

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 4 April 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), P Ellwood (PE), D Owen (DO), A Bradnam (AB)(arrived 8pm), A Markham (AM)(arrived 8:25pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

Public: 1

1 Apologies for absence

None – Full Council in attendance

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 March 2022

RF Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on Monday 7 March 2022 as a true record - DO 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

1 member of public to speak at item 9

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

MVAS Update: Awaiting repair works to be carried out. Landbeach as 50% owner of the MVAS will pay half of the repair costs

Willow Crescent – Ashtons Solicitors made contact with previous owner who have confirmed they will transfer the land to MPC – See Item 8

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

No Mow May – Cambridgeshire County Council will be supporting the campaign of no verge cutting in May and are asking Parish Councils to support – Clerk has spoken with the MPC grass cutting contractors in relation to what verges we cut and if they cannot be cut in May. **Grass cutting will continue as normal in May**

Back Store Cupboard: The Bowls Club asked if an anchor (for locking the lawnmower to) can be installed in the store cupboard – The Maintenance Committee AGREED to the request

Updates:

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations: Clerk has ordered 2 flags, 10 lamppost signs and 50m of bunting to put up around the village over the celebration period. A request was made that Parish Council might fund 7 cakes, one for each area of the village where a picnic is being planned. A quote was requested, to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Tomkins Mead: SCDC advised that a silt backlog could be causing the water drainage issue – Clerk to source a company to quote to clear the silt, and to discuss this with Milton Country Park (CSLT) and the owner of the blocked culvert.

Freedom of Information request: A FOI request was received asking for information relating to changes in the Cemetery Policy and any correspondence relating to the policy – Clerk has sent information MPC hold as requested

6 Planning

The Minutes of the meeting 21 March 2022 were received

Decisions:

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

New:

22/00963/HFUL – 33 Willow Crescent, Milton – Front side and rear single extension with demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

7 Maintenance

The Minutes of the Maintenance meeting 21 March were received

8 Willow Crescent Transfer of Land

To **CONSIDER** paying the legal costs of the Client, £650-£750+ VAT + £150 + VAT for administration AND

our Solicitor's fee in the region of £1000 + VAT (included land registry application)

HMS Proposed to accept the costs and fees – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED

9 Improving the Road Safety for Users of The Rowans

(HMS Proposed to Suspend Standing Orders for public to speak – ALL Agreed: 8:03pm)

Suggestions were discussed on possible solutions to help improve road safety at The Rowans/Cambridge Road junction for both pedestrians and road users: it was suggested to extend the footpath further into The Rowans (Tesco side) so that the dropped kerb/crossing point will be level with the dropped kerb to the property opposite. Extend current double yellow lines by at least 4 car lengths to allow better visibility when crossing the junction. Possible also to break up the solid line of parked cars with some yellow lines. **Clerk to contact the Road Safety Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council to arrange a site visit**

10 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** bills for payment – PE Proposed to pay vouchers 381-428 and vouchers 1-2 – DO Seconded **ALL AGREED**

11 Renewal of Parish Council Insurance

To **RATIFY** the cost of insurance cover up to £5,000 (to include building insurance)

HMS: Due to short notice of cancellation of insurance cover by our current provider a 3-year deal with Zurich was accepted at a cost of £996.54 per year. **DO Proposed to accept the new insurance cover – DO Seconded ALL AGREED**

12 Memorial Request

To **CONSIDER** request for a double memorial in the Milton Cemetery

Milton Parish Council refuses the application as it does not comply with the policy dimensions in width or height.

13 Milton Parish Council Noticeboard

To **CONSIDER** quotes for replacing the noticeboard on the Bowls Pavilion Wall – The Parish Noticeboard Company £750 +VAT + £50 + VAT delivery for the Classic range. Noticeboards Online £1,350 + VAT for the Notus range
HMS Proposed to accept the Parish Noticeboard quote – JEC Seconded: 7 In Favour – 2 Against – AGREED

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

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation: Anglian Water launched its Phase Three Consultation which is open until 27 April. You can see the documents and submit your views here: [Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project – About The Project \(cwwtpr.com\)](#)

Transport

Greater Cambridge Partnership: Waterbeach to Cambridge Better Public Transport (Bus route)

Routes were revised after the consultation with the effect of putting a potential central route across Waterbeach Road and High Street in Landbeach. [Waterbeach to Cambridge - Greater Cambridge Partnership](#)

Greater Cambridge Partnership - Executive Board 17 March 2022: Item 7 considered **Greenways** Specific Progress. Meetings will be held with key stakeholders, community groups and Parish Councils to present the design and allow for consideration of any changes that may be required. **For Waterbeach Greenway the “approximate engagement timescale” is September/October 2022 and for Horningsea Greenway - November/December 2022.**

Item 8 - Chisholm Trail Phase 2 (from Coldhams Lane to Central Railway Station)

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail, including the Abbey-Chesterton Bridge was opened in December 2021.

Phase 2 begins at the Coldhams Lane Junction. There are two routes, one to the east of the railway line runs via Cromwell Road, onto land owned by Network Rail and linking to Clifton Road. The second western route will link up existing cycling and walking infrastructure along with the new Ironworks and Devonshire Mews Developments. Phase 2 of the trail will connect to both Fulbourn Greenway and Melbourn Greenway. Fulbourn Greenway will have access from Carter Bridge to the east of Cambridge. Phase 2 will be a series of linked projects with a combination of the following activities: • upgrading existing highways and junctions. • linking together existing on-street cycling and walking infrastructure. • connecting cycling and walking infrastructure that is being provided as part of the planned Timberworks, Ironworks and Devonshire Mews developments. • providing new off-road cycling and walking on land owned by third parties (mainly Network Rail). Phase 2 is therefore expected to be delivered in a series of sections to ensure delivery of the project as soon as practicable, with elements opened as they are completed.

Consultants Atkins have been commissioned to produce a value for money assessment of the separate elements. Contractor, Milestone, have been undertaking some early design work to inform costings and options along the route.

Item 10 Milton Road improvements

The project has the following key objectives: a) Comprehensive priority for buses in both directions wherever practicable; b) Safer and more convenient routes for cycling and walking, segregated where practical and possible; c) Enhanced local environment and streetscape; and d) Additional capacity for sustainable trips to

employment/education sites. In March 2019, the Executive Board approved the final design for Milton Road to be developed for construction. A construction period of up to 2 years is therefore required. The current budget for Milton Road is £23.04m but due to inflationary costs, the project team require an increased budget of £24m.

Item 8. Citizens' Assembly members developed and prioritised **their vision for transport in Greater Cambridge.**

Household Recycling Centre, Butt Lane: The planning application for the expansion of Milton Household Recycling Centre was validated a few weeks ago. It's on the website at <https://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

(search for CCC/21/259/FUL). The Neighbour Consultation expired on Wednesday 23 March.

Plans are being brought forward to redevelop Milton Household Recycling Centre (HRC), to replace the current facility. The upgraded HRC, which would be located at the existing Butt Lane site, will offer increased capacity to meet the needs of the county's growing population, while also meeting best practice operational and health and safety standards.

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

Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan: **On 22 March the Council agreed to note that the referendum for the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan took place on 3 March 2022, and as it was a successful referendum, to 'make' (adopt) the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan.**

Council passes motion to support Ukrainians seeking refuge: SCDC agreed to pledge support to all those seeking refuge as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. The Council agreed to work with Government but more is needed by the Government to establish accessible, swift and safe routes to the UK for all of those fleeing Ukraine and to assist local Councils in their work welcoming and supporting refugees from Ukraine. This includes clarity on safeguarding measures, ongoing support once the initial period has passed and assistance for people seeking refuge to find work as soon as they wish after arrival.

Council passes motion seeking redress from National Highways for trees that have died: National Highways, in the construction of the A14, have failed to adequately maintain and nurture the newly planted trees, shrubs and bushes. According to a 2020 survey, 94% of the trees planted had died. These were intended to replace thousands of established trees, bushes and hedgerows which were removed along the route which we were assured would be replaced twofold (Environment – National Highways (nationalhighways.co.uk)). National Highways has therefore failed to deliver the large tree planting initiative that was intended to be an important part of the environmental legacy of the project. The Council noted the following statement from National Highways issued in the last few days, in response to a County Council motion adopted last week: "A tree/land survey (conducted by specialists) is set to take place early to mid-April (weather dependant) to assess whether there are any underlying issues with tree planting in the area.

New members parental leave policy: On 22 March the Council agreed to adopt the Member Parental Leave Policy. The South Cambridgeshire District Council Member Parental Leave policy gives all councillors the right to take extended leave from their normal duties for the reasons of maternity, paternity, adoption, or shared parental leave. This policy makes parental leave an approved reason in relation to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1972 without the need for further approval of the Council. This is a significant change as failure to attend a qualifying Council meeting means a Member automatically vacates their elected office after 6 months have elapsed. This could also encourage people from a wider variety of backgrounds to become Members by removing a potential barrier to standing for election.

Zero Carbon Communities Grants: SCDC's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant opened for a fourth round of funding on Wednesday 23 March. This year, groups can apply for up to £15,000, from a £120,544 pot, to one of two categories. These categories include projects which reduce carbon emissions and those which engage communities on climate change. Those interested in applying are encouraged to sign-up for an upcoming webinar, run by the Council, which will share information on eligible projects, and how to apply. This will take place on Tuesday 26 April 2022. You can [sign-up to attend this session](#). Please visit the [website](#) for more information and guidance on the application process. If anyone / any group is thinking of applying and has questions after reading the guidance, they are encouraged to contact the ZCC team via zcc@scambs.gov.uk. The scheme, now in its fourth year, has so far provided £310,000 to 51 grassroots projects that work to tackle climate change in South Cambridgeshire. The deadline to apply for the latest round of grants is Wednesday 1 June 2022.

16 The Milton Community Centre Report – March 2022 was received

Maintenance/Improvements: We have re-seeded some of the grass areas in the play areas hoping that the recent weather will promote growth in the worn areas.

Bookings: We are seeing an increase in bookings for Children's parties and enquiries for general hire at the Community Centre.

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 currently using the Pavilion with the later hoping to return to All Saints Church when it re-opens to outside groups. The Red Cross are still using the Pavilion Monday to Friday.

Sycamores Rec: We have had a second quote for repairs to the basketball court and are awaiting a third.

Vandalism and Crime: We have seen a significant increase in recreational drug use at The Sycamores with alcohol cans and bottles and NOS canisters being left behind on a regular almost daily basis. We are having to clear the rubbish that is left most days to keep the area looking nice. We are also having to clear disposable BBQ's that are being used with additional flammable materials as fires. This has been reported to the Police on 3 separate occasions with no response noticed.

We have seen an increase in fly tipping in the car parks and unauthorised use of the trade waste bins meaning that our own waste can't always be disposed of.

17 The Minutes of the 12th and 13th Liaison Meeting between Milton Parish, FCC Environment, Environment Agency and Cambs County Council were received

18 Correspondence

NALC Star Council Awards 2021

To **CONSIDER** entries for the 5 categories: Clerk of the year, County Association project of the year, Young Councillor of the year, Councillor of the year and Council of the year

Zero Carbon Communities Grant – SCDC

To **CONSIDER** applying for a grant of between £1,000 and £15,000 for: 1. Reducing carbon emissions or locking up carbon. 2. Community engagement on climate change

AGREED that the Clerk would pass this on to MCC (officers from the trustees as the manager is on leave), to suggest they might install EV charging points in the car parks. There is a webinar on 26th April.

Cambridge Search and Rescue – To CONSIDER having a clothes donation bin for helping the Ukrainians **(Emailed to Councillors)**

Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter Spring 2022

SCDC March 2022 Parish E-bulletin

Greater Cambridgeshire Planning Northern Area Place Based Engagement Event – 23 March 2022

19 Dates of next meeting

Monday 11 April 2022 – Planning (7pm) – Finance and Administration (7:45pm)

Wednesday 13 April 2022 – Community Care (11:30am) [subsequently changed to Wed 27th]

Monday 25 April 2022 – Parish Council to approve the accounts (7pm) – Annual Parish Meeting (7:30pm – in the MCC lounge)

Meeting closed at 9:15pm Signed: Date: