



MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held in the
Bowls Pavilion on Monday 4 December 2023 at 7.30pm
Members of the Public and the Press are cordially invited to attend

Clerk's signature: *Sarah Corder*
Date of issue: 28 November 2023

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence
- 2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 November 2023 (Pages 1-4)**
- 3. Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;
To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);
To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- 4. Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**
Public Participation of a maximum of fifteen minutes duration for members of the public to address Councillors. A member of the public may speak for up to 3 minutes to make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda (Standing orders 3e, 3f, and 3g).
- 5. Clerk's/Chairman's Report and see Works Schedule (Pages 5-6)**
Quad bikes and Anti-Social Behaviour – MPC meet with Police and the advice given was to report any activity via 111 or on-line. The more reports the more action can be taken
Milton Brook Clearance (Ditch below Tomkins Mead): Awaiting a meeting date with B Heffernan from County Highways to discuss jetting out under the roads
The Rowans Safety Improvements – Extension of double yellow lines work has been confirmed with County Highways – awaiting installation date
Local Council Award Scheme – PE and DW to put together a Village Action Plan.
A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work – Phase 2 started on 27 November 2023 – Roundabout to Butt Lane
Christmas Lights – Lights to be put up in the trees by the Waggon and Horses pub on Tuesday 5 December 2023
- 6. Planning (Page 7)**
To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting of Monday 20 November 2023
Decisions:
23/1095/TTPO – 2 Willow Crescent, Milton – Sycamore – reduction of 3 metres taking it down from its current 24 meters to 21 metres **REFUSED PERMISSION**
New:
23/04268/HFUL – 26 The Rowans, Milton – Single storey front extension. Outbuilding conversion to annexe Link: <https://applicationa.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04268/HFUL>
23/04267/HFUL – 96 The Sycamores, Milton – Two storey front extension
Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04265/HFUL>
- 7. Bills for Payment and Money Received (Pages 8-9)**
To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment

8. **Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Parish Precept 2024/25 (Pages 10-13)**
To **CONSIDER** response to consultation question A
9. **Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway (Pages 14-22)**
To **AGREE** response to consultation
10. **The Rowans Play Park Revamp Project**
PE to update
11. **Restoration of the Village Sign (Page 23)**
To **CONSIDER** quote from Cambridge Restoration for £6,459.91 + VAT – to restore the Village Sign and post
12. **Cemetery (Pages 24-25)**
To **CONSIDER** approval of an environmental survey to see if the water source meets legislation for installation of a water pump – Quote from the CDS Group £595.00 for monitoring visit plus £370.00 for groundwater quality suite
To **CONSIDER** quote from Buchans for £446.00 + VAT to scarify the wildflower meadow area in preparation for reseeded
13. **Local Projects 2024/25 LHI Applications**
To **CONSIDER** projects to be put forward for the next round of LHI bids
14. **Milton Community Centre (MCC) Tree Works at The Sycamores Recreation Ground**
To **RATIFY** the decision to allow MCC to remove 2 smaller trees along the wooded boundary of the park – requested by neighbouring properties
15. **South Cambs District Council Six Free Trees**
To **CONSIDER** applying for six free trees or one large potted tree and possible locations
16. **The Connections Bus Project (Page 26)**
To **CONSIDER** Youth Work Services from April 2024 to increase to £198 (from £194) per session from 1 April 2024
17. **To Receive County Councillor’s Report (To follow)**
18. **To Receive District Councillors Report (Pages 27-28)**
19. **To Receive Milton Community Centre Report (Page 29)**
20. **Correspondence**
Emailed to Councillors
North East Cambridge Community Forum – 15 November 2023 at 7pm on-line
SCDC Civil Parking Enforcement – post briefing and pack
Greater Cambridge partnership – November quarterly update
The Connections Bus Project – Autumn 2023 newsletter
21. **Dates of next meetings**
Monday 18 December 2023 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm
Monday 8 January 2024 – Parish Council
Wednesday 10 January 2024 – Community Care 11:30am
Monday 15 January 2024 – Finance and Administration
Monday 22 January 2024 – Precept meeting 7pm – Planning 7:30pm
Parish Council Office will be Closed from 22 December 2023 to 1 January 2024

Clerk’s Office

The full agenda papers are available on the website www.miltonvillage.org.uk and at the Parish Council office.
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**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 6 November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: HM Smith (HMS) (Chair), JE Coston (JEC), RJ Farrington (RJF), D Owen (DO),
P Ellwood (PE), D Wildman (DW), A Bradnam (AB arrived 8:19pm)

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

1 Apologies for Absence:

L Champion (personal)

- 2 To APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023
DW Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023 as a true record – RF
Seconded **ALL AGREED**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the 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 see Works Schedule

Milton Brook Clearance (Ditch below Tomkins Mead): Update HMS – 8 volunteers helped clear 6 locations along the ditch (21/22 October). SCDC sent a collection van to pick up the vegetation cleared. MPC have sent a follow up letter to County Highways asking them to clear the culverts they are responsible for.

MPC would like to thank all the volunteers involved in the clearance works

The Rowans Safety Improvements – See Item 10

20mph Speed Limit – Application for 20mph throughout the village was unsuccessful

Local Council Award Scheme – PE and DW to put together a Village Action Plan.

A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work – Now started. Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 to start from 6

November 2023 – **DW/Clerk to keep website live with updates on the A10/A14 interchange works**

Village Litter Pick: Update HMS – 12 volunteers came out to help with the litter pick – MPC thanked Hazel and the volunteers

Milton Cemetery – Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award: working towards the Silver level. With thanks to the Explorer Scouts who built a compost bin for the Cemetery. Also thank you to N Fleming for transporting it to the Cemetery

Donation received: A very kind donation of £250 was received from a Milton resident

All Saint's Church – Applying for a plaque for the Commonwealth War graves in Landbeach Road Cemetery – plaque to be placed on Cemetery gate: MPC approve the location. Clerk to inform the Church

Updates:

JEC raised the concern of the quad bikes causing an issue within the village. Reports have been made to the Police in relation to the behaviour of the quad bike riders – **Clerk is trying to contact the Police to arrange a meeting. MPC to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable raising all the issues - ALL AGREED**

Clerk to follow up transfer of land at Willow Crescent with Ashtons.

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 16 October 2023 were received

Decisions:

23/03357/CL2PD – 53 The Oaks, Milton - Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a single storey rear extension **CERTIFICATE GRANTED**

23/03459/HFUL – 40 Coles Road, Milton – Single storey extension to side and rear **GRANTED PERMISSION**

23/1058/TTCA – 1 Fen Road, Milton – Fir: dying remove as leaning dangerously towards the road and footpath. The tree is very tall **HAVE NO OBJECTION TO**

23/1064/TTPO – East Anglia's Children Hospice, Church Lane, Milton – Group 6 Holm Oak and Yews at entrance – raise crowns to 4ms over road to ensure emergency and delivery vehicles clearance. T26 Ash – tree in well used recreational area with frequent branch shredding, fell to ground level. T21 Holm Oak – reduce

in lateral growth south by 2.5m to alleviate end weight and prune to clear building by 1.5ms. T13 Yew – cut back overhang to grassed area by 2ms and up to full height **GRANTED PERMISSION**

New:

23/1195/TTPO – 11 Knights Way, Milton – Horse Chestnut, crown reduce by 1m in height and spread and thin by 30% **NO COMMENT**

23/03830/PRIOR – Cambridge Science Park, Street Works, Cambridge – Installation of a 15m 5G telecoms H3G street pole and additional equipment cabinets **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

23/03838/CL2PD – 42—44 High Street, Milton – Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a proposed use as children’s day nursery (Class E (f)) **FOR INFORMATION ONLY – Comment: MPC would assume the same conditions are applied as to the previously accepted Certificate of Lawfulness in relation to drop off and picking up of children**

23/03713/FUL – Land to rear of 49 Cambridge Road, Milton – Erection of 4 dwellings following removal of 5no static caravan pitches (retain rear flat)

OBJECT:

1. The visibility splay is shown incorrectly on the plans – as per the Highways comments this needs to be amended to start at the property boundary, behind the Highway Boundary. This would cause a loss of a parking space, reducing the car spaces to 6 which is insufficient for 4 x 3 bedroom houses plus 49b in addition.
2. There is not enough room for access to the allocated car parking spaces (cars would struggle to come out of the parking spaces within the available space). **A swept path analysis should be carried out**
3. Overdevelopment of site
4. A fence still needs to be in place behind the current hedge line to stop people cutting through the hedge and onto a private road – no parking is allowed on Barnabas Court

7 Finance & Administration

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 23 October 2023 were received

8 Community Care

The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 4 October 2023 were received

9 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - **DW Proposed to pay vouchers 223-253 and tabled 254 to 269 – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

10 The Rowans Safety Improvements

To **CONSIDER** PFHI costings from Cambridgeshire County Council for extension of double yellow lines £6,600 PE Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded 4 In Favour – 3 Abstained **AGREED (£6,600 to come from Capital Reserves budget and increase Capital Projects budget)**

11 The Rowans Play Park Revamp Project

To **REVIEW** plans and quotes received from Eibe, Wicksteed, Proludic and Steetscape **Defer to a separate meeting with plans laid out – Clerk to arrange a meeting date**

12 Tree Works

To **RATIFY** quote accepted for tree removal on the bund by 215 The Sycamores £1,350 +VAT - HMS Proposed to accept the quote – DW Seconded **ALL AGREED**

Tree works behind 111 The Rowans was cancelled at owners request – PE, Clerk and AB assessed the tree for safety. Will be assessed again on the next tree tour in 2024

To **CONSIDER** quote from Town and Country £3,390 + VAT for tree works required on MPC land PE Proposed to accept up to the value of the quote subject to AB’s (Tree Warden) approval – DW Seconded **AGREED – (AB Abstained)**

13 Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway

Feedback from the Public Meeting regarding the proposed Greenway

Notes being typed up by Clerk – will be available on the MPC website and link posted on Facebook and Milton Chat

To **CONSIDER** MPC's response to the consultation – closes Friday 8 December 2023

Response deferred until Planning meeting on Monday 20 November 2023 when notes will be typed up and shared

14 To CONSIDER formalising regulations for the use of Recreation and Play areas

DW raised the issue of dog fouling and dogs off leads on MCC and MPC play areas and some conflict with the dog owners. The possible move forward would be to obtain a Public Spaces Protection Order giving MCC and MPC powers to act – **DW, PE and Clerk to meet to put together wording/rules for all the play areas in Milton – bring back to next MPC meeting**

15 To Receive County Councillors Report (Full report Appendix 1 on MPC website)

Strategy and Resources: Cambridgeshire County Council's estimated budget gap for 2024/25 has increased from a predicted £16m to more than £23m—largely due to increases in demand for services and inflationary pressure. Without action being taken this gap will grow, and is predicted to be more than £20m in the following year, and a further £19m the year after that. Proposals to set the Council's 2024/5 budget will be discussed by councillors in December before a period of scrutiny during January, including an opportunity for residents to comment on the plans.

Quality of Life Survey: Most Cambridgeshire residents feel happy and safe in the county, well connected to their local communities, and believe it's a great place to raise children.

That's the headline finding of the County Council's first annual Quality of Life survey involving more than 5,500 residents. But the news is less good for some specific groups, with a stark finding that loneliness in Cambridgeshire is far higher than the national average. Loneliness was most likely to be reported by those aged 18 to 25, who also reported more struggles with their mental health.

Flooding: Storm Babet hit Cambridgeshire on Friday 20 October, leaving some households with external or even internal flooding to their homes, or, like some in Waterbeach, unable to flush toilets. Several roads were affected or closed. County Council highways officers have been working through the various incidents logged, and the Flood & Water team is pulling together an overall picture of events.

Adults and Health: The County Council has launched its *Be Winter Wise* campaign. The aim is to draw together a range of services, activities and offers, keeping communities across Cambridgeshire informed and prepared to stay safe and healthy during the winter months of 2023/24—and to signpost to services offered by partners. The campaign links together everything from winter gritting and road safety activities to falls prevention, flu vaccination support, and the Household Support Fund which helps people with urgent expenses, or by issuing vouchers to every child eligible for free school meals in the half term and Christmas holidays, under a single *Be Winter Wise* banner.

Children and Young People: The Supermarket Voucher scheme will continue to operate in the October half term for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. Those families were automatically sent a £15 voucher via email or text on Saturday 21 October, which can be used at a choice of ten supermarkets. The County Council will run the scheme until the February 2024 half term.

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund: Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund is a £1M fund to help upgrade and improve community buildings and assets to better meet the needs of the families, households and communities. Many expressions of interest were received by the September deadline.

Environment and Green Investment

Climate scorecard : Campaigning organisation Climate Emergency UK publish a 'scorecard' for each council to measure how it is responding to climate change.

Cambridgeshire was ranked fifth out of all county councils on this year's scorecard, with a gold star for our work on decarbonising buildings and heating. We scored lower than average on biodiversity, and on waste reduction and food. This is unsurprising, given that the Waterbeach waste facility is out of action while the council and its contractor Thalia seek to resolve compliance issues.

<https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/scoring/county/>

Winter gritting: Cambridgeshire's gritting crew spent several nights in mid-October carrying out a trial run ahead of winter. Gritters Buzz Ice Year and David Grittenborough were on the roads, along with gritting quad

bikes on cycle routes in Cambridge. The salt domes and barns have been filled with 10,000 tonnes of rock salt ready for the start of the cold season.

20mph schemes—the next round

The window for new applications will be opened for 20mph funding from Monday 15 January 2024, and will close on Friday 15 March 2024 at 5:00PM.

JEC asked about the school crossing flashing lights; these had been looked at on a number of occasions but had continued to fail and were now to be replaced.

16 To Receive District Councillors Report

No report given

17 Correspondence

Parking Issues in Milton – Email received about parking issues outside Waggon & Horses Public House – Clerk has spoken with the Manager about parking concerns. Manager will be putting up a sign to ask customers to park considerately

Emailed to Councillors

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Milton Road September 2023 Update

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CAPALC Training Courses

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Greenways Construction Update September 2023

SCDC September 2023 Parish e-bulletin

TMC Incident Report September 2023

Greater Cambridge Planning – Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement Consultation 18 October to 29 November 2023

Community Safety – E-scooters Parish Newsletter

18 Dates of next meetings

Monday 20 November 2023 – Planning 7:30pm

Monday 4 December 2023 – Parish Council

Monday 18 December 2023 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Saturday 11 November 2023 at 11am – Village gathering for Remembrance and Wreath laying

Meeting closed at 9:52pm

Signed: Dated:

Milton Parish Council

Work/Project Schedule List (as of 28 November 2023)

Works Required	Committee	Progress
<p>Removal of Trees by Allotments/A10 and planting of replacement trees (Dec 2020)</p> <p>Added: (March 2023)</p>	<p>Carried out by County Highways</p>	<p>The 15 trees due to be removed Allotment/A10 side – A traffic order will be required.</p> <p>Tree fallen onto Allotment land and Paddock Wood with fence damage. Awaiting date for removal and repairs. Emailed response 2/8/23 – awaiting costings for removal. Followed up on 24/10/23. Email received 14/11/23 – Trying to get works order raised</p>
<p>Improve crossing point at High Street/Fen Road</p>	<p>A14 Legacy Fund</p>	<p>Updated email received 27/7/23 – County Highways</p> <p>We do have a scheme identified for resurfacing on the C282, High Street/Ely Road, Milton, with a description of ‘from Butt Lane to outside 1 Ely Road. This scheme has an estimate of £125,000 but is not featured in the current published 2-year programme, or the priority list for the following 3 years. That is not to say it cannot be re prioritised in the future, but that would be in consideration with other scheme priorities countywide. The difficulty we are having at the moment is that a lot of major roads, especially in the East Cambs and Fenland areas, where we have climate related issues with drought damage, are needing to be prioritised.</p> <p>I have asked the LHO for the area to re-inspect and arrange to locally patch if the section meets intervention criteria. I appreciate this will be disappointing for the Parish, but unfortunately at this time we don’t have any other budget which we could draw from to deliver this.</p>

IN PROGRESS		
Power to Edmund Green	Maintenance	On hold until plans agreed
Willow Crescent transfer of deeds	MPC	Awaiting updated plans with amended areas Email received 19/11/23-Ashtons to seller's solicitor a nudge
Old School Lane adoption of land		Ashtons Solicitors putting together an application with information for adoption of land from the Crown HMS, DW and JEC looking into questions raised by Ashton on previous land owner

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 20 November 2023 at 7pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: R Farrington (Chair), DO Owen (DO), P Ellwood (PE), H Smith (HMS), J Coston (JEC)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), D Wildman (Non-voting Councillor)

1. **Apologies for absence**
None – Full Committee in attendance
2. **Further discussions with Kanda Consulting on behalf of Trinity College regarding the proposed Cambridge Science Park North expansion**
Deferred until January 2024
3. **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 October 2023**
RF Proposed to accept the minutes of Monday 16 October 2023 as a true record – DO Seconded **ALL AGREED**
4. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda; None
To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None
To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. None
5. **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**
No members of the public in attendance
6. **Decisions Received:**
No decisions received to date
7. **New:**
23/1307/TTCA (Tree work – conservation area) 1 Church Lane, Milton – Blue Spruce in lawn – fell HAS NO COMMENT
23/04056/FUL – 26 Cambridge Science Park, Milton – Installation of 9 No. additional air conditioning condenser units onto the roof HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS
23/03921/FUL – Milton Country Park, Milton – Installation of two timber clad metal storage containers within the Country Park RF Proposed Has no recommendations with no comment – PE Seconded 3 In Favour – 2 Against AGREED
8. **Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway**
To **CONSIDER** MPC's response to the consultation (deferred from November MPC meeting)
A discussion was had on the public consultation put on by the GCP and how the proposals for the Greenway were presented.

HMS suggested that the PC go through the comments mentioned and raised at the public meeting held by the PC (DO left 8pm)

DW suggested putting a Joint Document together that Councillors can add their comments too. Proposed layout – 1. Object to process. 2. Object to decisions. 3. Individual points if the Greenway goes ahead
DW and Clerk to put together a joint document and share with Councillors for comments to be inputted – To discuss further on 27 November 2023 at 7:30pm at MPC meeting
9. **Dates of next meeting**
Monday 18 December 2023 – at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8:06pm Signed: Date:

Milton Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
270	Telephone / Broadband	Mobile phone Clerk	EE Limited	E	6.84		6.84
271	Subscriptions	Pension Admin Charge	Smart Pension	S	22.00	4.40	26.40
272	Electricity	Electricity	British Gas	L	75.37	3.76	79.13
273	S137: Warden's Phone	Mobile phone insurance	Tesco Mobile	E	3.00		3.00
274	Clerk employment costs	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	70.35		70.35
275	Clerk employment costs	Pension Payment (employ	Smart Pension	E	70.35		70.35
276	S137: Warden Employme	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	66.52		66.52
277	S137: Warden Employme	Pension Payment (employ	Smart Pension	E	66.52		66.52
278	Play areas	shrub clearance at The Rc	Warrilow & Sons	E	1,560.00		1,560.00
279	S137: Warden's Phone	Mobile phone (Warden)	Tesco Mobile	E	37.54		37.54
280	Office Sundries	Drinks and nibbles - Reptc	Tesco	E	30.65		30.65
281	Bank charges	Bank Charge	Lloyds Bank	E	3.00		3.00
282	Play areas	shrub clearance at The Rc	Warrilow & Sons	E	1,635.00		1,635.00
283	Website	1&1 Mail Pro Licence	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	3.99	0.80	4.79
284	Website	1&1 WP Plus	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
285	Cleaning and Sundries	Hazzard Tape	ESPO	S	8.96	1.79	10.75
286	Stationery	Stationery	ESPO	S	22.00	4.40	26.40
287	Cleaning and Sundries	Work boots	ESPO	S	34.75	6.95	41.70
288	Bus Shelters	Bus Shelters (cleaning)	Compass 24 Cleaning Se	E	98.00		98.00
289	Clerk employment costs	Salary	S C	X	1,719.82		1,719.82
290	S137: Warden Employme	Salary	T E	X	1,531.87		1,531.87
291	Payroll Dept Clerk	Salary	J B	X	459.88		459.88
292	Payroll Highways	Salary	P A	X	325.18		325.18
293	Play areas	Play Inspection	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	S	360.00	72.00	432.00
294	Tree Maintenance	Tree work	Town & Country Tree Su	S	1,350.00	270.00	1,620.00
Total					9,568.58	365.50	9,934.08

Milton Parish Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Bank	Receipt Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
115	Cemetery Fees	Unity Trust Bank	Memorial	J22 and J23	300.00		300.00
116	Allotments Rents	CBS General Purpose	Allotment Rent	B7	41.00		41.00
117	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	C D	71.00		71.00
118	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	J K	78.00		78.00
119	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	B W	117.00		117.00
120	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	J C	78.00		78.00
121	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	D F	78.00		78.00
122	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	A M	78.00		78.00
123	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	T R	78.00		78.00
124	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	M S	78.00		78.00
125	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	T G	130.00		130.00
126	Interest Santander S10	Santander S106 Arts	Interest	Santander	108.17		108.17
127	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose	Community Care Fee	R B	78.00		78.00
128	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	F4 & C3	37.00		37.00
129	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	B6	41.00		41.00
130	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	B9	32.00		32.00
131	VAT	Unity Trust Bank	VAT refund	HMRC		4,359.65	4,359.65
132	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank	Community Care Fee	E H	78.00		78.00
133	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank	Community Care Fee	T S	130.00		130.00
134	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	F13/F14	41.00		41.00
135	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Community Care Fee	M P	130.00		130.00
136	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank	Community Care Fee	B C	130.00		130.00
137	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	F10	23.00		23.00
138	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	C2	23.00		23.00
139	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	D9	41.00		41.00
140	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	A1	41.00		41.00
141	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	E0 and E1	37.00		37.00
142	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	C1	23.00		23.00
143	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank	Allotment Rent	F14a	32.00		32.00
144	Cambridge and Counties	Cambridge & Counties Bar	Interest	Cambridge & Counties	3,230.09		3,230.09
Total					5,382.26	4,359.65	9,741.91

Process (for issues with the way the process has been organised)

Route

The GCP had consulted about 5 years ago about what route the Greenway should take from Waterbeach to Cambridge. 90% of those who had a view said they preferred the route alongside the railway and this was the route chosen.

New route through Milton

There was no prior contact with the Parish Council or anyone to say that the preferred route was going to be dropped (money and flooding issues were blamed). Milton Parish Council (MPC) could have made better suggestions if we had been involved at an earlier stage.

GCP meeting to drop the preferred route to Cambridge and instead go through the centre of Milton

We were given no opportunity to speak at the GCP meeting due to not finding out early enough about the plans to meet the deadline for speaking. Other groups not representative of Milton seem to have had meaningful input prior to 5th September. MPC should also have been involved.

Meetings with the Parish Council (5th September, 5th October)

The first meeting was online and the second was in person. Online we were taken through the plans very quickly, and many details were impossible to see.

The whole process has appeared secretive and defensive. Officers appeared to be set on their plans from the beginning: when local knowledge was given to them, the attitude seems to have been to show why it was not important, rather than a willingness to listen and learn and amend plans as necessary.

At the in-person meeting the plans were only on A4/A3 sheets and it was again difficult to see what the proposed changes were.

The GCP told us that they were not going to make any changes to the plans and that they would go out to consultation as they were.

Publicity

The postcard about the GCP consultation for Milton was A5 and it wasn't clear what it was about. Some residents may not have realised it was an important card as it looked like an advertising leaflet for garden maintenance or similar and may have binned it but many residents said they didn't get it.

GCP Online Consultation (30th October)

The attendance was very poor - fewer than a dozen members of the public.

Parish Council called a public meeting (2nd November)

Due to our concerns about the process we called this meeting to find out our residents' views and to raise awareness of the GCP consultation.

The Parish Council leafleted all Milton inviting them to a public meeting to hear about the GCP plans. Over 175 people turned out on a very wet evening to the Church (the only venue MPC could get and only had 4 car parking spaces). It is understood many were not able to attend due to the weather and nowhere to park close by.

We put up the plans downloaded from the GCP website and explained what we knew. We also took comments and questions. Many residents expressed how grateful they were to have been able to attend our meeting and see what was being planned. We advised them to go to the GCP consultation event where there would also be plenty of paper questionnaires they could use to make their views known.

GCP Public Consultation (7th November)

The GCP had hired the large hall in Milton Community Centre. They only used a small section by the furthest wall to the main door. When asked about the poor materials available the standard answer from GCP officers was that they have a 'Digital First' policy. They also have a duty to make the consultation accessible to all, and should realise that people who are unable or less acquainted with doing this online would come in numbers to a face-to-face consultation. Disabled people would have struggled to engage with this event.

No copies of the plans were on the walls or displayed other than in 3 large folders which were opened up page by page.

Only 2 – 3 people could see every page properly at a time. This took time, leaving others to queue with no chairs or tables to sit at. Others stopped looking at the plans as they were aware they were holding up a queue (some waited for over 30 mins).

People left because it was taking too long to get to the front of the queue and they were unable to stand and wait as many were elderly.

Questionnaires – they ran out of questionnaires by 4.30 or earlier. People were offered the opportunity to have a questionnaire sent to them but this would mean they were filling out answers without having the plans to refer to in front of them so they would need to remember what they needed to say. The questionnaires would need sending back so postage would need to be paid for the 26 page questionnaire to be posted back. For those who did get a questionnaire there was nowhere to sit at a table to fill it in and hand it back before they left.

It was said by the GCP that they wanted to be green and not print too many questionnaires off. Some pages had half a blank page some had one third of a page blank and others had a quarter blank and one was nearly all blank. It is estimated that around 7.25 pages could have been saved if the print had flowed through the pages. There are also 6 pages around equality etc that we've been told by an expert was a lot and this too could have been reduced. The 26 page document could have been laid out over around 16 pages.

The document was heavy to post and appeared daunting to fill in as it was 26 pages long.

The whole process should be called into question because:

1. The decision to change the route from by the railway to the route through the village was not consulted on.
2. There was no process for informing the public of the change of plans.
3. The GCP relied on their information being on their website. Many of those who attended the Parish Council meeting had not been able to look at any information on a website. These detailed large plans are not suitable to display on a smart phone.
4. The leaflet that was sent out by the GCP was not seen by many residents – either it was thought to be junk mail and thrown out or it never arrived.
5. Their public consultation event was poor
6. They did not have plans on display so people could look at them and ask questions if they needed to.
7. They stood over people trying to look at plans pointing out what they, the GCP, wanted to be seen.
8. There were queues where people waited to view the book of plans.
9. Many left before they managed to go through all the plans
10. Many felt they were holding up other people because they were looking through the plans
11. There was nowhere for people to sit whilst they waited
12. There was nowhere for people to sit and fill in questionnaires
13. They ran out of questionnaires by 4.30pm or before. (The event was from 2.30 – 7pm)
14. The whole consultation relied too much on people knowing about the proposals from a leaflet many had not seen and being able to use a computer and access plans and questionnaires online.
15. People were expressing their views to the officers who were making no notes.

It was difficult for the Parish Council and individuals to obtain paper copies of the booklet and questionnaire - they were late in arriving.

The Parish Council are also aware of a lot of complaints about the way the GCP managed their consultation event and some were from residents who have considerable experience of managing consultation events. Some people have put their complaints on Facebook so these comments are available if needed.

Route (for objections to the choice of routes and possible suggestions for alternative routes)

1. The proposed alignment does not meet the design criteria for a greenway. It is not wide enough, not segregated, does not allow for horse-riders, and fails to meet the Equality Act 2010. A route across green fields could meet all these criteria.
2. The GCP have failed to take on board the known flooding issues to the rear of Cosy Nook.
3. The Nigel Brigham & Associates Consultation 2016 suggested 3 options. Why was Option 1 rejected and given no prominence in the first consultation while that was the alignment given most analysis and shown to be the route with the most connectivity?
4. Over 90% of respondents to the first consultation, supported the Nigel Brigham & Associates suggestion for a route along the rail track. When this was rejected on grounds of potential flooding why wasn't a further review done to find an alternative route which offered a similar level of amenity?
5. There are already 2 high quality cycle routes from Waterbeach to the Milton area with another potential one alongside the revamped A10 mentioned by our MP. Add in the Haling Way route and this would make 4 routes cyclists could use.
6. If GCP are committed to designing a real greenway that meets its criteria, why have they not bothered to look at more obvious alternatives? There is an option of aligning a route along the current A10 which continues along The Bund to the West of Milton. This option recently received a positive level of community buy-in.
7. Why are the GCP not working with the Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust (CSLT) (original planning application S/0795/18/RM) who will be resubmitting the application which included a cycle track through the woods? This 'Drove route' is away from the popular 'railway route', above the flood level, but not affecting the houses and Cosy Nook nearer to the A10. This could cross our Heritage site at Long Acre and Hall Close (behind North Lodge Park), and cross Fen Road to enter the Country Park and join the route of National Route 11 through the park to the cycle bridge. Cooperation with CSLT who also run Milton Country Park could deliver an excellent facility and deliver the originally promised full Greenway which cannot be done with the new proposal. CSLT have options on all that land and are willing to continue that conversation. This route is likely to get the 90% approval rating which the original railway route received.
8. We are told that the Waterbeach to Milton Greenway is important for connectivity with the proposed Sport Lakes. The latest GCP cycle lane proposal does not connect directly to the Sport Lakes site at the Milton end but would rely on an unsuitable side route along Fen Road for which no improvements are proposed? Why has this been overlooked?
9. The situation will be worse as more cycles are electric as they are heavy and fast.
10. People who travel from Waterbeach area into Cambridge are more likely to be using electric bikes because of the longer distance involved.
11. People have been knocked over by cyclists and can receive serious injuries. The centre of the village will become dangerous for all ages. The European Transport

Review ([Near accidents and collisions between pedestrians and cyclists | European Transport Research Review | Full Text \(springeropen.com\)](#)) concluded that “*The second largest share of cyclist injury accidents, 36.1%, occurred on shared pedestrian and bicycle paths. Of these, 16.2% involved a pedestrian. Crash involvement per 1000 cyclists on shared paths was 11.8%, while the figure was considerably lower for cycle lanes at 5.8%.*”

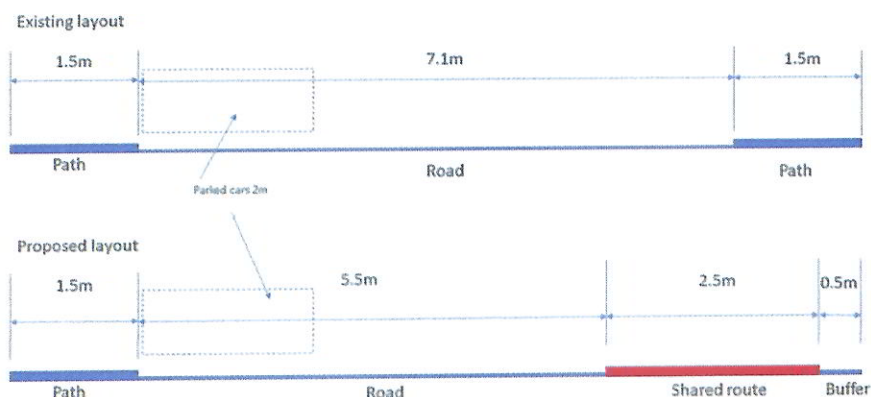
Design (for issues and suggestions for individual components/features should any part of the latest GCP proposal be implemented)

1. It is totally inadequate to construct a narrow, shared, bi-directional path through the High St/Cambridge Rd to accommodate the large number of pedestrians and predicted number of cyclists that will be using it. At peak times **now** there are over 300 movements per hour on the route and this is predicted to grow even more. This proposed design is not future proofed and will not handle the growth in usage. It is not feasible to connect this type of route through the narrow High St as a connecting passage with the much larger populations of Waterbeach and Waterbeach New Town to the equally large growth in housing and people at the NE Cambridge development. This is creating a bottle-neck within Milton. No evidence has been given of current or future flow modelling.
2. While all the talk is about promoting easy access for cyclists, this design downgrades the amenity while increasing the safety risk for pedestrians. Pedestrians far outweigh the cyclists in number and yet their needs seem to be overlooked in the GCP proposal. Research has shown that on narrow shared paths of this type, the number of accidents between pedestrians and cyclists is 12 incidents for every 1000 movements. This type of narrow, shared, bi-directional path puts at risk Milton pedestrians from the proposed Day Nursery, people using the shops, groups from Edmund House MENCAP complex [which is growing along the High St], elderly people from Barnabas Court [some of whom have mobility issues], the children catching the school buses, the younger school children who are part of the school walking bus from the Community Centre to the school twice a day, people who walk the route with young children often with prams and more at risk groups.
3. The project needs to meet good design standards and get community buy-in. Any infrastructure program should be acceptable to the people it affects the most. The proposed route through Milton is not fit for purpose. It is supposed to be a commuter route for cyclists in which case it needs to be a '**continuous**' route offering fast, uninterrupted passage with minimal hazards. However, the proposed route in Milton is the complete opposite. It has 5 roads crossing it, numerous motor vehicles which will need to pass over the path, lorries unloading their deliveries having to cross the path to the shops, a very busy industrial estate with vehicles crossing the path throughout the day and a high number of village pedestrians. The large majority of Milton residents who spoke at the Public Meeting are clearly not buying-in to the proposed design and routing.
4. The design has yet to pass the Equalities Act 2010. The Equality Act 2010 says: "*It is essential that they (shared paths) are designed to take into account the needs of everybody expected to use the facility. Poorly designed schemes, and schemes where the available width is insufficient to comfortably accommodate the expected flows of pedestrians and cyclists are likely to reduce the amenity value of the route. Disabled people and older people can be particularly affected by a shared use route.*"

Ultimately, however, it will depend on the quality of the design. Consideration of their various needs is an important part of the design of shared use, and the duties under the Equality Act 2010 are particularly relevant.”

For all these groups and others, we should be reminded that the Equalities Act 2010 requires public bodies to play their part in making society fairer by tackling discrimination and providing equality opportunities for all and not to reduce the amenity value for some.

- v. The Cambridge Cycling Campaign have already made clear their objections to the design of this route. In their guidance for shared use paths they say: “*The absolute minimum for a two-way shared-use footway in rural areas is 2m, and that is **inadequate in urban areas**, where a segregated path is preferred allowing at least 2m to cyclists*”. They clearly state that in urban areas [which Milton is because of the volumes of motor vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists] there should be a minimum of a 2m wide **segregated** path for cyclists. The best this proposed alignment offers is a 2.5m – 3m wide path which is shared and bi-directional. It is, therefore, obvious that the design of the route does not meet the standard required by all groups of users.
- vi. Take just one section of the route and look at it in detail to show how the design is flawed. This is a critical section between Butt Lane and Pond Green and in particular from 25-33 High Street.



- i. The ‘Existing layout’ shows the section as it is now with a car parked on the left. The residents along this section do not have any off-street parking and there is hardly any time there are no cars parked outside their properties. Even so, with a 2m wide parked car it still leaves 5.1m of carriageway it is barely enough for 2 cars to pass safely. It is often you will see the remains of wing mirrors on the road removed from cars parked along this section.
- ii. The ‘Proposal layout’ [dimensions taken from the GCP drawings] seeks to retain the on-street parking outside these properties and place the 2.5m shared route with a 0.5m buffer on the opposite side of the road.

- iii. Section 3 item 1 of the GCP survey document states for this section:
A section of the shared use path North of the High Street would need to be narrower than 3m for a short section. The carriageway would need to be narrowed to 5.5m for this option (still wide enough to allow two lorries to pass in opposite directions, for example).
- iv. Considering there are often parked cars along the section, the usable carriage width will not typically be 5.5m but will be $5.5 - 2.0 = 3.5\text{m}$.
- v. This is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass let alone 2 lorries. There is going to be a continual bottleneck along this section which is hardly a good design aspect.

7. Some aspects of the proposal have been reviewed in previous schemes and rejected after discussion with highways. For example:



MPC have tried to improve the crossing here for children on their way to school. Significant work has been done on this junction using funds from the A14 Legacy fund. Positioning the crossing further south was discussed at length on site with County Highways engineers who confirmed that repositioning any further south than the current design was not possible. Please ask them why they concluded this. The path across Pond Green needs to take school children crossing from Fen Road on along Willow Crescent to the footpath for access to the primary school. MPC do not want any more of Pond Green tarmacked over.

- 8. The removal of any parking spaces through the village is not acceptable. All are used at various times of the day 7 days a week.
- 9. We object to removal of bus lay-bys on the west of the road.
- 10. The proposed moving of bus shelters is likely to be difficult because of the number of services running along the pavement. (An attempt to reposition a shelter for a revised bus stop on the east side of Ely Road north of Fen Road using S106 funds failed for that reason).
- 11. MPC object to the proposal to close the slip road at Penfold Farm, A10, Ely Road. MPC favour narrowing the slip road and increasing the width of the cycle/footpath. we object to the idea of closing that junction completely and instead using Humphries Way/Landbeach Road/High Street for all southbound traffic into Milton as well as the northbound traffic; Landbeach Road is narrow and has no footpath on one side, and

the High Street near the Waggon and Horses with its bus stops should not take more traffic.

12. Fen Road/Coles Road – Option: To install raised tables at the junction of Fen Road/Coles Road and install double yellow lines on Coles Road to formalise no parking zones – MPC are unanimously against any changes in Coles Road; it works perfectly well as it is. Less confident cyclists can choose to take that route as they can now. We do not want to encourage its use. There is no need to put in any raised tables or double yellow lines.
13. High Street from Fen Road to New Apostolic Church – MPC would prefer cycles using the road and a pedestrian only pavement. This also safeguards the walking route to school. Bi-directional cycling shared with pedestrians requires a very wide path for safety and this is just not available.
14. The new controlled crossing near Butt Lane may help school children to cross, but only if cycles are using the road there.
15. Closing the parking outside the shops would cause issues with large delivery lorries that come regularly, as well as deterring customers.
16. A different surface beside the shops might help, but this needs to be suitable for cyclists and robust enough to take lorries and buses. MPC object to removal of any parking bays by the shops or by the New Apostolic Church.
17. MPC objects to removal of parking bays in Cambridge Road, most of these are used regularly.

Please also note the comments from Milton residents, in our notes from the public meeting held on 2nd November which are available on the Parish Council website.

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07 November 2023

Dear Parish Councillors

Re: Youth Work Services from April 2024

It was great to see so many villages represented at our AGM in October. As explained then, we carried out 430 sessions during the year, working with over 1000 young people in 14 communities and a survey of our young people in May showed that:

- 100% said that they enjoyed out youth clubs/buses
- 72% attended every week
- 96% said our youth workers were easy to talk to
- 77% said attending had helped to improve their mental health and wellbeing

The demand for our services is increasing and during the year we have been able to add 1 new village with 2 more waiting for our 2nd bus to be roadworthy again and another 3 making serious enquiries. I can confidently say we have come out the other side of COVID with a strong youth service offer and are looking to improve and expand what we are able to provide in the future.

One major project for the next 12 months is to replace both of our aging youth buses. For this we will be seeking grants to avoid having to massively increase the fees we charge. The trustees are therefore able to confirm that the fee increase to be applied from April 2024 will be just 2%, considerably less than the current Inflation Rate of approximately 6%

The new fee for the services that we currently provide to Milton will be £198 from 1 April 2024.

I would ask that you continue to consider the needs of your young people and how important our service is to them. Would you then please let me know by 15 January 2024, how you wish to proceed from April 2024?

We would really appreciate it if you would complete a short survey, that will assist in the funding bids that we are currently working on: <https://forms.gle/LnjuKvbKFy993rhcA>. More than one submission from each village is welcome.

If you have any questions as a result of this letter, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Alan Webb
Project Manager

District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils – December 2023

Civil Parking Enforcement

New Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers in South Cambridgeshire will be given to Cambridgeshire County Council following a decision by Parliament.

Earlier this year an application was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) to enable Council Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to issue Penalty Charge Notices for the majority of on-street offences such as parking on double or single yellow lines. Previously only the Police could do this. Highways officers have worked closely with South Cambridgeshire District Council on the development of the scheme.

Benefits are expected to include increased compliance with parking restrictions which in turn would improve traffic flow, road safety and lead to a reduction in obstructive and dangerous parking. It will also support economic growth in the district.

Following the decision by Government, the CPE scheme in South Cambridgeshire will officially come into effect 19 December. To give people notice and a chance to find a more suitable parking place, information has now begun to be placed on vehicles that are parked in some areas where parking is in the greatest demand, such as commuting and shopping areas.

A Warning Notice will be issued to people who continue to park where there are restrictions throughout January – this looks like a parking ticket but there is no fine attached. Penalty Charge Notices will be issued from 1 February which will mean a fine of between £50 and £70, depending on the severity of the offence.

Under CPE powers, CEOs cannot enforce all restrictions. Restrictions such as dangerous parking, obstruction of the footway and moving traffic offences will continue to be enforced by the Police.

City Deal funding was provided by the Greater Cambridge Partnership to set up the Civil Parking Enforcement scheme.

Waterbeach Greenway

The Waterbeach Greenway consultation closes on Friday 8 December.

Details of the Greenway proposals and the survey document can be found [here](#).

This is a significant change to the route consulted on in 2019 because further detailed engineering work has determined that the route alongside the railway is likely to be prohibitively expensive due to issues of flood mitigation and location alongside the railway line. The route consulted on 2019 also passed through Milton Country Park but further work has determined that this is not practical.

Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment – request sent to parish councils

A survey consultancy company, Arc4, has been appointed by SCDC to undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment. As part of the Assessment, SCDC has contacted all parish councils as key stakeholders to ask them to participate in a survey. The

Assessment will help to inform the joint Local Plan and help the Council plan for any future need identified. The consultants are also undertaking fieldwork with the Gypsy & Traveller Community to ascertain their views and future accommodation needs. It is a statutory requirement that councils undertake an assessment and the Council is on track to have this work completed by early next year.

Christmas Market

South Cambridgeshire District Council will be hosting a Christmas Market on Sunday 10 December which will be held across Cambourne Village College Performance Hall and the neighbouring gymnasium. Visitor entry to the market is free.

Between 11am and 3pm, a variety of stalls will be offering locally crafted gifts, delicious holiday treats, and festive decor. There will also be a selection of mobile caterers found just outside of the venue who will be serving up street food as well as both hot and cold festive refreshments.

Four-day week trial update

An Extraordinary Council Meeting was held on Monday 20 Nov to discuss the Best Value Notice issued to the Council by the Government. Members voted to note the report and agree that the Council engage with DLUHC to provide the data requested. The first weekly report to DLUHC has been sent and Officers are continuing to gather the data requested for the weekly and retrospective returns.

Central Government subsidy of bus fares

The bus fare cap (£2 – single fare) in England has been extended by government to the end of 2024.

Six Free Trees

This scheme has re-opened whereby parish councils can apply for six free trees or one larger potted tree to be planted on parish council or school land. Parish councils who want to take part need to apply by 29th December 2023 and the tree(s) will be delivered to them for planting from 30th January 2024. Trees can be chosen from a long list of native varieties including hawthorn, field maple, hornbeam, silver birch, beech, oak, cherry and crab apple. Bio-based and compostable guards, stakes and ties will also be supplied. The campaign is now in its fourth year and has seen more than 500 trees planted across South Cambridgeshire since its launch in 2019.

Homes for Ukraine update

The Council continues to support hosts, community coordinators and parish council colleagues and has partnered with Refugee Host Support who offer a 24/7 service, 7 days a week. The Council recognizes that hosts may need specific and professional advice, which is what this service provides, along with language and digital lessons for Ukrainian guests, as well support for families with young children, including a clothing exchange. Help is being offered towards finding employment for those aged 15-24.

Cllrs Judith Rippeth, Paul Bearpark and Anna Bradnam

Managers' Report, Milton Community Centre, 23rd November 2023

Maintenance/Improvements:

General ongoing repairs have been completed across the 3 sites.

Pot holes at the Sycamores are being filled in on a regular basis however the area just outside the entrance on the path and road has become very enlarged when it rains.

The lights on the 5 aside court have been changed to LED lamps and all lights in the main building are now LED.

Bookings:

The Annexe and the Main Hall remain popular for children's parties and the Main Building is now in use 7 days a-week for regular bookings. We have seen an increase in demand for weekday evening bookings for exercise classes.

Hard Courts

The Hard Courts are in use 7 days a week and Milton Colts have resumed their winter booking on the 5 aside court. Milton Tennis Club continue to use the 3 courts.

Youth Building and Sycamores Pavilion:

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

Milton football club continue to use the Pavilion.

North Lodge

We still see very low interest in hiring the facility due to the main room being too small for exercise classes and the flooring not suitable for dance classes.

We have recently had a pre-school cooking workshop however due to low participant attendance this may not continue.

Milton Colts and Milton Cricket are still the main users of the facility.

Vandalism and Crime:

We have had several instances of damage being caused to football pitches at all 3 sites by quad bikes, motorcycles or eBikes being ridden over them and doing spins and skids. The damage has been reported to the police and photos of individuals concerned however no further action has been taken and the cases filled.

We continue to receive complaints about dog owners not clearing up dog mess and not having dogs on leads, ignoring the signs regarding this particularly at Coles Road and the Sycamores.

We have had reports of anti-social behavior at the Sycamores Rec with glass bottles smashed on the 5 aside court on a few occasions.

Andy West, Community Centre Manager 23/11/2023