

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 2 December 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 Markham (AM), H Smith (HMS), A Bradnam (AB – arrived 9pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (SC) (Clerk), E Taylor (Assistant Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

D Owen (work), J Rippeth (District Councillor- DC work)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019

DW PROPOSED to accept the minutes - HMS 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

No public attended.

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

From previous meetings:

- **CCTV on Jane Coston Bridge** – Update AB: No update to report.
- **A10 Trees** - Update from Solicitor: CCC to give a substantive response to ownership of the trees this week.
- **Deeds and adverse possession of land** – Update from Solicitor: Confirmation received on deeds in possession of our Solicitors – Clerk to chase missing deeds.
- **Willow Crescent** – Update from Solicitor: Further details from MPC required for adverse possession.
- **AED Unit North Lodge Park** – Donation payment from Bellway received. AED ordered.
- **The Sycamores Play Area** – To go to Maintenance Committee for review.
- **A14 Parish Legacy Fund** – Improvements to road/pedestrian crossing by EACH to be completed by March 2020.
- **NAS Server** – Up and running.

New:

- **Litter Picking Equipment** – South Cambridgeshire District Council Waste Policy Team (Error: not Cambridgeshire County Council as on agenda) kindly supplied MPC with 20 sets of new litter picking equipment (gloves, hi-vis jackets, litter pickers and bag holders).
- **Village Pump** – Work has started clearing the debris from the village pump.
- **The Rowans (by Antiques shop)** – Work has started on the grass area to be made into a wildflower garden.

- JEC and HMS attended the Histon Road/Milton Road Consolation.
- JEC, AB and HMS attended the Waterbeach New Town Liaison Forum.

Christmas Office Closure: Monday 23 – Friday 27 December 2019

6 Planning

Meeting of 18 November 2019 not required.

S/3701/19/FL – 315 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0WG – Installation of standby generator. **No comment sent.**

Decisions Received: None received

New:

S/3895/19/FL – 74 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BW – Single storey front extension – **OBJECT: 1. Side window looking into neighbour's property. 2. Loss of parking. 3. Bulk and front appearance not keeping with street scene.**

7 Finance and Administration

To **RECONSIDER** investing strategy – increase transfer to Hampshire Trust 1-year bond from £45k to £85k. Invest £45k into Redwood 95-day day Business Savings Account (Redwood 1-year bond withdrawn from the market). **DW Proposed – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED.**

8 Policies

To CONSIDER amendments made to the Unlawful Encampment Action Plan.

HMS Proposed to go into Confidential session – AH Seconded ALL AGREED (Meeting closed 8:39pm)

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 Item 8, namely: Unlawful Encampment Action Plan.

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

Clerk to amend policy as discussed and bring back to a later meeting. (Meeting opened 9:25pm)

To CONSIDER CCTV Policy review.

Defer to January 2020 meeting- further amendments required.

9 Youth Club

To CONSIDER increase in The Connection Bus Project Fees from April 2020 from £170 to £179 per session

Clerk to ask for a full year's report of attendance – To discuss at the January 2020 meeting.

10 Local Highways Improvement Initiative – Landbeach Road bus stop

To CONSIDER the feasibility report and applicant cost of £752.76 towards works required to extend the standing tarmac area at the Landbeach Road bus stop. **DW Proposed – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to source quote for possible replacement bus shelter in case existing bus shelter cannot be moved.**

11 Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Strategy Consultation 20 December to 31 January 2020

To CONSIDER feedback to the Draft Strategy and Action Plan – www.consultcambs.uk.engagethq.com/climate-strategy JEC, HMS and DW to form a Working Group – bring back to January 2020 meeting. Clerk to arrange a meeting date.

12 Office Store Cupboard

To CONSIDER quotes received for widening and installation of a new store cupboard door £2,356.05 + VAT CJ Murfitt, £800 + VAT + £500 for brick work (quote via the Bowls Club). **RF Proposed to agree in principle for MPC purpose subject to second quote like for like – HMS Seconded 6 In favour 1 Against AGREED. Clerk to source like for like quote – bring back to future meeting.**

(Item 21 discussed next due to time)

13 The Rowans and Coles Road/Fen Road Double Yellow Lines

To CONSIDER process of gaining resident support for each application for double yellow lines.

Defer to January 2020 meeting

14 To CONSIDER cycle/pedestrian safety on the footpath by the Bowls Club and source quotes for suggested works (Deferred from November meeting)

AB to contact the County Cycling Officer to meet with MPC, MCC and Bowls Clubs to discuss best options.

15 VE Day 75

To CONSIDER taking part in the VE Day celebrations 8-10 May 2020

Defer to January 2020 meeting.

16 To CONSIDER updating 'A Plan for Milton'

Defer to January 2020 meeting.

17 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (Deferred from November meeting)

To CONSIDER becoming a support of CAPASP

Clerk to circulate email for Councillors review for discussing in January 2020.

18 Milton Community Centre Report December 2019

Maintenance/Improvements: A large puddle appeared at the entrance to The Sycamores car park a couple of months ago and shows no sign of draining away. I have met on site with Cambs County Council Highways, who have appeared to take ownership of the problem and are carrying out further investigations.

Bookings: These continue very much as before

Christmas closure: We will be closed from Tuesday 24th December, re-opening on Thursday 2nd January

19 County Councillors Report – December 2019 Anna Bradnam (Full report on the webpage)

Electricity Network – strategic interventions required: The County is working out how best to supply our electricity needs for a greener future. If we are to move to zero carbon anytime soon the system constraints need to be identified and strategic interventions need to be made. Initial scoping studies have been done to map energy generation and demand for every house, car, bus, lorry, business, when (in the day) power is needed, how is it /will it distributed, i.e. **What will electricity demand look like?** Two focussed studies have been done by Sheryl French. Key points here.

1) Why is it so costly (£millions) to connect to the electricity network? GCP funded study for £20,000. The National Grid high voltage connections run north of Cambridge, with grid distribution stations at Burwell to the east and Eaton Socon to the west. Many of our developments are coming forward in a loop around the west, south and east of Cambridge (away from these distribution stations). Between 2018 and 2031 electrical demand will triple from 240 MW(2018) to 470 MW(2025?) and 710 MW(2031). The County Council has invested in a 12 MW, 70 ha solar farm at Soham which could supply over 3,000 homes. This will avoid the release of 123,000 tonnes of CO₂ over its lifetime.

2) What growth is proposed in this area (homes, transport, heat) and what power will be needed and where? GCP funded for £15,000. All developments have been planned where there is no electricity infrastructure (Northstowe, Bourne Airfield, Waterbeach) and on the edges of existing developments where infrastructure is often at the limit.

Highways and Community Infrastructure – readiness for winter: The County Council has a statutory requirement to ensure roads are passable, unhindered by snow and ice. The gritting team are on stand-by 1 November to 1 April. Our salt domes at March, Witchford, Huntingdon and Whittlesford have been filled during the summer when prices are lower. With 26 brand new gritters this season we have a total of 36 gritting lorries on the road, a specialist gritter for the guided busway and a quad bike used to grit cycleways (done at the same time as roads).

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority Board, 7 November: Amongst other things, the Fire Authority had set up a group to consider the recommendations made in the Phase One Report of the Grenfell Tower Enquiry and would make any necessary changes to policy and procedures.

A Community Safety Officer role focusing on delivering road safety initiatives is being developed with the Police. This role would also be involved with water safety and children and young people safety initiatives.

The Fire Service and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service will be jointly procuring a state of the art mobilising/radio system. The system is expected to be implemented next year (2020).

Children and Young People’s Committee: The Committee agreed to transfer £800,000 to Cottenham Parish Council to support Early Years Provision and Childcare, to support the increasing population.

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Siblings Forever – is a project that has been running since 2013 that brings brothers and sisters together who have been separated through at least one sibling coming into care. The children get together for a short residential vacation at Grafham Water. The aim is to reunite them as siblings. Since 2013 there have been a total of 10 trips and 97 Cambridgeshire children have participated.

Fostering Service Update - Cambridgeshire County Council has run a recruitment campaign through service partners and social media as well as several recruitment days to increase the number of in-house foster carers and support staff. By the end of this financial year we hope to approve 33 households by providing an optimum of 49 beds.

Joint Development (Planning) Control Committee: AB has been advised that under the Joint Local Plans for South Cambs District Council and Cambridge City we have 5.3 year supply of land for housing.

20 District Councillor’s Report – December 2019 (Full reports on the webpage)

From Cllr Hazel Smith:

Housing Energy refits, LoCal: In the pursuit of South Cambs Council’s “Green to our Core” objective, we are looking at how we could build very energy efficient council houses, using modular construction. LoCal is one of those systems but there are also companies based locally to us, including Net Zero Homes, and we are already expecting our Urban Splash modular council homes at Northstowe to be starting on site early next year.

We are also considering how we can make our existing council homes fit for the future: most of our houses in the villages have solar panels and external wall insulation where appropriate and double or triple glazing. We now have to bring in new energy systems to replace the gas boilers we predominantly rely on.

South Cambs Council is set to declare a Climate Emergency in its meeting on 28th: we already agreed to achieve zero carbon by 2050 and have put solar panels on the waste depot with a range of measures to come to “green” South Cambs Hall.

TPG Review: A group of South Cambs tenants is involved in a comprehensive review of how the council involves its tenants in issues that affect their housing. The national legislation that is coming in following the Grenfell House disaster is expected to insist on more of a role for tenants and we are determined that their representatives, and all tenants, should have a meaningful say in how our council housing is run.

Anglian Water: The consultation on relocation of the sewage works was expected to have started by now, but the whole project has been delayed by arguments over who should administer the HIF grant (over £200m), and again by the General Election.

Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board: Waterbeach IDB reported a very dry Spring, with irrigation and farming locally saved by a wetter June, but since then it has been very dry again. Chalk streams have dried up and the Cam has had little flow.

The IDB made a presentation to John Martin of Denny Abbey Farm who was retiring after 60 years of service on the IDB.

Liz Watts, new Chief Executive at South Cambs: Hazel and Anna showed Liz around our ward, pointing out the huge numbers of areas of interest from solar farms and pasture in the North, to our Traveller sites, 2 major development areas, Bannold Road and North Lodge Park developments, 2 landfills, the Amey energy from waste site and the sewage works, Milton Country Park and the drainage ditches and River Cam.

North East Cambridge Members group: The latest parameter plans for the development at Cambridge North talk about over 8,000 homes with up to 13 storeys in places and 6-8 on average. They want as many people as possible to live and work within the area, so that the Science Park intensification can happen with reduced car parking. The maximum car parking per dwelling will be 0.5 on average. The developers will monitor adverse effects on car parking up to 800m outside the area (ie the whole of Milton). There will need to be a very good offer of public transport from the start to make this work. The “super density” they are talking about will lead to innovation in school provision, multi-storey, with playing fields and playgrounds ”in the air” on roofs. The next consultation on the plan will be next summer. The Parish Council was sent a report from members of the Local Liaison Forum which contained some inappropriate language which Hazel has protested about to officers.

Traveller Welfare conference: Hazel attended a conference in London about planning for Traveller welfare. The Scottish Human Rights Commission in its evidence to the Equal Opportunities Committee in 2013 described the discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers as “the last bastion of respectable racism”. Councils should be promoting equality in their services to this group, and the health outcomes of Travellers justify some targeted help: the rates of anxiety (3x that in the general population) and depression (2x), and the rates of infant mortality (5x) and life expectancy (10 years less) and suicide among men (7x, worst in the Irish Traveller community) speak volumes.

From Cllr Judith Rippeth:

Five year housing land supply: Anna and I attended a briefing on the current housing land supply across the Greater Cambridge planning authority - our joint service with the City - which currently stands at 5.3 years. Each .1 roughly equates to 250 dwellings so an approximate total, or leeway, of 750 dwellings.

Community Chest grants:

The second tranche of funding has been released. Local community and volunteer groups can apply for small one off grants of upto £1000. Grants will be awarded to projects which meet the following criteria:

- Help promote healthy and active communities
- Enable inclusive communities
- Develop skills
- Enhance the natural environment

21 Bills for Payment and Money Received, Budget figures.

To CONFIRM and AGREE bills for payment.

AH Proposed to pay the bills listed (255 to 286) - HMS Seconded ALL AGREED

22 Correspondence

From Milton residents

None received.

23 Dates of next meetings

Monday 16 December 2019 – Planning 7pm

Monday 16 December 2019 – Maintenance 7:45pm

Monday 6 January 2020 – Parish Council 7:30pm

Wednesday 15 January 2020 – Community Care 11:30am

Meeting closed at 10:20pm Signed:

Date: