

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on  
Monday 5 December 2022 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

**Present:** H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), D Wildman (DW), P Ellwood (PE), R Farrington (RF) D Owen (DO)

**In Attendance:** S Corder (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

A Bradnam (SCDC business), A Markham (Personal)

**2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 November 2022**

**HMS amendments:** Item 5 Stagecoach - to say "south bound" side. Item 10 "to ratify" move to Item 11  
HMS Proposed to accept the minutes with the above amendments – **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 on attendance

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

**Ditch below Tomkins Mead:** See Item 11

**The Rowans Safety Improvements** – PE and Clerk applying for an LHI and have asked residents for their comments on the proposed works via Facebook, Milton Chat, Village View and mail drop

**Revamp of The Rowans Play Area** – Quotes and plans received from Proludic, Sovereign and Eibe. Awaiting quotes and plans from Wicksteed. **Update: Wicksteed quote now received, Clerk, JEC and AM to review**

**Landbeach Road Bus Stop Art Competition** - Entries being considered. Chris Thomas putting together a layout proposal

**Christmas Tree Lights:** Quote of ~~£350~~ £330 by Town and Country to put up/take down the lights has been accepted by HMS and Clerk (Budget of £600 agreed) **Lights to be put up on Wednesday morning.**

**SCDC 6 Free Trees** – Clerk has applied for 6 free trees

**Repton Gate Bench** – JEC has provided an article by Ken Humphries in 1962 in which he is asking readers of Country Life to help him prove that the gate was designed by Humphry Repton. He was not sure so we cannot be sure – **PE and DW carried out further research and located an article and picture from 1794 confirming Humphry Repton did design the gate to Milton Rectory**

**Local Council Award Scheme** – Councillors to provide picture and short introduction about themselves

**Cemetery Complaint** – Response received, MPC agreed the complaint is now closed

**6 Planning**

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 21 November 2022 were received

**Decisions received:**

**22/02368/CONDB** – Land rear of 49 Cambridge Road, Milton – Submission of details required by condition 3 (surface water drainage), 8 (parking plan), 9 (ecological enhancement) and 17 (traffic management plan) of planning permission 22/02368/S73 **DISCHARGE CONDITION IN FULL**

**22/03823/HFUL** – 2 Fen Road, Milton – Single storey side extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

**New:**

**22/03967/HFUL** – 321 The Rowans, Milton – Two storey extension to front. First floor extension to rear. Amendment of plans **Has no further comments on the amendments. Previous objections still stand**

**22/05108/SCRE** – Vitrum Building, St Johns Innovation Park, Cowley Road, Cambridge – EIA screening opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the proposed development to provide up to 12,442 sqm of employment floorspace in a building up to 34 meters in height with associated car parking, cycle parking and landscaping

**Milton Parish Council OBJECTS to the proposal for an office block 34 metres high in this location, next to the Jane Coston Bridge. This will be extremely visible from Milton, and will dwarf the iconic bridge which was designed to be a gateway by the Science Park.**

It is much higher than the 22 metres height allowed on land adjacent as specified in the NECAAP (p102), with max height in this area of 25m.

We also have concerns that it is a prime site to generate excessive parking within the southern end of Milton. It provides over 9,000sqm of the 30,000sqm extra office space envisaged in the NECAAP in Area B

**This could be the tallest building in Cambridge (so far). For these reasons we request that a full Environmental Impact Assessment be submitted.**

**22/05032/HFUL** – 5 Goding Way, Milton – Single storey front porch, part single storey, part two storey extension to side and rear Link: **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - DW Proposed payments for invoices 264-301 – RF Seconded **ALL AGREED**

To **PAY** The Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust Grant - £1,250 – **DW Proposed – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

**8 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Parish Precept 2023/24**

To **CONSIDER** response to consultation question A - **NO COMMENT**

**9 Emergency Plan**

To **REVIEW** plan – currently being updated. **Deputy Clerk to put an article together for the Village View asking if any residents have specialist equipment, are nurses, builders etc who would be willing to volunteer to be added to the Emergency Plan list**

**10 Village Pump Photo**

To **CONSIDER** quote from Big Printing for £488.00 + Vat for size 1500h x 3000w picture panel plus £650.00 + VAT for delivery and fitting **JEC Proposed to accept the quote – RF Seconded ALL AGREED (from the S106 Arts budget)**

HMS: A quote from CJ Murfitt to install the sculpture for £1,580.00 + VAT has been received (within the agreed budget of £7,300) **HMS Proposed to accept the quote – RF Seconded ALL AGREED (To ratify at January MPC meeting)**

**11 Tomkins Mead ditch Culvert Jetting**

To **CONSIDER** quote of £750.00 + VAT for silt sampling and taking of levels from Old School Lane to North Lodge Park **DW Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED. To be taken from Maintenance budget**

**12 Cambridge Congestion Charge Consultation - Deferred from November MPC meeting (this item was taken at the end of the meeting)**

To **CONSIDER** responding to the consultation. Weblink: <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhg.com/making-connections-2022>

1. Better bus service must precede the STZ introduction
2. Buses will need to be going to a variety of destinations – not just the city centre and Addenbrooke's
3. Trips to Addenbrooke's site for emergencies, medical appointments or visiting in-patients should not incur a charge.
4. Exemptions and concessions will be essential
5. Exemptions for people who cannot use public transport or cycle, through health conditions/hours of work/not just based on Blue Badge eligibility which is not responsive enough
6. Cambridge North Station is close to the A14 and the route to it from the North should not be in the STZ

7. Voluntary car schemes and taxis (catering for those unable to use public transport) should be exempt.
8. Our residents on Fen Road Chesterton would be unable to use their cars without crossing the STZ area (in common with City residents). They are some of the most poorly housed and vulnerable people in the area. The nearest bus is currently ½ mile away (Fen Estate) and taxis refuse to cross the railway.
9. Care should be taken not to encourage people working at the Science Park to park in Milton, indeed to stop those who do it now.
10. People working at the Science Park, if they have parking allocated, and approaching from the North, are not contributing to congestion in Cambridge and should not be charged.
11. Cambridge's edge of town retail parks were developed for car drivers (Newmarket Road, Kings Hedges Road) but will be costly to reach.
12. The congestion charge should only apply to a central area of Cambridge City and exclude Addenbrooke's Hospital, Milton Science Park and Cambridge North Station

### 13. Received County Councillor's Report – December 2022 (Full report on MPC webpage)

#### Headings included:

#### County Council Budget for 2023/24

#### GCP - Making Connections: A Consultation on City Access, Public Transport and a Congestion Charge.

#### Have your say

You can complete the survey online or contact the GCP by post, phone, email or social media until midday Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Find out more about the ways to respond online: [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022)

#### Milton Warm Hub – All Saints, Tuesdays in December, January and February, 10am-4pm

#### Help for Households campaign – social tariffs

The government has worked with a range of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) to deliver low-cost broadband and phone service packages, called social tariffs, for those on low incomes. Social tariffs are available for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits, with some providers offering deals from £15 a month.

#### Warm Home Discount scheme reopened

The Warm Home Discount scheme will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low-income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically.

#### Anglian Water

Anglian Water offer a range of financial assistance, including discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with payments and affordable payment plans. Call Anglian Water's specially trained Priority Services team on 0800 232 1951.

#### Housing Issues

If you rent a home from a private landlord and you are concerned about mould or damp which have not been resolved by your landlord, we would urge you to seek help from the Council. In South Cambridgeshire, the District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards. Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing [env.health@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:env.health@scambs.gov.uk)

#### White Ribbon Day – ending male violence against women and girls

The charity aims to end male violence against women and girls.

A new leaflet explaining how to support a friend or family member who is experiencing domestic abuse is being sent out to a range of businesses, doctors, dentists, places of worship across Cambridgeshire.

The charity offers support to people of any gender or sexuality across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and can be contacted on freephone 0300 373 1073 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or by emailing [DASSReferrals@impakt.org.uk](mailto:DASSReferrals@impakt.org.uk).

### 14 To Receive District Councillors Report – December 2022 (Full report on MPC webpage)

#### Headings included:

**Cost of Living Crisis support:** Last month Cabinet approved a range of measures to help residents and businesses during the Winter months in the current climate of rising bills and inflation. The help will be targeted at those who are most vulnerable and residents who until now have been 'just about managing,' alongside those who run community groups through an increase in various grants available.

**More news from the Grants Advisory Committee: First Electric Vehicle Charge Point grant approved.** Parish councils of any size can apply to the EV charge point scheme for a grant of up to £5000. Parish councils within the 'Milton & Waterbeach' ward may wish to consider making their own application. For more information visit the South Cambs website. The deadline for 2022/2023 applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Support For Ukrainian refugees:** South Cambs have launched the 'Got a Spare Room' appeal for anyone to get in touch who thinks they may be able to help. In the first instance, residents can text ROOM to 88802 to make contact and to find out more information. We have some laminated flyers to help advertise the scheme which we will be seeking permission to display in key locations across the ward.

#### **Energy Prices – Potential Help for Parish Councils:**

#### **15 To Receive Milton Community Centre Report – December 2022**

**Maintenance/Improvements:** All planned electrical improvements have now been completed and repairs have been carried out in the gent's toilets at the main building following some vandalism. We have also repaired a broken radiator valve in room 2.

**Bookings:** We continue to see high demand for the Main Hall with several bookings for the Main Hall in 2023. The Hall is booked most weekends for the rest of the year. Bookings for Children's parties in both the Annexe and the Main Hall are remaining popular.

I am in discussion with the charity HSS about hiring the Annexe on a Sunday evening for members of the local community to attend.

**Hard Courts:** The tennis courts are in use 7 days a week and most evenings with people playing Tennis. We also have adult friendly netball bi-weekly

We have seen an increase in use of the 5 aside court with both 5 aside football and netball.

**Youth Building:** Eddies Artworks continue to use the building Monday to Friday and Youth Group have moved to a Thursday evening.

I am in discussion with a group that may look to hire the building on a bi-weekly basis on a Sunday afternoon.

**North Lodge:** The Red Cross have now finished at North Lodge so there is limited use of the building. I am in discussion with a department at Addenbrookes that is looking to provide after care meetings for patients and families who have had a family member in long term critical care that may be interested in using the facilities.

The inverter on the solar panels is due to be changed in December and a battery installed. This will mean that the solar panels will finally be working having not worked since the building was completed.

**Sycamores Rec:** Outspoken cycling are using the tarmac 5 aside area for training and Milton Football Club are using the pitch areas.

**Vandalism and Crime:** We have had a few issues at the main building with petty vandalism but have seen a reduction in instances of vandalism outdoors at Coles Road and the Sycamores. With the night's drawing in and the recent poor weather we have seen a reduction of alcohol cans and bottles and NOS canisters being left behind.

#### **16 Correspondence**

##### **Via email:**

Have your say on the Horningsea Greenway – public engagement programme with people encouraged to share their views of the proposed designs – closing 16 December 2022 Link: <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementthq.com/gcp-horningsea-greenway>

**CAPALC** – November 2022 Bulletin

**Speed Limits in Milton** – Email received with concerns of speeding in the village. Support for 20mph within the village especially by the Primary School **Clerk to reply: MPC have adopted the 20s Plenty scheme and is looking into applying for 20mph within the village**

#### **17 Dates of Next Meetings**

Monday 19 December 2022 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Monday 9 January 2023 – Parish Council

Wednesday 11 January 2023 – Community Care 11:30am

Monday 16 January 2023 – Finance and Administration

**Urban & Civic – Meeting date to be arranged to discuss further works on the cycle paths (dates to follow)**

**Cemetery Advisory Committee – Meeting to be arranged for January 2023**

**Meeting closed at 9:33pm Signed: ..... Date: .....**