

# PARISH OF MILTON

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on  
Monday 29 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the  
**BOWLS PAVILION  
COLES ROAD****

**23 April 2019**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Introduction by Chairman and apologies for absence**
- 2 Introduction of Parish Councillors**
- 3 To confirm minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 April 2018  
(Appendix I)**
- 4 Chairman's Annual Report including draft accounts 2018/19  
(Tabled)**
- 5 Charities' report  
(Tabled)**
- 6 Milton Community Centre report  
(Tabled)**
- 7 Milton Action for Youth  
(Tabled)**
- 8 County Councillor's report  
(Appendix 2)**
- 9 District Councillors' reports  
(Appendix 3)**
- 10 Question and Answer Session**

J E Coston  
Chairman Milton Parish Council

## APPENDIX I

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 30 April 2018 at 7.30p.m in the Bowl's Pavilion, Coles Road, Milton**

**Present:** J E Coston (Chair), R J Farrington, H M Smith, A Bradnam, A Horne, D Owen, D Wildman,  
S Corder, Clerk  
4 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,
- 2. Introduction of Parish Councillors:** The Parish Councillors introduced themselves. The Chair reported that the council now have 8 members of the 15 needed and made an appeal for new members to join.
- 3. To confirm minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2017:**  
HMS Proposed to accept the minutes, AH Seconded. **All AGREED.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15 May 2017 were approved and signed.

#### **4. Chairman's Annual Report including draft accounts 2017/18**

The Chairman's report was circulated and included information on the following:

Joint funded speed indicator – soon to be in operation, war memorial cleaned, Youth Club is now being run by the Connections Bus Project, A10 trees next to Parish Council allotments – who is responsible, Trolley Bus, community care, maintenance, planning, Waterbeach new development, new website, MPC

Milton Parish Council has gained grants and donations totalling £99,697 to cover the cost of replacing the play area by the Community Centre in Coles Road. *'This project will provide a real boost to the people of Milton. It's fantastic that WREN (part of the Landfill Communities Fund) has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our play park taking shape in July'. 'We are also very grateful and acknowledge the grant we have received from the Amey Community Fund (part of the Landfill Communities Fund) which has contributed towards the cost of this project'.*

This is a fantastic achievement and is all down to the work of a small group of volunteers who joined the Parish Council Play Working Party in 2016. This summer we will see the installation of this new exciting play area. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

#### **Future challenges**

- Updating play equipment – finding funding, planning and consulting on replacement equipment
- Sourcing additional recreation space – we are still under the standard for land for sport 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
- Continuing to provide services over and above the minimum

JEC thanked the Parish Councillors, including those who stood down during the past year and those who have not sought re-election, for all they had done over the last year and recent years as it had been a very busy time. JEC also thanked our Tree Warden, Bob Waters, who has been of great help over the years and those who manage Milton Community Centre and Recreation Grounds. JEC also made a plea for more people to join the Parish Council.

#### **5. Charities' Report - Report for the Year to 31/12/2017**

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 £513.

The Charity administers 3 Lifeline Alarms for Milton residents although this service is being wound up.

The Charity donated £500 during the year to the Parish Council Community Care Scheme, £2,000 towards the cost of tree maintenance within the village and £4,000 towards the new boardwalk and bridge at Tomkins Mead.

Q: How many committee members are there?

A: 7

## 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-U's, before and after school or all day during school holidays. It is also used every evening Monday to Thursday + Saturday mornings by various different groups. 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 use it in the evening on the first and third Friday of the month.

North Lodge Pavilion is used on Wednesday and Thursday mornings by IVC for an adult French Class and Inland Waterways use it every couple of months for evening meetings. It is also used by Milton Colts Football and Milton Cricket Club at weekends.

### Maintenance and Improvements

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

- The Community Centre floors in the main hall and lounge have been refurbished
- The Community Centre main hall and lounge have been decorated
- The Annexe children's toilets have been replaced
- A footpath has been constructed linking the Bowls Pavilion to the Doctors Surgery
- The fence around The Sycamores play area has been removed as this had fallen into disrepair and it would have cost in excess of £10,000 to replace

### 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.

HMS thanked the MCC for running the centre for the village.

## 7. Milton Action for Youth

The Accounts for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 were tabled.

HMS reported that the Youth Club accounts at CBS has £73.84 balance left as of 1 April 2018. Outgoings were: £70.00 expenses to July 2017 and £30.00 for Scouts minibus for bowling trip.

JEC thanked HMS for overseeing the Youth Club and the finances.

## 8. County Councillor's Report from Anna Bradnam

The County Councillor's report was tabled, the main topics being: Cambridgeshire City Council – budget: the Council aims to make savings of £35 million in 2018-19, on top of the £215 million saved since 2011 – council tax: Council voted to increase Council Tax for 2018/19 by 2.99% – Shire Hall site: the Council is planning to move the County Council offices and sell the Shire Hall site. Waterbeach new town: AB set up a series of joint Parishes meeting with CCC and SCDC officers to assist in formulating their initial responses to these applications. SCDC has arranged a Waterbeach Community Forum for the same purpose. Local Plan – awaiting decision. Will the sewage works be moving? A10 Ely to Cambridge transport study, County highways contract, Mobile vehicle activated sign: sign to be on a rota with Waterbeach and Landbeach, Buses – Ely Road bus stop: AB is still working with County officers to move the bus stop to Ely Road, Rail transport – Waterbeach station – Cambridge North Station – Fen Road level crossing – Network Rail proposed level crossing closures, Cycle routes: Waterbeach to Milton quote in for siding back the cycle path to restore the tarmac width, Phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail: the section from Cambridge North railway station to Coldham's Lane has been approved as has the Abbey Chesterton bridge, Amey's Waste Recovery Facility (incinerator), Children's centres: County Council voted through funding cuts to Children's centres across Cambridgeshire, Libraries: savings are being sought in the library service, Working with Parishes: AB has been working with Parish Councils monthly, raising concerns with Officers and trying to find answers and getting things done in our villages, Litter picking on the River Cam towpath: AB is trying to arrange a proper agreement with SCDC/Shared Waste Service for collection of rubbish.

Q: Is Anglian Water site (sewage works) in Milton Parish as there is talk of relocating the sewage works for proposed housing and what can be done about it?

A: Yes parts of the site to be developed near the sewage works are in the Milton boundary. (The AW site is in the City). MPC will be consulted on any planning works and comments would be put forward.

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

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

A report from Milton Air Quality Working Party, Waterbeach New Town, Government's Housing White Paper, Local plan, Land North of Fen Road, Benet Close, Buses Ely Road bus stop, RTPI opposite Tesco, Rail – Cambridge North Station, Greater Cambridge Partnership and Milton Road Local Liaison Forum, Rubbish collection, Ending loneliness in Cambridgeshire, land in Parish ownership.

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

Elected Mayor and the Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Dual carriageway A10 – proposed route late 2019 when the planning application will be lodged, The Greenways project, Planning shared services, Waterbeach New town, A14 developments, Development near Cambridge North Station, Air Quality Working Group, Chesterton Fen – S101A Application, Youth issues and boundary changes.

Q: What length of time is left on the landfill site and why has there been a lack of road cleaning on Butt Lane?

A: The machine that clears the mud off the road is currently in for repair due to a wheel wash issue.

The planning application for the landfill site expires in 2020. In 2019 waste will stop being dumped at this site so capping of the site can begin.

Q: What can be done about the ongoing parking issues at the entrances to The Rowans, can double yellow lines be put in?

A: We have spoken to the Police about the parking issue and were informed as long as they are parking 10 metres back from the main junction nothing can be done. If the owners are parking dangerously then picture evidence can be sent to the police. Double yellow lines would move the problem further round into The Rowans and due to lack of Police resources it would be hard to enforce.

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

#### 10. Question and Answer Session

Questions from the public included:

Q: Why has there been a decrease in Councillors not just in MPC.

A: Most areas are struggling to get new Councillors on board. With the retirement age going up and people working longer hours, they just do not have the time to volunteer.

Q: What are MPC future challenges?

A: Improvements and updates to the new website are ongoing. We have been encouraged to source extra recreational space within the village within the new Local Plan.

Q: What is the archaeological situation on Fed Road?

A: There is currently an application in with Historic England. When they first considered it they did not register the site but did not decide to refuse to register it either. When the planning application came in further archaeological checks were carried out. Historic England will look at the report again – we are awaiting the outcome. MPC have objected to the planning proposal for Fen Road.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

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