

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 7 February 2022 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), P Ellwood (PE), A Horne (AH), R Farrington (RF)
D Owen (DO), A Markham (AM), A Latchem (AL), A Bradnam (arrived 8:40pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

Public: 9

1 Apologies for absence

None – Full committee

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on: Tuesday 11 January 2022 and Monday 24 January 2022

JEC – To add wording “It was AGREED to consult with the winning artists to choose the colour of the bus stop frames and report back at the February MPC meeting” to the 24 January minutes. **JEC Proposed to accept both sets of minutes with the amendment included – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensation

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: **RF Item 9 (Scout leader)**

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

8 members of public attended to discuss Item 6: Planning – 10 Shirley Close

1 member of the public was in attendance for observation

Item 6 discussed next

5 Clerk’s/Chairman’s Report and Works Schedule

Training – Clerk Passed the Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration (FILCA)(SLCC)

MVAS Update: AB – no update given

A10 Trees – The trees alongside the paddock have been cut down where required and overhanging branches cut back. The surrounding fence will be repaired on 5/6 February 2022 at a cost of £525, do we invoice County Highways for the works? **HMS and AH agreed (under Committee allowance) MPC to pay for the repair. HMS Proposed to invoice County Highways for repayment of the repair work – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk has contacted County Highways several times to report the damage to the fence but no reply as yet**

Willow Crescent – Clerk and JEC researching ownership of the land in question

Old School Lane – Ashtons Solicitors looking into MPC adopting Crown land

Pop-up Cycle Lane, Cambridge Road – Has now been removed

HMS: A Reporter from the Cambridge Independent came and took pictures of the 3 winners of the bus stop art competition along with their artwork. The winners chose the colour “Duchess Blue” for the new frame colour for the 3 bus stops where their art work will be installed

HMS awarded all the children who entered the bus stop art competition a merit prize of a £10 Tindall’s art voucher

6 Planning

Decisions Received:

21/04301/FUL – Land rear of 49 Cambridge Road, Milton – Erection of 4 dwellings following demolition of No 49b Cambridge Road and removal of 5no static caravan pitches **GRANTED PERMISSION**

21/04152/FUL – 37 High Street, Milton CB24 6DF (Ambassador Lodge) – Change of use from guesthouse accommodation to part education/office use **GRANTED PERMISSION**

21/03963/HFUL – 33 Willow Crescent, Milton CB24 6DF – Single storey extensions to the Front, side and rear. Single storey extension to the garage and to change the garage flat roof to a pitched roof including that of No 31 Willow Crescent **REFUSED PERMISSION**

21/04458/HFUL – 14 Old School Lane, Milton CB24 6BS – Front porch extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

New:

22/00171/FUL – Cambridge Consultants, Jones Building, Unit 29 Cambridge Science Park, Cambridge – Replacement roof light and curtain walling **HAS NO RECOMMENDATION**

(HMS Proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak for this item – ALL AGREED)

22/00126/FUL – 10 Shirley Close, Milton – Erection of 1no 2bed new dwelling

OBJECT: 1. The Utility room on the previous planning application has been converted into a kitchen with the extractor fan facing out onto the neighbours back garden and patio area and will cause disruption to the neighbour's amenity. Can the extractor fan face out into the back garden of the property? 2. Location of bin store will cause an issue to neighbouring property entering and exiting their car. Deeds state that front gardens should be open plan. 3. Have the roof materials been approved as the slates are not in keeping with the street scene. 4. The division of the rear garden has already been carried out. 5. From GOV website:

Effective enforcement is important to:

- tackle breaches of planning control which would otherwise have unacceptable impact on the amenity of the area;
- maintain the integrity of the decision-making process;
- help ensure that public acceptance of the decision-making process is maintained.

Milton PC is concerned that the applicant has cynically applied for an extension knowing full well that they would build the new area with separate services and a new front door, and not put in the door connecting to the existing property. The amenity of the neighbour is impacted far more by this separate property, with kitchen extractor fan and a second bin store.

MPC supports the neighbours' objections and would ask that this application goes to the Planning Committee for a decision.

Please can the neighbours' objections be acknowledged?

7 Finance and Administration

The minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022 were received

8 Community Care

The minutes of the Community Care meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 were received

9 Scout Store

To **CONSIDER** request from 50th Cambridge Milton and Landbeach Scout Group to erect a storage unit at the back of the Scout Store. **Clerk to check with MPC insurance that the MPC is covered for a building that is attached to another building that stores gas bottles either inside or outside the premises. Otherwise this request was approved, subject to the views of MCC**

10 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** bills for payment **AH Proposed to pay vouchers 312-346 – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED**

11 Tree Maintenance

To **CONSIDER** quote from Town and Country for tree works required at the Cemetery £1,430 + VAT and outside 45 The Sycamores £220 + VAT **JEC Proposed to accept the Cemetery tree work quote of £1,430 + VAT and send MCC The Sycamores quote – AB Seconded ALL AGREED**

12 Celebrating Her Majesty, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To **CONSIDER** hosting a village event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the extended bank holiday, Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022. **Ideas to be discussed at the Capital Projects Working Group meeting – bring back ideas to March MPC meeting. Liaise with All Saints Church on possible celebrations**

13 Street Trading Draft Policy November 2021

The draft proposed Street Trading Policy to take effect from 1 March 2022 was received

14 The Connections Bus Project

The Connections Bus Project termly report for Sept-Dec 2021 was received

15 Cambridgeshire County Council Historic & Natural Environment - New Local Heritage Listing Project

To **CONSIDER** local important heritage assets that could be put on the new website Local Heritage list. Their local importance will be officially recognised in the planning process **Clerk to share poster/information on MPC Facebook, webpage and in the Milton Village View. Poster to go up in the Post Office asking residents to**

consider any heritage assets within the village to be added to the list

16 Waterbeach Community

To **CONSIDER** any agenda items to be put forward for the next Waterbeach Forum on 2 March 2022 – **None**.
Comment: JEC asked that MPC have details of consultation deadlines and decision dates.

17 The County Councillor's Report February 2022 was received

Virtual decision-making for parish and local councils – please!: The legal requirement for parish, district and county councils to meet in person for formal decision-making is having an adverse effect on many councils as they try to maintain public health safety during the continuing pandemic, with meetings cancelled or minimized in terms of people attending and business covered. The Local Government Association (LGA) is lobbying government to reinstate provision for meeting virtually where councils feel the need to, but so far Central Government hasn't changed its position.

This is key time of the municipal year as budgets and precepts are being prepared by county, district and parish councils – but public participation is often difficult or not possible due to the need to minimize numbers of people in the meeting. While county and district councils live stream their meetings, parish councils are not set up to do so.

You may wish to express any views in this petition chnq.it/wXfPYW4d

Anglian Water Wastewater Treatment Plant relocation: Minutes of the Community Working Group on 13 Dec 2021 and 13 Jan 2022 have been issued. Meetings have considered transport route proposals including impact on the cycle path, odour impacts to residents amongst other issues. Phase three consultation is expected mid-February and will last for 8 weeks - on new landscape designs and new site designs, mitigations and environmental impact.

Household Support Fund – reminder – open until 31 March 2022: This fund aims to help those struggling to pay for food, energy or other essential items this winter. Cambridgeshire County Council has been allocated £3.58 million as part of the Government's Household Support Fund to help people who need financial support.

The fund usually provides £49 (for a family) or £29 (for an individual) to cover food or household energy costs, but more funding may be available for people who can demonstrate a higher need – for instance for higher costs of filling an oil tank or buying a new cooker. To be eligible for the Household Support Fund residents will need to earn less than £17,940 or receive any of various state benefits. See details here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Roads and Transport

A10 pedestrian and cycle path improvements - Update in our District Councillors' Report.

The s278 Agreement (for works in the highway) was signed mid-January. Some residents asked AB if a safety audit had been done. AB explained in her email to parish councils (17/01/2022) County Highways officers have offered to present and explain the safety audits to the parish council at a convenient time, but this is still to be arranged.

Car Dyke Road, Waterbeach will be closed 24 Jan – 11 Feb initially for improvements to the A10 foot and cycle path at this junction. After this, path widening works will proceed over 12-18 months, first working northwards up to Denny End Road, then start from Car Dyke Road and work southwards.

Butt Lane, Milton will be closed 21 March - 10 April for Cambridge Water to make a connection. There will be 2-way lights during the day, but it will be open overnight

Thank you to all residents who report faults on the Highways reporting page – this is an essential step, to make sure problems are logged and Highways made aware. You can visit to see if a fault has already been reported here

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Grant funding for local businesses from the District Council: A great deal of support including grant funding information is available to local businesses via the Business page at SCDC: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/business/>

Covid in schools – staff impact: Case numbers in schools before Christmas broke records week after week, as parents and children will know all too well. In the first January week of return to school, about half of all cases of Covid in schools across Cambridgeshire represented staff. Thank you to all schoolteachers, support staff and community volunteers in helping schools administer the vaccination and testing programmes – and continue to deliver teaching.

Health and social care reforms juggling act: Report from County Councillor Susan van de Ven who chairs the **Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board** where the NHS and Local Authorities formally come together. This gives a flavour of what is going on in Health and Social Care.

“A major reorganization of health and social care is happening now, with legislation in the process of passing through Parliament. This is extremely complicated and affects us all.

The reforms include raising money through the National Insurance contributions that working people pay; widening eligibility for County-funded social care from about 4% of the population now to an estimated 14%, in Cambridgeshire (which must be paid for of course); and requiring the local NHS (our local GPs, hospitals, etc) and the Local Public Health and Social Care Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council) to collaborate, integrate and think at a 'neighbourhood' level. Prevention is a constant theme – how can we live better and avoid getting sick in the first place? How can we give children - from birth - the best chance of a healthy life? What more can local communities be doing to play a part?

18 The District Councillors Report December 2021 Cllrs Paul Bearpark, Anna Bradnam and Judith Rippeth was received (Full report on MPC webpage)

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grants: The latest grant scheme to support businesses impacted by the Omicron variant launched in South Cambs on Monday 17th January. The initial fund allocation (90% of the full allocation) totals £1.428m and to date 103 applications have been received. Applications should be made by **18th February 2022** and final payments will be made by **31st March 2022**.

Emmaus – Landbeach: The community currently has an occupancy rate of over 90% with 41 of the 45 rooms filled, with one of those rooms being decorated so there is a gradual but ongoing refurbishment programme. The staff continue to support companions with regaining their independence and with both their physical and mental health needs. A planning application (Ref #: 21/04957/FUL) from the developer Hill Residential to install six modular homes (pods) for more independent living on site is currently live on the South Cambs website. Emmaus is advertising for an additional support worker as the number of the companions will obviously increase should the application gain approval. South Cambs have committed to fund the first year of that post which would then be funded by Emmaus in subsequent years from the additional revenue in housing benefit from the pods. The core business of the shop and café have weathered the storm of the latest Covid variant although takings were lower in December than in November which reflects the situation in retail across the country with early Christmas shopping followed by a hesitancy and thus a drop in sales and footfall with the onset of Omicron.

Water Resources East Consultation: Water Resources East has [recently launched a consultation](#) on its emerging water resources plan for the East of England. You can [read a copy of the emerging plan](#). The consultation explores measures to address water demand as well as protect the environment. The deadline to respond to the Water Resources East consultation is **Monday 28th February 2022**.

A10 shared use path: The upgrade to the A10 path has been approved and the work to improve Car Dyke Rd junction and widen the path will be taking place over the coming months. Although there were several suggestions made for alternative approaches such as an alternative route for the path, carriageway re-alignment and covering the ditch none of these was within the scope of the condition agreed between CCC, SCDC and U&C which was to "improve and widen the existing path between Denny End Rd and Ely Rd Milton". There will be further opportunities to improve this path and the junction such as the sec 106 agreement with RLW and the future changes to the A10 currently being considered by the CPCA.

The Mere Way link over the bridge to the busway will be coming forwards soon and we will be campaigning to have the Greenway built as soon as possible.

19 The Milton Community Centre Report – February 2022 was received

Maintenance/Improvements: We have had the drains cleared at the Community Centre car park to reduce flooding in heavy rain and the car park area near the entrance to the Doctors surgery has been cleared of built up leaves. One of the pressure units has been moved at NLP plant room to an upright beam which should hold the weight. This will reduce the weight on the piece of wood that had been used to hold both units weighing approximately 25 kg each. The tennis courts have been cleaned and treated and we plan to retreat the court again in the next couple of months. We have also replaced the light switch on the 5-aside court as this kept failing.

Bookings: Prior to Christmas we experienced a significant number of cancellations for hall hire due to the increase in COVID numbers. We have seen most groups return but currently have 5 that still haven't returned. The British Red Cross who are hiring the Bowls Pavilion at present will be relocating to North Lodge Pavilion from mid-February. This agreement will be till the end of April initially and then reviewed on a weekly basis. Initial discussions had indicated mid-August however they are hoping it will be in advance of that.

Hard Courts: We have seen an increase in bookings with the courts in use most evenings for football and tennis. The tennis courts are in use 7 days a week and most evenings.

Youth Building: Eddies Artworks continue to use the Youth Building daily Monday to Friday and Youth Club on a Tuesday evening.

North Lodge: Inland Waterways, 1st Milton Brownies and 1st Milton Guides are using the Pavilion and we have just started a new weekly evening booking with Granta Blue Morris.
Red Cross are aware of the other hirers and will also undertake any cleaning required whilst they are there.

Sycamores Rec: We are seeking additional quotes for repairs to the basketball court

Vandalism and Crime: There had been little activity over the last quarter. We are however seeing an increase in recreational drug use at The Sycamores and Coles Road. There has also been minor damage to the Amazon Trail at Coles Road.

(RF and DO left 9:35pm)

20 West Wickham Neighbourhood Plan – Seeking views. Comments can be made from Tuesday 18 January to 5pm on Tuesday 15 March 2022. To view the plan: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/west-wickham-neighbourhood-plan>

Emailed to Councillors:

Road Victims Trust Annual Report

Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation – Closed 23 January 2022

North East Cambridge Community Forum - Wednesday 09 February 2022 Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Greater Cambridge Partnership -- Milton Road LLF on 3rd February at 6-7:30pm

Waterbeach to Cambridge Public Transport Scheme Stakeholder Workshop Wednesday 9th February at 13:30.

SCDC January 2022 Parish e-bulletin

IHMC Incident Report – January 2022

21 Dates of next meeting

Monday 21 February 2022 – Planning

Monday 7 March 2022 – Parish Council

Monday 21 March – Planning (7pm) – Maintenance (7:45pm)

To arrange to meet Urban & Civic on Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 7:30pm to discuss Milton cycle path updated plans

To arrange to invite Network Rail to attend the Planning Committee on 21 February 2022 at 7pm to discuss objections to Removal of Condition 38, (route of cycle/pedestrian path) Railway Station, Cowley Road

Meeting closed at 9:48pm Signed: Date: