

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 20 October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

Present: R Farrington (Chair), D Wildman (DW) (Ex-officio), D Owen (DO), H Smith (HMS), J Coston (JEC),

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), A Latcham (Non-voting Councillor), J Barrett (Assistant Clerk joined at 7.25pm)
Cambridge Constabulary and OPCC Project Team Representatives.

1 Apologies for absence

None

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020

DW Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting of Monday 21 September 2020 be signed as a true record – **AGREED (RF and JEC Abstain)**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensation

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: None

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

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate; None

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

No public attended.

5 Briefing on Behalf of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and OPCC for Cambridgeshire

The Project team outlined the proposals for the new Police Station on Butt Lane, Milton. Building designs, elevations, landscaping, car parking and vehicular access were explained to members. In essence, the new Police Station provided facilities that were not available at the current location in Parkside, Cambridge. The proposals also made provision for the facility to be extended and enlarged in the future.

Queries were raised regarding:

- a) the traffic implications and the proposed vehicular access to Butt Lane and then the A10.
- b) surface water and drainage issues and attenuation on an area of land that already suffers poor drainage
- c) the way the 13th Public Drain could be adversely affected
- d) the cycle route and its connection to the cycle bridge over the A14
- e) the pedestrian connection from the proposed site to the existing footpaths

The Projects Team agreed to consider the matters raised and take the queries forward and respond in due course.

6 New

Tree work: 20/2006/TTPO – Silver Acre, 17 High Street, Milton – T1 Oak: lift over driveway by 1.0 metre, remove low limb overhanging extension to neighbours property, cut back by 2.0 metres limb growing towards house, all to ensure building clearance and vehicular clearance over drive. T2 Beech: raise crown to 4.0 metres above driveway, maintain natural canopy lines, all to ensure building clearance and vehicular clearance over drive. T3 Silver Birch: raise crown to 4.0 metres above driveway, maintain natural canopy lines, all to ensure building clearance and vehicular clearance over drive. **NO COMMENT**

20/2041/TTPO – 2 Willow Crescent, Milton – Sycamore: crown lift to 4 metres and 10% crown thin to reduce shading and to ensure the tree is safe to public. **NO COMMENT**

20/04099/HFUL – 6 Garner Close, Milton – single storey front porch extension, conversion of garage and erection of detached single garage – resubmission of 20/01345/HFUL

OBJECT: Previous objections stand - Harmful to street scene – street scene is adversely affected by the blank walled garage, over-development of the site which is already constrained. If a garage were to be built in the proposed location: 1) only a very small car would be able to get into the garage in the proposed orientation, 2) it would reduce the number of cars that can be parked within the site boundary of 6 Garner Close to a maximum of 2 (1 in the garage and 1 outside), 3) it would reduce the available manoeuvring space which might currently be briefly used by 6, 8 and 10 Garner Close who should have free access over the complete carriageway. Not material planning consideration but does Number 6 own the land for the proposed location of the garage and a covenant must exist to give residents access over this land.

The alleged comment by the Case Officer in relation to changing the style of the garage roof is inappropriate and was not the reason given for refusal of previous application.

20/04010/FUL – Land South West of Milton Park and Ride, Butt Lane, Milton – One and two storey building containing offices, custody suite and associated facilities, new access, internal access roads, hardstanding, car parking areas, landscaping, drainage attenuation features, lighting and means of enclosure. **OBJECT:**

We object to development on Green Belt land which is facing threats from a number of proposed developments which are also in planning, in particular where the development would reduce the separation between surrounding communities. The proposed development adds to the isolation of some parts of the Green Belt thereby reducing its effectiveness and also increases the probability of further development proposals being made for the adjacent green Belt areas. Note that in December 2009 a planning inspector emphasised the importance of even small areas of Green Belt in protecting Milton from coalescence with Cambridge. We understand that the existing strong protections for the Green Belt will be reinforced under the new proposals announced by Robert Jenrick MP which should be taken into consideration.

Concerns on the A10 bridge.

The footbridge has low parapets and no lighting. The surrounding area is poorly lit. There is potential for increased anti-social behaviour including drug dealing in Butt Lane/Coulson Close area similar to that currently experienced in the Parkside area, which could discourage pedestrian and cycling activity. We would expect S106 funding to be available for CCTV on the A10 bridge which should be monitored 24*7 to evaluate any need for further enhancements, improved surveillance at the Park & Ride, and other items beneficial to Milton residents. We would urge attention to improve pedestrian and cycling access to and from the proposed facility avoiding the need to pass through Milton and mitigate the risk of cyclists using the A10 for faster access to Cambridge.

Drainage

We remain very concerned about drainage particularly the impact on the 13th Public Drain not least because of storm water surges which are becoming more frequent and less predictable. It would be essential to ensure that the 13th Public drain be kept clear in both directions.

We are also concerned to note that one of the consultants involved in the project has concluded in a report that infiltration SuDS are not appropriate for the development yet the proposal includes use of shallow SuDS similar to systems on the P&R site which have already resulted in some flooding to parts of Milton and the College of West Anglia. The proposed development proposal focusses on maintaining current run-off levels. We believe that the goals should be revised to take the opportunity not just to meet the status-quo but to improve the current situation to mitigate the flooding risk to the Milton area especially given the Met Office guidance that extreme weather incidents are likely to increase including significant increases in rainfall.

Future development

We are concerned that the plans allow for significant further development on the site which would result in further impact on drainage and traffic issues.

7 Dates of next meeting

Monday 16 November 2020

Meeting closed at 8:14pm Signed: Date: