

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 24 August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

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

In Attendance: J Barrett (Assistant Clerk),

Members of the Public: One

1 Apologies for absence

A Horne (Personal), A Markham (Personal)

2 Declarations of interest and dispensation

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: Referring to Agenda item 4: AB declared that her role as a County Councilor was to represent additional villages as well as Milton, and that she was mindful of these additional responsibilities.

Referring to Agenda item 5: AB declared that in her role as a County Councilor she would have an involvement with the authority that had a direct responsibility for County drains and surface water systems. HMS declared that her home was in close proximity to an area in Milton that had been affected by recent flooding

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate; None

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

DW introduced GT, a resident of Milton, who has established a campaign and raised over 600 signatories to object to the proposals being made by Anglian Water (AW) to relocate the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant, and had already placed posters in the village to encourage residents to make their comments known to Anglian Water. Over 30 posters had already been put up and a further 40 were intended.

AB queried the direction of the campaign and GT explained his opinion that the relocation proposals were inappropriate development, but that in particular as site options 1 and 2 would affect Milton to a greater extent these warranted greater objections.

GT had great concerns over the relocation proposals, in terms of the suitability of the geographical sites and the odour issues that may arise now or in the future. In a response, GT informed members that his costs to date were in the region of £50, and that he anticipated a similar further sum would be incurred. GT explained that his campaign was completely independent of the similar objections being made by a resident's group from Landbeach.

4 Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project

To **CONSIDER** setting up a working group with delegated authority and budget regarding joint publicity about the consultation (request from Landbeach Parish Council).

In response to Landbeach Parish Council request for a joint working party it was agreed that any Councillors who would like to attend an informal meeting would do so and the clerk would forward contact details of all those who would like to be involved. GT will also attend.

Milton Parish Council agreed to set aside up to £400 for any reasonable requests for grant support for posters and banners to oppose the sewage works on sites 1 & 2.

5 Flooding and Drainage

To **CONSIDER** response to flooding and drainage issues experienced during recent heavy rains.

The recent heavy rainfall had caused flooding to highways in the village. It was evident that the ditches, drains and culverts were unable to take the capacity, largely due to flow restrictions and lack of maintenance. Councillors noted that property owners had an individual responsibility to maintain and keep clear any ditch within their property.

AB agreed to contact the County Council to have the road gullies and culverts cleared in the highways. Councillors discussed the alternative ways to contact individual owners and the delivery of booklets that explained their responsibilities. HMS read an email from the County Council that set out their current intentions regarding cleaning the water courses under their responsibility. AB suggested that a plan was needed to identify the properties that were under an obligation to maintain ditches.

DW suggested that HMS and AB lead a working group to develop the plan and the work that is needed to address the issues, which was agreed by Councillors. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to obtain an estimate of costs from the grounds maintenance contractor once the scale of work had been identified, in order that property owners could

be informed of their likely contribution if work was not carried out themselves. Councillors noted that there would be a substantial volume of arisings in consequence of clearing the water courses.

6 Dates of next meetings

7 September 2020 – Parish Council 7pm

Meeting closed at 8pm **Signed:** **Date:**