

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 6 March 2023 from 7pm in the Bowls Pavilion
(Date stated on the Agenda was an error – Monday 9 March 2023)**

Presentation on the Cambridge Science Park – Vitrum Building

Kanda Consulting and representatives from their Planning consultants, Architects, Developers and Highways and Transport consultants attended the meeting to give an update on the Vitrum development. A presentation was given on the proposed redevelopment of the Vitrum Building at the St John's Innovation site. The proposed building has been reduced in height to 5 floors (27 feet) since the outcome of the consultation. There will be designated entrances/exits for pedestrians, cyclists and deliveries will go to the rear of the building. There will be dedicated cycling and parking spaces on the basement levels. Any trees that are removed will be on a 1 removed, 2 replaced basis. Parking restrictions could be implemented at The Rowans via Section S106 contributions to control the parking overspill.

DW raised concerns on the parking issues this development could cause Milton with the extra cars travelling to the premises.

HMS thanked the group for coming.

Present: H Smith (Chair) (HMS), P Ellwood (PE), D Wildman (DW), D Owen (DO)(arrived 7:30pm), R Farrington (RF)(arrived 7:30pm), J Coston (JEC)(arrived 8:08pm), A Bradnam (AB)(arrived 9:05pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

HMS raised the point that the Agenda had the incorrect date showing and asked if the PC were happy to continue with the agenda. The Clerk had contacted the Internal Auditor and other Clerks and was advised it was fine to carry on (typos happen) but to report in the minutes that an error had occurred – RF Proposed to carry on – DW Seconded ALL AGREED

The meeting started at 7:42

1 Apologies for absence

A Markham (personal)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 February 2023

RF Proposed to accept the minutes as a true record – DO Seconded – 3 In Favour - 2 Abstained **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: Silt sampling results received from ADC Drainage, waiting for FCC approval and disposal cost. Clearance work of shrubs in the ditch required

The Rowans Safety Improvements – PE and Clerk have applied for an LHI – awaiting outcome. Noted that there is £5,000 given to the County Council by the developers of the previous site on the St Johns Innovation site for parking controls in Milton.

Revamp of The Rowans Play Area – Awaiting revised quotes and plans from Proludic, Eibe and Wicksteed.

Landbeach Road Bus Stop Art Competition – Awaiting date for installation of winners artwork

SCDC 6 Free Trees – Have been planted along the Bund by HMS, PE and the Clerk

Woodland Trust Free Trees – Delivery due March 2023 to be planted in Paddock Wood, starting 11am date TBA

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

20mph Speed Limit – HMS and Clerk have started the application to Cambridgeshire County Council Local Projects for 20mph throughout the village. A consultation advertised on Facebook has elicited a good response.

Memorial – Councillors to put forward ideas for a memorial for Richard Summerfield (previous Councillor)

Update:

Emergency Plan Call for Volunteers (in the Village View) – 2 responses so far

Village Litter Pick 19 February 2023 - 20 Volunteers turned out to help litter pick the village

Allotment holders met with PCSO Mani, PE, HMS and Clerk to discuss vandalism and damage. Signs to be erected. With a further discussion at the next Maintenance meeting to consider and additional actions.

Noted that a **large barn** has been put up at 76 Fen Road. SCDC planners are aware.

The **Village Pump** has been renovated and replaced with the picture behind it. The sculpture is expected to be installed soon.

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 20 February 2023 were received

Decisions received:

22/01391/LBC – All Saints Church, Milton – Demolition and rebuilding of part of Church wall **WITHDRAWN**

23/00003/CL2PD – 242 The Rowans, Milton – Certificate of Lawfulness Under S192 – Convert existing garage into habitable living space **CERTIFICATE GRANTED**

New:

23/00633/FUL – 101 Cambridge Science Park, Milton – Installation of rooftop plant equipment, alterations to external elevations, gas cage and waste storage area **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

Appeals:

22/02771/OUT – Land North of Cambridge North Station, Milton Avenue, Cambridge -

A hybrid planning application for: a) An outline application (all matters reserved apart from access and landscaping) for the construction of: three new residential blocks providing for up to 425 residential units and providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)); and two commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i (offices), ii (research and development) providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)), together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and infrastructure works. b) A full application for the construction of three commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i (offices) ii (research and development), providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)) with associated car and cycle parking, the construction of a multi storey car and cycle park building, together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and associated landscaping, infrastructure works and demolition of existing structures.

Does the Parish Council wish to make comments or modify/withdraw previous representation. Previous response: HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS. Comments: Overdevelopment of site. Concerns over density/height of the development and lack of amenities: e.g. recreational and informal open spaces

NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO ADD

Does the Parish Council wish to take an active part in the inquiry (Rule 6 status) - No

7 Capital Projects Working Group

The notes of the meeting of Tuesday 21 February 2023 were received.

8 Village Art Benches

To **CONSIDER** size of concrete base required for each bench

Sizes proposed by DW/PE: 1700mm x 800mm base for the 2 at the Cemetery and 1 at Edmund Green and 2100mm x 1700mm for 1 at Pond Green HMS thanked DW and PE for their work on this.

To **CONSIDER** revised quote from Buchans for installation of 4 benches £2,500 + VAT

RF Proposed a budget figure of £4,000 to cover all works now required – PE Seconded 4 In Favour – 2 Against AGREED – Clerk to ask Buchans and CJ Murfitt to requote with new base dimensions, removal of Pond Green bench, concrete base and path and with the inclusion of installation of bench leg extensions

To **CONSIDER** purchasing 4 sets of bench extension legs at £36 per pair x 4, £144 + VAT + delivery – **To be included in the £4,000 budget**

To **AGREE** amended bench location at Cemetery and Edmund Green - **DW Proposed to accept the new locations – PE Seconded ALL AGREED**

9 Cemetery

To **CONSIDER** purchase of a noticeboard for current Cemetery Regulations and Plan:

The Parish Noticeboard Company - £1,095.00 + VAT – Classic range 1630mm x 1210mm (2 x 9xA4)

Greenbarnes - £1,267.53 + VAT 1330mm x 1080mm (18 x A4)

RF Proposed to accept The Parish Council Noticeboard Company quote £1095.00 + VAT + £75 delivery – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED Quotes for installation will be sought.

10 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment – **RF Proposed to pay vouchers 376 to 406 – DO Seconded ALL AGREED**

11 Repton Gate

To **SEEK** All Saint's Church permission to restore the Repton Gate – **DO informed the PC that the PCC have**

given permission to the PC to restore the gate and take ownership

To **CONSIDER** location of restored Repton Gate – **DW Proposed the back wall of the NLP meeting room subject to the Restorer’s survey. The gate will be securely mounted with a clear perspex-type covering and a small information plaque and picture – ALL AGREED**

12 Cambridgeshire County Council Consultation on the proposed 2023 revision of the Local Validations List for planning applications for the County Council’s own development and for waste development (Document emailed to Councillors)

Does the Parish Council wish to comment - Consultation period 2 February 2023 to 16 March 2023

RF Proposed No Comment – DW Seconded 5 In Favour – 2 Abstain AGREED

13 King’s Coronation 6-8 May 2023

To **RATIFY** agreement of budget spend of £500 (Contingency budget) to support the Volunteers organising an event under The Big Lunch Banner – **HMS Proposed – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

(The PC will have a stand at the event promoting the PC and how to become a Councillor)

Councillors to come up with ideas for the Volunteer Day on 8 May 2023

The next litter pick will be on Sunday 30 April. AB intends to create a Parish Tree Trail to highlight some of our most notable trees.

14 The County Councillor’s Report for March 2023 was received (Emailed to Councillors – full report on MPC webpage with the Minutes)

Budget and Council Tax: Along with three quarters of the other councils in the country, Cambridgeshire County Council has needed to increase its portion of the council tax by 4.99 per cent, the maximum permitted and increased Council Tax by £73 a year for a Band D property, which is an additional a £1.41 per week.

Highways and Transport- 20 mph schemes

Parishes can apply now for 20 mph schemes. The application window opened on 27 February 2023.

Milton PC is currently conducting a resident consultation to seek support to convert the 30 mph zone to 20 mph.

LHI bids being presented to councillors for recommendation to the Highways & Transport Committee will be considered at a panel meeting on Friday 12 May.

Waterbeach: Denny End Road junction - the temporary traffic lights from Car Dyke Road have now moved up to Denny End Road to control traffic at the junction with the A10, which I believe is now open.

East West Rail: East West Rail are preparing an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for a rail line between Oxford and Cambridge. In order to conduct appropriate non-statutory (i.e. ‘pre’) consultation, EWR set up a number of geographic groups representing councils and parishes along the proposed route. Some have merged so now there are 15 geographic groups in total. Ours is “Cambridge and surrounding villages.” They expect the report to be “in the first half of 2023”.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach to Cambridge - Quality Transport route: Public exhibitions were held on 27 and 28 February in Landbeach and Waterbeach. The GCP are undertaking the public consultations required in order to prepare the Transport and Works Act Order. Deadline for comment is 24 March 2023. The purpose of the consultation is to understand local circumstances and how it might benefit or negatively impact local residents.

Water: Cambridge Water has published its Water Resources Management Plan [Our Water Resources Plan | Cambridge Water \(cambridge-water.co.uk\)](https://www.cambridge-water.co.uk/our-water-resources-plan)

Anglian Water has withdrawn its recently-submitted application to move the wastewater treatment plant from Northeast Cambridge to Horningsea. It is expected that they will revise and re-submit.

Waste: The County Council’s long-term waste disposal PFI contract with Thalia at Waterbeach continues to be a major preoccupation of the Council. Work is continuing on options for the odour emission abatement required by the Environment Agency, and Government changes to food waste collection arrangements are proving challenging.

London Luton Airport approach corridor – and aircraft noise: In February 2022 the aircraft stacking routes and approach corridors for London Stansted and London Luton Airports were separated and re-routed. The change, known as Air Deployment 6 (AD6) has caused aircraft to be re-routed on a westward route between Milton and Waterbeach as well as stacking, noise and disturbance for a number of other South Cambridgeshire villages to the west towards Luton. Stage 7 (since February 2022) has been the post-implementation **consultation**, which was due

to end in June 2023 but has been extended to September 2023. AB attended a resident meeting held in Little Gransden on 23 February with residents from Milton who object to the noise.

[TraVis - London Luton Airport \(topsonic.aero\)](http://TraVis-LondonLutonAirport(topsonic.aero)) Click on 'Search address' and you can type in your address to track what aircraft are flying nearby or over your house. Luton will only record complaints if you quote specific aircraft and flights, which this website allows you to identify.

If you want to complain, identify the aircraft and email, saying when and how it affected you

To: noise.enquiries@ltn.aero

Cc: public.enquiries@nats.co.uk (National Air Traffic Service),

complaints@caa.co.uk (Civil Aviation Authority),

info@relas.uk ((the RELAS Facebook group - the group who organised the meeting) lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk (our MP) and anna.bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (me – your County Councillor)

Include your name, postal address and email address – or they will not register your complaint.

Trees - A14 improvement route - tree replanting: Following a complaint and motion at County Council, National Highways have conducted tree and soil survey to establish why so many trees failed in 2021 and 2022. They have now published the "A14 C2H (Cambridge to Huntingdon) Replanting Strategy February 2023" and will commence managed re-planting in due course.

15 **The District Councillors Report for March 2023 Cllrs Paul Bearpark, Anna Bradnam and Judith Rippeth (Emailed to Councillors - Full report on MPC webpage with the Minute)**

Waterbeach Station planning application: Three years ago the planning application was approved for the new railway station in the new town at Waterbeach. The planning permission recently expired and planning officers are currently examining whether the minor works that have been carried out constitute the start of development. If not, a new planning application will need to be submitted.

Council Budget: At the recent full council meeting the following budget items were approved:

Updated Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2028

Updated New Build Council Housing Strategy 2020-25 including setting the target annual completions for 2023-24 and 2024-25 at 75 homes per year

Business Plan Action Plan - 2023-24.

Capital Strategy which sets the policy framework for the development, management and monitoring of capital investment.

Treasury Management Strategy which sets the policy framework for the Council's treasury management activity

Capital Programme 2023/24 - 2027/28

Localised Council Tax Support 2023/24 which approves the scheme currently in operation and increased working age scheme to a maximum 100% reduction for all working age claimants

General Fund Budget 2023/24. This included approval to an increase in the District element of the Council Tax of £5 per annum, giving an average Band D Council Tax of £165.31 (3.2% increase).

Support for Debate not Hate campaign motion at full council: At the recent council meeting, 21 Feb, a motion was proposed by the leader of the council (Cllr Smith) and seconded by the leader of the opposition (Heather Williams) was unanimously approved:

Waterbeach Community Forum: The Waterbeach Community Forum will be held at the Baptist Chapel on 15 March.

Waterbeach to Cambridge busway consultation: The GCP's consultation on the Waterbeach Cambridge transport scheme and the location of a new Park & Ride is open until midday on Friday 24th March 2023.

16 **The Milton Community Centre Report for March 2023**

Maintenance/Improvements: The Solar Panels at North Lodge are now working. We are still waiting for the work to be signed off as one of the batteries installed has a fault and we are waiting for a replacement.

The Waste Pump non-return valve has been replaced so all work required is now completed.

We have received quotes for replacing the Spiders Web climber at Coles Road and the wooden platform at the top of the slide at the Sycamores and will be proceeding with both.

Bookings: Bookings for Children's parties in both the Annexe and the Main Hall are remaining popular with events booked for most weekends in the coming months.

Milton Colts have confirmed they will have their Club presentation evening on the 3rd of June and an event is booked to mark the Coronation weekend.

Hard Courts: We continue to see high levels of weekday evening hire and have just secured a 10-week 2 hour booking for Walking Football on a Friday lunchtime when the court is not normally in use.

Youth Building and Sycamores Pavilion: Eddies Artworks continue to use the building Monday to Friday and Youth Group on a Thursday evening.

The flooring has been removed in the Sycamores Pavilion and dehumidifiers are being used to dry the building out. We are hoping that some of the repair work can be started in the next couple of weeks.

North Lodge: We have had a further couple of First Aid workshops run at the Pavilion and Inland Water Ways have restarted their monthly meeting there.

Vandalism and Crime: We have had some minor damage to the football pitches at the Sycamores by what appear to be motorcycle tracks.

We have also had to report an incident to the police where a person who was using the 5 aside court without permission was asked to leave the court and became verbally abusive and aggressive.

17 Correspondence

Great British Spring Clean 2023 Will You Join Us – 17 March to 2 April 2023

Via email:

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Milton Road – Bus, cycling and walking improvements project January 2023 update

TMC Incident Report – January 2023

Public Meeting: Aircraft noise from Luton approach – Thursday 23 February at 7:30pm Little Gransden Village Hall

18 Dates of Next Meetings

Monday 20 March 2023 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Monday 3 April 2023 – Parish Council

Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting – Monday 13 March 2023 7:30pm

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

Meeting closed at 9:41pm Signed: Date: