wildman (DW), D Owen (DO), A Bradnam (AB), HM Smith (HMS)

In Attendance: S Corder (SC) (Clerk)
J Barret (Office Support)

1 Apologies for absence

A Horne (work)

JEC advised the Council of the death of Roger Day and wished to remind Council that Roger Day had been a Councillor for 32 years retiring in 2011 and was chairman from 1990 to 1992. He was very involved in the provision of community facilities for the village when it expanded in the 1980's and was also involved in the development of the recreation grounds at The Sycamores and Coles Road. Roger was Tree Warden for many years and helped plant many of the trees on Coles Road Recreation ground as well as elsewhere in the village. His voluntary work and knowledge of the village will be greatly missed. Council were then silent in memory of Roger.

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 June 2018

AB Proposed and HMS Seconded that the Minutes be signed as a true record. **ALL AGREED.**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensation

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda; None
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate; None

Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

Applicant for Item 12 arrived at 9pm. No other member of public in attendance.

4 Clerk's/Chairman's report

Land at Old School Lane – acquisition proving slow as Land registry require confirmation that land is not County verge. MPC has contacted CCC to ask County for confirmation that the land is not in CCC ownership.

Relocation of Deeds – from Howes Percival to Ashtons Legal to still be confirmed.

Milton Country Park – Tomkins Mead: To attend September meeting.

A10 Trees – JB update: MPC is still in dispute with CCC over ownership. Land registry does not show definitive boundary lines. Further documentation including a Department of Transport plan has been sent to CCC. Awaiting a response.

Bus Stop Ely Road. AB update: No further progress has been made. Awaiting a response on disputed location of the bus shelter.

Bus Stop Cambridge Road graffiti – arrangements in hand to remove graffiti.

Paddock – fence has been repaired and refund issued for rent for field for 5 months at 75% (£300).

Allotments – Entrance work has been completed to improve access road and grab rails installed to each side of the culvert.

Culvert at allotments – parts are on order for repair of the culvert by SCDC. Work due to be carried out end of July 2018.

LHI applications – JEC update: CCC have confirmed that all 4 projects submitted will be completed by the end of Summer.

New:

Coles Road play area – Under construction due to finish early August 2018. Opening event being planned.

Encampment at North Lodge – Report received. JEC is trying to meet with the Crime Commissioner and, or if not, the Chief Constable to discuss what can be done about the unlawful encampments happening. JEC asked for approval from MPC to speak on MPC's behalf – 6 In Favour - 1 Abstain **AGREED**

5 Planning

The draft Minutes of the meetings of 18 June 2018 and 2 July 2018 were received.

Decisions Received:

S/1708/18/FL – 66 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BW – Front extension including porch and rear dormer window **WITHDRAWN**

New:

S/2336/18/LD – 149 The Sycamores, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6ZH – Proposed lawful development certificate for loft conversion to rear. **COMMENTS: Dormer windows overlooks property to rear.**

Concerns about no fire escape for 4 floor property. Lack of parking. Not in keeping with surrounding properties.

S/2459/18/FL – 90 The Rowans, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6YU – Proposed ground floor and first floor extension to the rear and side of the property above the existing ground floor garage as well as a small front porch. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

S/2075/18/OL – RLW Estates Ltd - Land adjacent to Waterbeach Barracks & Airfield site, Waterbeach, Cambridge – Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved) for development of up to 4,500 dwellings, business, retail, community, leisure and sports users; new primary and secondary school and sixth form centre; public open spaces including parks and ecological areas; points of access; associated drainage and other infrastructure, groundworks, landscaping and highways works. **HAS NO**

RECOMMENDATIONS. Comments: Milton Parish Council recognise the aspiration for Waterbeach New Town East to be a largely car-free development. However we suspect this will inevitably put a large number of additional cars on the A10, which will cause greater congestion.

