

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

**Present:** H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), A Horne (AH), R Farrington (RF), A Latchem (AL), A Bradnam (AB)

**In Attendance:** S Corder (Clerk), P Bearpark (District Councillor)

**1 Apologies for absence**

A Markham (Personal), D Owen (Personal), P Ellwood (Personal), J Rippeth (District Councillor)

**2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on: Monday 7 February 2022**

**JEC Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on Monday 7 February 2022 as a true record - AB  
Seconded 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 in attendance

**5 Clerk's/Chairman's Report and Works Schedule**

**MVAS Update:** See Item 8 - **Item 8 discussed next**

**New Wooded Area (Orchard)** – Fence has now been repaired and all tree saplings now planted – CCC have been invoiced £525 for repayment of the cost of the works carried out

**Willow Crescent** – Clerk made contact with possible landowner but they do not hold the deeds to the land in question. Ashtons Solicitors to contact previous landowner

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

**Bus Stop Winning Art Work** – Due to be put up in the 3 bus stops ( 2 by Tesco, 1 by One Stop) around 6 April 2022

**Ely Road Opposite NLP** – Large overhanging detached tree branches have been reported to County Highways for removal (Clerks note – now removed)

**Celebrating Her Majesty, The Queen Platinum Jubilee** - Ideas to be discussed at the Capital Projects Meeting.

Capital Projects Group have still to bring ideas to MPC meeting

**Cambridgeshire County Council Historic & Natural Environment – New Local Heritage Listing Project** – Clerk still awaiting poster & information to share on Facebook, Webpage, Milton Village View and Post Office

**6 Planning**

**Under Delegated Powers**

**22/00116/FUL** – (SCDC) Car Park Walking Way, Milton – Installation of a 10-bike shelter at the car park at Walking Way **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS. Comment: request for replacement tree**

**Decisions:**

**21/04849/HFUL** – 23 Shirley Close, Milton – Part single, part double storey side extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

**New:**

**S/1320/16/CONDB** – 26 Butt Lane, Milton – Submission of details required by condition 3 (Traffic management plan) of planning permission S/1320/16/FL **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**S/4824/18/NMA1** – Land adjacent to Cambridge North Station, Milton Avenue, Cambridge – Non-material amendment on permission S/4824/18/VC to remove condition 6 (Boundary treatments and landscaping) **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**22/00552/HFUL** – 169 The Rowans, Milton – Two storey side and first floor side and rear extension **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

**S/1084/18/VC** – Land at Chesterton Sidings, Cowley Road, Cambridge - Removal of Condition 38. **To Propose to Suspend Standing Orders as decision was made less than 6 months ago - Previously objected - PROPOSAL:** "Milton Parish Council formally removes its objection to the Cambridge North Station application (reserved matter, re provision of continuous footway adjacent to Cowley Road). Reason: The land ownership at the right-angle bend where the industrial estate starts makes this difficult and instead the developers are contributing towards 2 bridges (minimum) across the drain where it is adjacent to Cowley Road. One of these will be close to the entrance to Cowley Road Industrial Estate (where the road turns a right angle), the other further up, possibly where the Waterbeach Greenway cycleway will meet Cowley Road. There is also now lighting on the foot/cycleway all the way besides the

Business Park's wall, so the route will feel safer in the dark. We request more paint and signage on the foot/cycleway to mark it as segregated, which is necessary now that more electrified bikes and scooters use it to access the station (Can Voi be asked to contribute?)

**HMS Proposed to suspend Standing Orders – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED (Standing Orders suspended at 8:11pm).**

JEC asked to add a note "It was discussed that the developer will give the County Council money towards items that cannot be done now for works to be done at a future date"

**JEC Proposed to accept the proposal with the additional note – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED (Standing orders reinstated 8:20pm)**

**Item 15 discussed next – County Councillor report**

## **7 CAPALC**

To **CONSIDER** membership renewal to CAPALC £807.53 or £857.53 to include DPO scheme

**HMS Proposed to accept the renewal fee with the DPO £857.53 – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

**(AB left 8:28pm)**

## **8 Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)**

1. To note that Waterbeach PC "no longer want anything to do with the machine" and have not requested reimbursement

2. To approve in principle to repair the MVAS

3. To note the total cost of repairs is estimated to be £316 and to approve the cost of £316/2 = £158.00 for each two parishes

4. To approve that MiltonPC pay the invoice for repairs and recharge half of the cost to Landbeach PC

5. To consider and if agreed put the MVAS on Milton PC's asset register and add to Milton PC's insurance policy. Council asked if there were enough volunteers to manage the MVAS and AB confirmed that there were. AB also confirmed that the relevant Risk Assessments were already in the Parish Office.

**JEC Proposed the above Items 1 – 5 but also to ask Landbeach for £100 towards the cost of repair if £158 is seen as unreasonable as they are a smaller council – AB Seconded ALL AGREED**

## **9 Brick Bus Shelters Refurbishments**

To **CONSIDER** quotes from CJ Murfitt £7,389.74 plus VAT and Pro-Serv £9,525 plus VAT for works required.

Council discussed the variations in work each contractor had proposed within their quote. JEC requested sensors for the lighting in the bus shelters that are lit – AH & RF to look into this.

**AH Proposed to accept Pro-Serv quote – RF Seconded 4 In Favour – 1 Abstain AGREED**

## **10 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

To **CONFIRM** bills for payment JEC Proposed to pay vouchers 347-380 – RF Seconded ALL AGREED

## **11 Capital Projects Working Groups**

To **NOTE** GW Shelters quote for £4,347.28 for the Bus Shelter artwork installation (within agreed budget)  
**RECEIVED**

## **12 To AGREE the Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Strategy Document**

JEC Proposed to accept the document in its current format with updates being added as and when necessary – AB Seconded **ALL AGREED (Councillors thanked AH and AM for their work on this project)**

## **13 Parking Issue on The Rowans (Tesco end)**

To **CONSIDER** extending the current double yellow lines further down The Rowans to take parked traffic further away from the junction **It was AGREED not to extend the double yellow lines at this time as the issue will just move further down The Rowans. It was also AGREED to keep this item under continued review as Civil Parking Enforcement Officers are coming in 2-3 years' time.**

## **14 Celebrating Her Majesty, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

To **CONSIDER** working with All Saints Church on possible tea parties to be held on selected recreations grounds in the village or other suggestions put forward for celebrations **It was AGREED that All Saints Church could hold tea parties on the 3 recreation grounds owned by MPC (The Rowans, Humphries Way and Froment Way). Clerk to check with MPC insurance if extra cover is required**

To **CONSIDER** purchasing Platinum Jubilee 2022 lamp post sign £4.99 each, bunting £12.99 each, large flag £15.99 each from the Royal British Legion **RF Proposed a maximum spend of £500 (from Contingency) on Jubilee celebrations – AB Seconded 4 In Favour – 1 Abstain AGREED (AH, HMS and Clerk to calculate how many items to order)**

To **CONSIDER** applying to the South Cambs "Queen's Platinum Jubilee" Community Chest Funding for up to £700 (for a tree/bench or other suggestion) **AH suggested a replacement tree for the area opposite the War**

**memorial, with a plaque. Councillors to email suggested tree species to Clerk (before 31 March) for quotes to be sourced for the next MPC meeting**

**15 The County Councillor's Report for March 2022 was received (Full report on MPC webpage)**

**Cambridgeshire County Council Budget:** The Joint Administration agreed a 4.99% rise in Council Tax at the recent Budget meeting in order to close the authority's £16m budget gap this year. Next year's funding gap is likely to be even worse. 4.99% means an extra charge of £1.04 per week for a band B household and £1.19 per week for a Band C household.

**Strategy to move faster to tackle climate change approved by Full Council:** An action plan setting out how and by when the council and the whole of Cambridgeshire will reach net zero was approved by Cambridgeshire County Council's Full Council in February. The strategy will mobilise all parts of the council to prioritise cutting carbon emissions and building community resilience to climate impacts.

**Ethics and Behavior at the County Council:** An independent investigation into the unpleasant situation known as 'Farmgate' concluded that the former Cambridgeshire County Council deputy leader, who was also a tenant of County Farms, breached the Council's Code of Conduct in six different areas. Ex-Councillor Hickford failed to treat Officers and others acting on behalf of the Council with respect and used a bullying manner to make the Council to pay for works that would otherwise be the responsibility of the tenant. He also used a bullying manner in order to set the terms of the lease for Manor Farm, Girton. He compromised Officers and others' impartiality in his dealings with regard to Manor Farm and his conduct towards Officers and others and his conflict of interest would have reduced the public's confidence in him being able to fulfil his role or the Council being able to discharge its functions. He also used his position as Deputy Leader to receive concessions that the Council would not otherwise have agreed to and failed to register a disclosable pecuniary interest (the tenancy of Manor Farm) within 28 days and he failed to declare a non-statutory disclosable interest in meetings with regard to County Farms matters. You can read the report here [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#) The Council is taking a wide range of steps to ensure that this sort of behavior will not be tolerated again by officers or Councillors.

**Water Supplies:** It was extremely worrying to hear, via a journalist, that there may have been a pollution incident in South Cambs around Duxford, Shelford and Stapleford. As soon as SCDC learned about this they immediately contacted Cambridge Water, seeking an explanation. As soon as SCDC were in possession of the facts, they checked their own responsibility for monitoring private water supplies, which amounted to a small number of private wells and bore holes in the district. All these bore holes were subsequently confirmed to have water that is deemed to be 'wholesome'. Cambridge Water has now published a lot of information about this on its website.

**Reduce your energy costs with Solar Together:** Registrations for Solar Together, which helps homeowners reduce their energy costs and boost renewable generation through solar panels, are now open. CCC are working in partnership with independent experts iChoosr to help make the transition to clean energy as cost effective and hassle-free as possible. See here [Solar Together Cambridgeshire - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

**Cervical Cancer:** A national campaign will be launched next week to encourage eligible people aged 25-64 to respond to their cervical screening invitation letter and book an appointment. If you missed an appointment during the pandemic call your GP and make an appointment now.

**Libraries**

See here [Libraries - Cambridgeshire County Council](#) for Library Services

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

**SCDC Budget:** On February 22 South Cambridgeshire District Council approved its budget for next year and set its council tax charge from April. Councillors agreed to raise council tax by 10 pence a week or £5 a year for a Band D property to enable the Council to continue to transform council services and deliver £230,000 of savings every year. SCDC continues to have one of the lowest council tax charges in the country. The Council's housing stock is now growing again. 189 new council homes having been built over the past three years.

During these difficult times the council supports those on lower incomes who are struggling with officers advising those finding themselves in financial difficulty. The council also pays Citizens Advice £85,000 a year to help residents. Apart from housing benefit we also have a Local Council Tax Support Scheme and discretionary support for council tax.

**New street trading policy for all South Cambridgeshire streets:** A new street trading policy has been approved by SCDC to ensure local businesses are supported whilst providing residents with a varied choice of goods and

services. The Council, in relation to its responsibility for street trading, has designated that all streets in the District will now come under its remit with the exception of the A11 and A14, and any area of land which is in direct ownership and control of the County, District or Parish Councils.

The new rules will apply to the issuing of consents for selling, exposing, or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) or service in any of its designated streets, roads, highway verges, footways, beaches, or other areas to which the public has access without payment.

**Outdoor activities to support young people's wellbeing: Wild Minds expands for spring:** SCDC's Wild Minds programme has opened for registration for March 2022 with an expanded programme. The age-range has widened to invite 12-17 year olds to register (sessions will be run in separate groups of 12-14 year olds, and 15-17 year olds). And the course will also now run in two locations, continuing at Milton Country Park where the programme was first established, and expanding to run at Wandlebury Country Park for the first time.

Young people who would like to attend, or parents or carers who think the course may be suitable for a young person in their care, can [register now online](#).

**Noteworthy schemes/strategies and projects to be consulted on in future / consultations recently closed- Links on MPC webpage**

**17 The Milton Community Centre Report – March 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 1 that still hasn't returned. The British Red Cross who were hiring the Bowls Pavilion have relocated to North Lodge Park. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Milton Brownies and 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** We have seen an increase in recreational drug use at The Sycamores and Coles Road with alcohol cans and bottles and NOS canisters being left behind. There has also been minor damage to the Amazon Trail at Coles Road.

**18 Correspondence (Emailed to Councillors)**

IHMC Incident Report – January 2022  
CAPALC February Bulletin  
Planning Training Session 26 February for Parish Councillors  
Waterbeach to Cambridge GCP Engagement Event 9 February  
Butt Lane overnight work closure 21 March to 10 April 2022  
CAPALC Affiliation request  
Quarterly Planning Meeting – Area 2 1 March 2022 4:30pm  
GCP East Community Forum meeting 21 March 6:30pm on-line  
Adoption of Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD

**19 Dates of next meeting**

Monday 21 March 2022 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

(Tuesday 29 March 2022 – Meet with Urban and Civic 7:30pm)

Monday 4 April 2022 – Parish Council

**Meeting closed at 9:31pm**    **Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

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