

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 15 February 2021 at 7:45pm via Zoom on-line
(started at 7:50pm – Planning over run)**

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

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

Members of the Public: None

1 Apologies for absence

A Markham (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 January 2021

DW Proposed to accept the Minutes of Monday 18 January 2021 as a true record – **ALL AGREED**

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 The Sycamores Play Area upgrade

To **RATIFY** agreeing to sharing the cost of The Sycamores play area between MPC (Capital Projects budget) and MCC, quote from Wicksteed for £22,400 (£11,200) **DW Proposed to ratify the agreement made at the 1 February 2021 MPC meeting to share the cost of the project between MPC and MCC – ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** quote from M Elsome (The Roger Driver Partnership) for £500 + VAT to project manage The Sycamores play area project. **JEC Proposed to accept M Elsome's quote – AB Seconded ALL AGREED It was agreed that the Clerk will ask MCC to share the cost of project management.**

6 Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Sites Information

Over 650 sites were submitted to Greater Cambridge Planning through the "Call for Sites" for consideration as part of developing the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan. MPC has been asked to provide any supplementary information MPC may hold about the submitted sites in the Parish

DW provided the Council with notes raised at the previous meeting for further information to be added to each site. Clerk to fill in the survey of each site with the information agreed. See Appendix 1.

7 Dates of next meetings

Monday 1 March 2021 – Parish Council

Monday 15 March 2021 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 9:02pm Signed: Date:

Appendix 1 - Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Site Information Survey.

URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 47943: Land South of Milton, North of A14

1. The current usage listed as being for the A14 roadworks equipment is incorrect. The land is greenbelt and has now been reinstated to pasture as required in the planning permission for the temporary usage for the A14 roadworks.
2. An application for a hotel on that site was rejected in 2009. The decision was appealed to The Planning Inspectorate references -
Appeal A Ref: APP/W0530/A/09/2108314
Appeal B Ref: APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317
Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
3. Several unground services run through the site including mains water, and a large sewage pipe at a relatively low depth continuing under the A14 to the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.
4. Possible issues arise from proximity to Fire Service training site.
5. Concern about drainage issues further compromised by compaction of the site.
6. Development would obscure the iconic bridge design of the landmark Jane Coston Bridge.
7. The site is unsuitable for housing being within 400 metres of the Sewage Works.

URN 497: OPUS 2 ref 40513: Land to the east of Ely Road - College of West Anglia

1. Loss of open aspect.
2. Access road limitations along Ely Road for motor vehicles and cyclists.
3. Already short of open space for recreation and paths with significant pressure from major developments near to Milton Parish.
4. There is potential to link the development through to Fen Road including the monument/heritage site to create further open space and parkland.
5. There are already drainage issues on the site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
6. A major riparian drain runs along the southern and eastern boundary.
7. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 330: OPUS 2 ref 40345: Ely Road, Milton (Foot-golf centre)

1. Loss of a well used footgolf sporting facility.
2. Loss of open aspect.
3. Access road limitations along Ely Road for motor vehicles and cyclists.
4. Already short of open space for recreation and paths with significant pressure from major developments near to Milton Parish.
5. There are already drainage issues on this site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
6. Major award drain on the northern boundary.
7. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 462: OPUS 2 ref 40478: Land to the north west of Ely Road (College of West Anglia.)

1. Removes separation between Milton and Landbeach through erosion of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there

would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."

2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
4. There are already drainage issues on the sites with significant surface water after heavy rain.
5. Major award drain runs across the site.
6. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 677: OPUS 2 ref 54906: Land at Rectory Farm

1. Removes separation between Milton and Landbeach through major loss of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. Intrusive development inappropriate for the open flat landscape.
4. Loss of valued summer Maize Maze and other activities for families.
5. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
6. There are already drainage issues on the site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
7. Faster storm water runoff would increase the flood risk for Milton.
8. Major award drain and riparian drains run across the site.
9. Surrounds Milton Cemetery and would detract from the peace of the area.
10. Opportunity to comment is restricted by lack of documents on the portal. However we are likely to strongly oppose such a significant development.
11. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 350: OPUS 2 ref 40365: Land off Butt Lane (Diocese of Ely)

1. Removes separation between Milton and Impington through major loss of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. Intrusive development inappropriate for the open flat landscape to the North.
4. NW and SW boundaries are adjacent to landfill site still under active management including gas turbine activity.
5. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
6. There are already drainage issues on these sites with significant surface water after heavy rain.
7. Faster storm water runoff would increase the flood risk for Milton.
8. Major award drain runs along two sides of the site boundary.

Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.