S/2316/18/FL – 4 Lodge Close, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6UA – Single storey rear extension. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

S/2399/18/FL – 11 High Street, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AJ – Part 2-storey part single storey extension as planning consent S/0372/15/FL (partially implemented) with the following amendments: eaves design to NE boundary, vary windows to NE elevation, new dormer window to NW & East elevations and amended roof lights to flat roof. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

S/2403/18/DC – Plot 270, Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0WE – Discharge of Conditions 6 (Waste Management Plan) & 10 9Remediation Method Statement) of Planning Permission S/3211/17/VC **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/2571/18/FL – 79 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BL – Addition of 2no roof lights to dormer flat roof. (JEC declared an interest in application S/2571/18/FL and abstained from voting). **OBJECTS: Skylight higher than existing roof. Visible from front of property. 7 In Favour 1 Abstain - AGREED**

6 Maintenance

The draft minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2018.

To **AGREE** quote from FLP for repairs to Humphries Way play park £2,016.21 + VAT. **DW Proposed to accept FLP quote – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **AGREE** to removal of Maypole from Froment Way play park – Fenland Leisure £830.28 + VAT, Wicksteed £780.00 +VAT. **AB Proposed to accept Wicksteed quote – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** recommendation of a woodland burial area in Milton for Milton residents and a suitable location. **Council support JEC to investigate any suitable sites**

To **AGREE** to fee of £40 for interment of ashes into an existing plot. **AB Proposed – DW Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to amend Cemetery policy.**

To **AGREE** to repainting of walls and benches in 2 brick bus stops and repairing the bench at the top of Walking Way– PW Maintenance quote £500 or replace bench with OE metal bench £629 + VAT and £105 + VAT delivery (1 bench) (David Ogilvie), Glasdon Elwood recycled material seat £580.92 + VAT. **DW Proposed to accept PW Maintenance quote therefore keeping the Queen’s Silver Jubilee bench as it – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** proposal to revamp MPC land on Cambridge Road (next to antiques shop), clear the area and install benches or to be used for Christmas festivities. **To be referred to Capital Projects group**

To **DISUCSS** location of Christmas tree lights. **RF update: There was a £5k budget for the relocation of the Christmas lights to Pond Green and provision of electricity – To be referred to Capital Project group (date to be arranged)**

To **AGREE** quote for signage on the bund x4 and play parks x4 Algar Signs £753.90 + VAT. **Clerk to source quotes for installation. To be discussed at MPC is September.**

7 Finance

The budget to date was received. DW reported that it was agreed at the Finance meeting to top the Bailiffs budget back to £5k – **ALL AGREED budget should be topped up to £5k – to be ratified at September meeting.**

To **AGREE** budget for Surveyor for A10 trees dispute. **DW Proposed a £2k budget – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

8 To Confirm Reduction of Councillors from 15 to 12

Advice received from SCDC – Clerk has been informed that MPC can reduce down to 12 Councillors – proposal in progress with SCDC.

9 Emergency Plan

Updated Emergency Plan received – HMS advised on changes of the Emergency Planning Officer. Amendments to be made. It was **AGREED** Police could have a copy of the Emergency contract tree.

10 Milton Air Quality Group

To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting – **Deferred to MPC September meeting as Minutes have not been agreed.**

11 The Connection Bus Project

The Youth Club User Survey was received. Covering results for: attendance, safety, learning, other activities and using the Bus Project. Milton was not covered in the survey.

12 Access via Barnabas Court to rear of 55 Cambridge Road

Request for access over Barnabas Court land received with proposed offer of £60,000 (Standing Orders were suspended at 9:15pm to allow requester to speak)

It was asked as to why the first request for access was denied and would MPC reconsider access now the offer has been increased. DW explained that the planning application for the 2 bedroom house was objected to by MPC but SCDC allowed it. AB explained that access over owned land to the property is not covered by the planning application and should have been requested with MPC before the planning application was submitted. MPC objections are: the access for parking is on a bend of Barnabas Court, too close to the adjacent property, Barnabas Court is on a lease from MPC and MPC need to retain control over the land as owners and for possible long term future use. **DW Proposed previous decision not to allow access still stands – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

13 Milton Community Centre Update and Report July 2018

Maintenance/Improvements: Many of the fluorescent lights in the Annexe are broken and have missing covers, so during July they will be replaced with LED's which are safer and should lead to a reduction in our electricity bill.

Bookings: Some of our groups close down for the summer, but I expect all of them to return again in September.

Youth Building: Eddies Artworks are now using the Youth Building every day Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm and they appear to have settled in well. They are staging a summer theatre production on Wednesday August 15th on The Sycamores recreation ground which will be open to the public – further details are awaited.

North Lodge: Following the recent visit by travellers, security/access to the recreation ground will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting.

Vandalism: the good weather leads to increase in litter on the recreation grounds.

A meeting with MCC, AB, DW, TL to discuss security at North Lodge Pavilion to be arranged. JEC would attend if available. JEC suggested on all MCC parish land should be discussed at the meeting

14 County Councillors Report – July 2018 Anna Bradnam

Covering the following:

AB's main activities this month have been in her role on the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee. AB attended, as an observer, a Looked After Child Review meeting. Some 2 year olds are entitled to free early learning and childcare. The eligibility starts the school term after the child's second birthday. Although not all 2 year olds are entitled to a free place, all children become eligible for free childcare and early learning places from the school term after their third birthday. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-for-2-year-olds/>. There is information on all childcare here <http://ow.ly/xqVB30kE9qj>

AB reported part of Julie Spence, the former County's Chief Constable report

“This year has enabled me to travel around the county and to understand even more about its complexity. Many think Cambridgeshire is an affluent county. This however masks great diversity; we have over 153 different cultures and nationalities living in the county and the enormity of the wealth/poverty gap, best exemplified by two wards in Cambridge where two thirds of the children live in poverty, and in Wisbech where there are wards in the bottom 10% in the country - only in London is there greater polarity between rich and poor but our divide is complicated by rurality.”

Milton - It is good to know from our Local Highway Officer that from the roundabout outside Tesco down to the Country Park entrance will be fully resurfaced, likewise Fen Road between the level crossing and the river will be resurfaced.

AB worked with the Chair of the Parish Council and liaised with the County Enforcement Officer to progress the removal of Travellers from North Lodge Park in June. AB is enormously grateful to our County Officers for responding so promptly to our calls and for their sound advice. AB is also grateful to our South Cambs Waste Team for cleaning up the vacated area.

15 Joint District Councilor's Report - July 2018

Covering the following: Judith Rippeth

Amey liaison meeting:

More on the new town: JR met with Rebecca Britton at the control tower to study the plans and to be driven around the site. The site has so much potential for both current and future residents. JR asked about many aspects but particularly on how quickly new infrastructure, such as cycle connections, can be put in to benefit villagers.

Emmas: JR attended the AGM and board meeting at Landbeach on 31st May. HMS was thanked for her fourteen years of hard work and dedication. JR is hoping to officially replace HMS as a trustee on the board at the next meeting in September. The new accommodation block is very nearly complete enabling Emma to take on ten more companions and help them to get their lives back on track

Covering the following: Hazel Smith

Amey Liaison Forum: The forum discussed the reporting of air quality 'incidents': Amey was merely counting the number of complaints in each month, and showing it was a bit better than last year. The new councillor from Cottenham pointed out that a little more detail would be much more helpful: had composting or other operations actually been curtailed to stop the smells worsening? Had Amey themselves already stopped operations before members of the public complained on that day, or not? The operators claimed to be doing their own monitoring and being pro-active about minimising the smells, but there was no evidence because of the way the data was presented. The meeting moved on to the planning applications for gravel extraction and the incinerator. They are always keen to find a market for the clay they dig out and 150 trucks a day are currently going to the Ely Southern Bypass works. Amey confirmed that there is a 250m exclusion zone from their boundary, which will mean Urban & Civic cannot build houses any closer to their boundary than this unless "they can demonstrate it is acceptable". The current Environmental Permit allows them to process 250 tonnes a year of rubbish for ever. Only the planning permission puts a time limit on it, and that currently runs to 2036. They are trying to improve the wind-blown litter situation, with a new sweeper, litter picking and new catch-netting round the MRF building.

Litter pick in Milton at half-term: HMS organised the teams to go out from the Parish Office. They were 7 intrepid litter-pickers and collected about 14 bags of litter and the remains of a bed from around Tesco and along the bund.

Jointly funded highways projects: In Milton the bid for funding for the minor works (diagonal path and bollards opposite Tesco, and bus stop boarding area in Landbeach Road) had been passed from the County Council team to the A14 grant-making team for funding. As a result Josh Rutherford from the County Council came out to discuss these projects and the narrowing / red tarmac between Winship Road and the cycle bridge with HMS and JEC. All projects are likely to go ahead. We should get drawings and more details of what is proposed soon. The Parish Council will be expected to pay something towards the cycleway improvements. Josh was also able to confirm that the much-needed complete resurfacing of Fen Road, Milton from the last houses to the river, and of the Tesco roundabout and road to the Country Park are both in the County's plans for later in the summer. The closure of the Tesco roundabout during the night time on 2 weekends in September/October has now been advertised.

Eddies operating from the Milton Youth Centre: HMS visited Eddies to see the work going on there just after the opening where JEC had cut the ribbon. It is great to see the building in use every weekday for their Arts projects through the day as we originally intended.

Fen Road Chesterton level crossing and other issues: HMS has been told that the addition of more staff in the signal box at Cambridge has reduced the hugely long down-times of the crossing gates at Fen Road, Chesterton. The Cambridge North Area Committee on 21st June again discussed the ASB on Fen Road. The increased police presence has helped stop some of the madly fast driving there. The police are keen to set up a liaison group with local people from both sides of the tracks, and AB is attending a meeting on 26th to progress this.

Itinerant Travellers consultation: The government is trying to help local landowners including parish councils by giving the police more powers to move Travellers on more quickly. The consultation which has just closed asked for evidence to support a change that would criminalise Travellers for moving onto land without permission, similar to what has been brought in in Ireland. At the same time they say that they respect the Travellers' right to travel the country, as they have done for generations, and their Human Rights. This is contradictory. South Cambs has asked for a Commission to be set up to look more widely at the options,

consulting further with Traveller representatives, and to consider imposing on councils the duty to provide stopping places, with litter bins, portaloos and water. Then they could be told that no stopping on private or public land without the land-owner's permission would be tolerated.

Mayor halts work of Greater Cambridge Partnership (Cambridge City Deal): The Mayor has his own Ideas about future investment in transport around Cambridge, and the Combined Authority ordered (30th May) that "all current busway and park and ride plans must be paused until the Combined Authority is confident there is full alignment with its plans." This means a pause in the consultations and work on the Waterbeach park and ride and busway, which is work being done by the GCP, among other schemes. This decision of the Combined Authority should have been subject to a call-in on 15th June, a procedure under which controversial decisions can be scrutinised again by the Scrutiny committee, if enough members call it in. If you are interested to read the detail it is online here: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Overview-and-Scrutiny-Committee/Agenda-Item-3.pdf>

Covering the following: Anna Bradnam

Parish Councillors met SCDC Cabinet on 20th to introduce the new Portfolio Holders and explain their roles and aims for the next four years. South Cambs now has (just) a five year supply of land for housing but we still await the Inspector's decision on the Local Plan.

Waterbeach Community Liaison Forum

Licensing Committee has been training and catching up with Taxi Licence Appeal Hearings and refreshing the District's Licensing and Gambling Policies. This means any time you pre-book (or hail) a taxi licensed by South Cambs District Council, you know that the drivers, vehicles and operators (working for any of the numerous companies) have all been deemed safe and suitable by the District Council.

16 Bills for Payment and Money Received.

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment.

AB Proposed to pay the bills – DO Seconded **ALL AGREED**

17 Correspondence

From Milton residents

Complaint received – state of the village roads and the period of time the village has the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign. **AB to draft a response via Clerk's Office.**

General (Pages 69-73)

NALC – Have you submitted your Star Council Award entry. **Nominations to be made individually.**

SCDC Timebanking project – **MPC would support this but cannot dedicate time to the running of it.**

Magpas Air Ambulance – Supporting our lifesaving service across South Cambridgeshire – **MPC does not donate to charities not specific to Milton**

18 Dates of next meetings

Monday 13 August 2018 – Planning 7:30pm

Monday 3 September 2018– Parish Council 7.30pm

Monday 17 September 2018 – Planning 7pm

Monday 17 September 2018 – Maintenance 7.45pm

Meeting closed at 9:50pm Signed: Date: