

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 7 October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: D Wildman (DW) (Chair), J E Coston (JEC), R Farrington (RF), D Owen (DO), A Horne (AH), A Bradnam (AB – arrived 8:06pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (SC) (Clerk), J Rippeth (District Councillor – arrived 8.06pm)

1 Apologies for absence

A Markham (personal), H Smith (personal)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 September 2019

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Clerk reported a minor amendment to be made – Item 5 Clerk's/Chairman's report.

DW PROPOSED to accept the minutes with the amendment – RF Seconded **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

4 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

None in attendance

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

From previous meetings:

- **CCTV on Jane Coston Bridge** – Update: AB has been advised by Chris Stopford of Hunts DC that the order has been placed for the cameras. They are just awaiting confirmation from British Telecom on their timescales for the installation of the communication links. Once this information is available, AB will provide a more detailed timetable.
- **A10 Trees** – Update: **Clerk to chase with the Solicitor**
- **Deeds** – Update: **JEC has emailed the Solicitor to chase missing deeds – pass to ET to follow up.**
- **Local Highways Improvements 2020/21** – Awaiting outcome of grant application for works on Landbeach Road bus stop.
- **Willow Crescent** – Update: **Land registry confirmed no registered owner of the 2 pieces of land in question. Now with the Solicitor for next steps to take possession.**
- **26 Old School Lane** – Update: **DW has received an update from the Solicitor. Extraordinary meeting to be arranged to discuss this further.**
- **AED Unit North Lodge Pavilion** – Awaiting donation payment from Bellway
- **The Sycamores Play area** – Awaiting grant decision

New:

- **Cemetery** – New footpath through old part of the cemetery has now been installed.
- **Update:** Tree has fallen in Tomkins Mead – MPC arranging to have tree removed.

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 September 2019 were received.

Decisions Received:

S/2407/19/FL – 101 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0FY – Development of a shower and changing facility within the existing multi-storey car park and an external cycle storage area – **APPROVED**

S/0559/17/OL – Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site, Waterbeach, Cambridge – Outline planning application for up to 6,500 dwellings **APPROVED**

New:

S/3133/19/DC – Milton House, 28 Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AD – Discharge of conditions 3 (windows), 4 (approved details) and 5 (mortars, plasters and renders) of planning permission S/0178/18/LB. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/3055/19/DC – 31 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0FX – Discharge of parts 3 (verification report) and 4 (remediation proposals) of condition 16 of planning permission S/2433/16/FL. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/1320/16/FL – 26 Butt Lane, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6DG – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 5, 2 bedroom bungalows – **Amended application (site plan, extended splays and revised block plan). RF Proposed No objections but previous comments still apply. JEC Proposed No Objections – COMMENT: Milton Parish Council are concerned of another road access onto Butt Lane so close to the school irrespective of the amended visibility**

splays – **DO Seconded 3 In favour 1 abstain 2 against. AGREED.**

S/3313/19/PN – 23 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0LF – Prior notification of proposed demolition of 1 no. single storey and 1 no. two storey units. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATION**

7 Maintenance

The minutes of the meeting on 16 September 2019 were received.

To **CONSIDER** recommendations:

To **AGREE** quote for repair works to Froment Way and Humphries Way play areas – Wicksteed £4,687.2 + VAT. **JEC Proposed to accept the quote – DO Seconded ALL AGREED.**

To **CONSIDER** removal of skate ramp at The Sycamores play park as no long-lasting solution found to secure the ramp to the ground. **JEC Proposed Clerk to source quotes for removal – RF Seconded ALL AGREED.**

To **CONSIDER** suggestion to Faulkner Close tarmac area – clear and repaint or remove tarmac and grass area. **JEC Proposed to remove the tarmac and grass the area with planting at a future date – AH Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to source quotes.**

To **AGREE** to proposed wildflower area at The Rowans junction, Buchans to quote for the works. **JEC Proposed to ask Buchans to quote for planting of Bluebells, Snowdrops and poppies – DW Seconded ALL AGREED.**

To **AGREE** to proposed planting of trees in the paddock – if application successful from the Woodland Trust for free trees. **AH Proposed to apply for the November pack delivery – AB Seconded. JEC suggested to add fruit trees to the area. Clerk to apply to the Woodland Trust.**

(Discussed Item 13 JR District Councillor report) (JR left 9pm)

8 The Rowans

To **CONSIDER** supporting residents request for double yellow lines/parking restrictions for The Rowans and apply to CC Highways. **Following residents requests it was AGREED that the Clerk would enquire with CCC about the cost of having double yellow lines on both sides of the road at both accesses to The Rowans.**

(DO left 9:10pm)

9 Armistice Day Arrangements and Poppies

To **CONSIDER** to:

a. arrange the Armistice gathering for 11.00a.m. on 11 November at the War Memorial, Milton

b. order two poppy wreaths, one for a village representative who would speak and the other for the chairman to lay on behalf of the PC

c. to donate £50 to poppy appeal for wreaths.

d. invite the children from Milton Primary School

JEC Proposed to all the above – AB Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to place order for poppies with the Royal British Legion.

10 Christmas Tree Lights

To **CONSIDER** paying up to £200 for Town and Country to put up Christmas lights on the tree at the junction of High Street/Ely Road and take down after Christmas. **JEC Proposed – AB Seconded ALL AGREED.**

11 Milton Community Centre Report October 2019

Maintenance/Improvements: A new metal post for the barrier on Coles Road rec has been installed, as the Travellers broke the old one in order to gain access.

Bookings: We have an additional Weight Watchers session on Thursday mornings, 11.00am to 12.30.

From the 1st October, the Cambs & District Netball League will use all 4 netball courts every Saturday morning from 9.00am to 4.00pm. This booking will be for 6 months whilst the courts at IVC undergo major repairs.

The Monday children's French Class has been cancelled due to lack of numbers

Vandalism: Nothing major to report, apart from an increase in the number of broken bottles on the basketball court at The Sycamores rec.

AGM: Our AGM will be held in the lounge on Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm and obviously all villagers are invited to attend. Any new faces will be warmly welcomed.

12 County Councillors Report – October 2019 Anna Bradnam (Full report on the webpage)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority: The agenda for the Scrutiny and Overview meeting (23/09) includes a register of 43 ongoing projects, of which 17 are 'key'. The following projects affect us in South Cambridgeshire or the City and are all under one Director: A505 Corridor Royston to Granta Park, Cambridge South Station – and an interim solution (key), Coldhams Lane roundabout improvements, M11 junction 8, A10 dualling (key and apparently 'on schedule') and Cambridge Autonomous Metro (key). A total of £170 million for affordable housing is

also a key project. The quarterly ‘dashboard’ provides graphs of performance against targets which show not as many affordable homes have been started in 2018/19 as had been hoped.

Greater Cambridge Partnership: In view of the increasing development of employment sites to the south-east of Cambridge and the increasing prospect of transport congestion on roads into Cambridge, the GCP is planning a public transport route between the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Babraham P&R and Granta Park. Three potential sites for the travel hub are being evaluated near the A11/A1307/A505 (Fourwentways) roundabout. The aim is to provide a fast, reliable public transport link within 1km of home for pedestrians and within 2km of home for cyclists. The public consultation on this has started, focussed on the communities to the south east of the City, with an aim of taking a proposal to the GCP Board in early 2020, with time for public enquiries in 2021 and aim to start works in 2022. You can comment here

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/CSET-consultation-2019>

The route will be part of the CAM network – which in future is planned to cross Cambridge City in two tunnels and extend to St Neots, Waterbeach, Mildenhall and Haverhill.

County matters

Children: The County recognises a growing and very real demand for social care and provision for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Looked After Children. The County is frequently often asked by Multi-Academy Trust (who have received their funding directly from Central Government) to ‘support’ various schools whose buildings are in a poor state of repair. The County can support a bid to government, to request capital funding for refurbishments but cannot (and should not) support them financially.

The County is launching another initiative ‘Best Start in Life’ which brings together a wide range of organisations and professionals and focuses on healthy pregnancy, parents and children; identifying and supporting vulnerable parents early; preparing for parenthood; supporting positive attachment, bonding and child development.” The Educational Achievement Board regularly reviews Key Stage 1 and 2 results. Cambridgeshire continues to be slightly below the national average.

Highways and Transport - The draft Local Transport Plan can be found via this link

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltpl/>

and the Plan itself is here (202 pages, so don’t print unless you really want to) <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Transport/Draft-LTP.pdf>

Zero Carbon: An excellent presentation by Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange showed just how hard we will have to work to achieve zero carbon by 2050.

13 District Councilor’s Report – October 2019 (Full reports on the webpage) from Cllr Hazel Smith:

A14 road works / Histon Road closure: The A14 weekend and night-time junction closures are affecting our area more and more. HMS had a liaison meeting at South Cambs with the engineers in charge of the A14 works, which allowed them to complain about some of their diversions, and the lack of signage. The engineers explained the complex balancing act they are administering to keep the traffic moving (most of the time). HMS spoke to them afterwards about the Greater Cambridge Partnership’s plans to close Histon Road inbound 24/7 for 9 months starting this winter, in order to construct the bus and cycle priority lanes they have been working on, they were horrified. The GCP expect the traffic to go further along the Northern Bypass (A14), and enter Cambridge down Milton Road, and they have not done traffic modelling to support their proposal. Extra Park and Ride buses will be laid on from Milton Park and Ride. **AB update: Works have been postponed to Spring 2020.**

Cambridge East development: Marshalls are now reconsidering their decision of many years ago not to move from Cambridge Airport, and are now putting the airfield forward to be developed.

Northstowe New Town developments: South Cambs is involved in the first part of phase 2 of Northstowe, where they are commissioning 81 council homes from the modular building company, Urban Splash. 60 of these will be age-restricted homes for over-55s, and the rest one and 2-bedroom council apartments for single people and couples, as these cover a *significant* proportion of the people on our housing waiting list. *The outline plans for Northstowe Phase 3* have been shown to councillors and will soon be out for consultation.

South Cambs Green energy investment: In addition to the Community Energy Grants, SCDC has now employed a Green Energy Investment officer, and will be looking to improve the council’s own energy efficiency, and invest in green energy projects in the area.

Chalk streams: There is much concern that chalk streams in the South of the district are drying up, with loss of species. Some of this is blamed on extraction from the aquifers by Cambridge Water Company, coupled with the dry summer. They have issued a statement denying this, but accepting that the current situation is unsustainable, and asking people to help by reducing their use of water.

North Area Committee: The last committee at Shirley school started with a session with Network Rail representatives. They had come to talk about the rail crossing at Fen Road, Chesterton. They admitted that they should be giving some priority to a bridge across the railway, as currently the crossing is closed on average for 33 mins in every hour. This is to increase. However they had no immediate plans to alleviate the situation. We hope for rail company support for a feasibility study for a bridge as part of the North East Cambridge development.

from Cllr Judith Rippeth:

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan – looking ahead to 2040: Issues and Options: Work has begun on the next local plan with an initial call for sites in the Spring of this year. The council received more than 500 submissions. No judgement will yet be made on the suitability of any of the sites and as to which will come forward.

The inspector for the current local plan advised that we need to have an early review of our housing needs assessment, new settlements and their infrastructure, and also review the needs of caravan dwellers, so one of the reasons why the process has started early.

Strategy Away Day at Emmaus: The community currently houses 43 companions all of whom come to Emmaus via referral from other agencies, self-referral or other Emmaus communities. The vast majority are men. Occupancy is at 95% leaving two bedrooms spare whereby they can be refurbished/redecorated on a rotating cycle. With the increase in companions following the completion of the ten extra rooms last year and an increased footfall in the shop, the largest sewerage system has been struggling to cope. The tender process has now been completed and work to replace the system will start on 7th October and be finished on 12th December.

AB update: The Amey incinerator appeal hearing is to start on 5 November and will be held at the Shire Hall.

14 Bills for Payment and Money Received, Budget figures.

To CONFIRM and AGREE bills for payment.

JEC Proposed to pay the bills listed (185-231)– AH Seconded ALL AGREED

15 Correspondence

From Milton residents

None received.

General – copies available on evening

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16 Dates of next meetings

9 October 2019 – Community Care 11:30am

21 October 2019 – Planning 7pm, Finance & Administration 7:45pm

4 November 2019 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9:45pm Signed:

Date: