

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 10 August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

Present: D Wildman (DW) (Chair), J E Coston (JEC), R Farrington (RF), D Owen (DO), A Markham (AM), H Smith (HMS), P Ellwood (PE) A Bradnam (AB)(arrived 7:15pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (SC) (Clerk), J Barrett (Assistant Clerk),

Members of the Public: Four

1 Apologies for absence

A Horne (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 July 2020

HMS – minor amendments to item 12 “To CONSIDER Freedom of Information Request to Cambridge County Council regarding liability of trees”. DW Proposed to accept the minutes of Monday 27 July 2020 with the amendments – **AGREED (AM Abstain)**

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 24 July 2020 – HMS Proposed to accept the minutes of Friday 24 July 2020 – **AGREED (DW and DO Abstain)**. JEC thanked HMS for chairing the meeting and providing helpful notes for the Clerk.

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

Four members of the public attended the meeting to discuss Item 7: One local residents (farmer) raised concerns over the location of Site 1 and how the proposed plans would take up half of his farm land causing a loss of income and that the farm would not be viable to continue. There is also a highways safety concern with the increase of lorries, noise, dust and fumes which can affect crop quality. Sites 2 and 3 would not have such a severe impact.

Rectory Farm: Update – Cambridge Water are constructing a water pipe from Butt Lane which will go across Rectory Farmland to connect to Waterbeach. There have been no negotiations with Anglian Water in regard to their relocation.

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report:

From previous meetings:

- **A10 Trees** –Solicitor has sent an “under notice” letter to Cambs County Council regarding ownership. FOI requests have been sent from an Allotment Holder and a A10 user in relation to ownership and maintenance of the trees.
- **Deeds missing** - Solicitor to send deeds to MPC
- **Adverse possession of land (Old School Lane and Willow Crescent)** – Solicitor to seek further advice and costing on adverse possession of land. Guidance for adverse possession has changed and is now less likely to succeed. Awaiting feedback from Solicitor.
- **A14 Parish Legacy Fund** – date to be confirmed for works to be carried on the crossing by EACH office.
- **Double Yellow Lines – The Rowans and Fen Road/Coles Road** - next step of the evaluation has been applied for – TRO application. Awaiting response.
- **The Sycamores Rec** – Clerk is seeking grant funding with The Big Lottery Fund and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Amey).
- **CCTV Jane Coston Bridge:** No further update as yet.
- **Cemetery Gate** – Maintenance works to be carried out end of September.

6 Planning

S/3104/18/NMA1 – Camside View, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge – Non material amendment of planning permission S/3104/18/FL changes to the internal layout, changes to the windows and move the front entrance porch to the North end of the dayroom. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

20/03070/CL2PD – 2 Old School Lane, Milton CB24 6BS - Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed garden studio to the rear southern boundary and the demolition of the existing garage and store. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/2433/16/NMA - 216 Cambridge Science Park, Milton, Cambridge – Non material amendment of planning permission S/2433/16/FL alterations to the existing building and adjacent curtilage to accommodate new roof top plant, external condenser plant and ground level, a new access ramp to service the rear of the building and an extension to an existing terrace decking area. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/4824/18/NMA – Land North West of Sunningdale Park, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge – Non material amendment of planning permission S/4824/18/VC Extension of the basement level to accommodate 53 car parking spaces (including 19 fast EV charging points) **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

S/2372/17/COND26 – Land North of Cambridge North Station, Milton Avenue, Cambridge – Information on application for approval of details reserved by condition – Condition 26: Contamination
S/2372/17/COND28 - Condition 28 (Remediation strategy) **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

20/1661/TTPO Notification of application for works to trees protected by a tree preservation order East Anglia Children Hospice, Church Lane, Milton – T20 Yew: Remove to provide more parking space within existing parking area, as there is insufficient parking area for this facility. T21 Holm Oak: reduce lateral growth South by 2.5 meters to alleviate end weight and prune to clear building by 1.5 metres. T26 Ash: Repollard as part of management regime as tree has inonotus – equating to reduction of 4.0 meters. **Comment: Milton Parish Council object to the removal of T20 Yew on the grounds that yew tree is at least 100 years old and should not be removed just to allow for extra parking spaces.**

(AM left 8:00pm)

7 Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project

To **CONSIDER** further response to the on-line consultation – (8 July to 19 August 2020) www.cwwtpr.com
Proposed response: Thank you for your comments in response to our questions. Unfortunately these do not resolve our concerns especially in regard to your eighth paragraph regarding storm water surges which are becoming more frequent and less predictable. The proposed sites are further away from the River Cam outfall than the current site, and so increase the risk of flooding in the nearby villages especially Milton.

We object to development of this kind of facility on Green Belt land, in particular where the proposed sites would reduce the separation between Milton and Histon and Impington. We understand that the existing strong protections for the Green Belt will be reinforced under the new proposals announced by Robert Jenrick MP. [In December 2009 a planning inspector emphasised the importance of the Green Belt in protecting Milton from coalescence with Cambridge.]

We note that the non-greenfield sites that were considered have been rejected primarily on grounds of their cost, that made them unaffordable from the available funds from the Housing Infrastructure Fund.

It seems that sites that were discarded in the earlier sift caused less environmental impact but required longer tunnels that would incur higher cost; whereas the three retained sites have a more severe impact on the Green Belt but have been accepted on grounds of lower cost. This suggests cost is influencing the decision to such an extent that it brings the ability to build a good quality high tech site into question.

Sites 1 and 2 would have significant impact on local businesses including specialised agriculture businesses, e.g. fruit farming, resulting in many job losses. Should the development of these sites go ahead, how would the affected businesses be compensated?

We have concern about the impact on local roads of additional HGV traffic both during construction and in future operation of the site.

We have concern that if the outflow moves below Baits Bite Lock there would be an adverse effect on water flows and quality.

A wind rose/proximity of population density analysis would strongly support Site 3 to minimise risk of odour impact to residents: Site 3 is distant from major housing population irrespective of wind direction, and even with the prevailing SW winds. Site 2 is much closer to dense population and the wind directions that may lead to impact are moderately common. Site 1 is the closest to dense population.

Please confirm what processes will be in place to manage and compensate for odour issues during equipment failure or maintenance?

We would prefer use of a non-greenfield site, but should one of the Milton sites be adopted then site 2 would appear to be less damaging to the environment and to local businesses.

(DO Left 8:28pm)

(DW suggested due to time MPC suspend Standing Orders – AB Proposed – DW Seconded AGREED

8 Fen Road Dirt Track

To **CONSIDER** report received from MAS Environmental
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: Fen Road dirt track

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

(DW Proposed to go into Confidential Session – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED. Meeting closed at 8:55pm and opened 9:10pm)

HMS Update: A member of the Patch Planning Team from SCDC came out to look at the motorcycle track and agreed that the track does require planning permission. An enforcement notice is due to be served. The owner will have 28 days to appeal the notice.

DW thanked HMS and AB for all their input on this matter.

It was **AGREED** to share the MAS report with SCDC Planning enforcement and MPC ask that SCDC consider developing a policy to control development of motorbike tracks so that enforcement action can be taken.

(AM left 9pm)

9 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment – DW Proposed to pay invoice vouchers 127-145 – RF Seconded ALL AGREED. Transfer of £4,709.85 from Unity to top up the United Trust Bond has been completed.

10 Internal Audit Report Year End 2019/20

The Year End Internal Audit Report was received with a pleasing outcome.

11 Dates of next meetings

7 September 2020 – Parish Council 7pm
21 September 2020 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

DW added the vote of thanks to the Clerk for successfully supporting the Parish throughout the current emergency.

Meeting closed at 9:22pm Signed: Date: