

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 2 October 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). L Champion (LC), A Bradnam (AB arrived 8:40pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), J Rippeth (District Councillor)

1 Apologies for Absence:

None – Full committee in attendance

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023

JEC (from previous minutes as agreed): To add start dates/ and email dates with notes from emails to works schedule.

The damaged arts bus shelter window panel and frame has now been replaced at Landbeach Road bus stop and insurance money has been received.

Clerk to confirm what costings were agreed with Ashtons Solicitors in regard to works on Willow Crecent and Old School Lane land

DW Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023 as a true record – RF
Seconded **AGREED (DO Abstained)**

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

Ditch below Tomkins Mead: See Item 9

The Rowans Safety Improvements – Clerk has asked for a costing from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways for extending the double yellow lines further round into The Rowans – awaiting costings - **Update: Costings have now been received from Cambridge County Highways at £6,500 – to go to Finance Committee for budgeting and next PC for decision**

20mph Speed Limit – Application received by Cambridgeshire County Council Local Projects – awaiting outcome – **Clerk to chase up outcome**

Repton Gate – Open evening to see the gate in situ Tuesday 10 October 2023 6:30pm-8:30pm, North Lodge Pavilion

Milton Youth Building – Offer of a team day with The Connections Bus Project and Astra Zeneca Charity Fundraiser to give the Youth Building some TLC and a lick of paint

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

New Village Entrance Signs – Have now been installed on Humphries Way, Ely Road and slip road by Tesco **MPC are very pleased with the positive feedback. The Council thanked PE for his work on this project.**

A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work Oct-Dec 2023

Requests were received for **tree work by 111 and 215 The Sycamores**. Quotes to be obtained, for agreement at our next meeting.

A detailed report on **Community Care and Mobile Warden schemes in SCDC** was received. To be discussed at the committee meeting tomorrow.

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 18 September 2023 were received

Decisions:

None to date

New:

23/03459/HFUL – 40 Coles Road, Milton – Single storey extension to side and rear – **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS – Comment: Concerns over loss of light to neighbour's rear windows**

23/03575/HFUL – 68 Fen Road, Milton – Part single storey and two storey front extension, part single storey and two storey rear extension with internal alterations and construction of a garage **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

23/1058/TTCA (TPO) – 1 Fen Road, Milton – Fir dying - remove as leaning dangerously towards the road and footpath. The tree is very tall **NO COMMENT**

21/1064/TTPO – East Anglia's Childrens 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 shedding. Fell to ground level. T21 Holm Oak – reduce lateral growth south by 2.5m to alleviate end weight and prune to clear buildings by 1.5ms. T13 Yew – cut back overhang by grassed area by 2ms and up to full height **Delegate to AB, Tree Warden, for comment**

23/1095/TTPO – 2 Willow Crescent, Milton – Sycamore – reduction of 3 metres taking it down from its current 24 metres to 21 metres. This work should prolong the life of the tree, ensure there are no dangerous branches that may fall on the many pedestrians who pass underneath, and improve the look of the tree which is currently very overgrown and unshapely **OBJECT: If the tree is cut back in the way the agent describes, each branch will produce adventitious growth and sprout**

7 Maintenance

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 25 September 2023 were received

8 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - **DW Proposed to pay vouchers 183-209 and tabled 210 to 222 – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

The net position report was received and reviewed – no comment

9 Milton Brook (Ditch below Tomkins Mead to NLP)

HMS/AB feedback from meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 and to receive the notes
HMS: The meeting was well attended with around 30 residents affected by the ditch. The residents were in favour of this project, some of whom offered to help with the clearance as riparian owners. The contractor would be able to clear the silt in parts of the ditch and volunteers would help to clear the other parts or overgrown shrubbery. **Clerk/HMS to email the Chief Executive of County Highways about their responsibility to clear the ditch under the roads.**
(AB Arrive 8:40pm) (RF left 8:41pm)

10 Traveller Incursion

To **CONSIDER** defences – Refer back to previous discussion, September 2022 Minutes: **AGREED** to review further reinforcement of playing field boundaries should future incursions occur. MPC will continue to act vigorously should an incursion occur (the cost to install reinforced boundaries on both parks outweighs the cost of removal of the incursion)

HMS Proposed to act promptly when an incursion arises and follow the Action Plan – DW Seconded ALL AGREED

To **REVIEW** the confidential Unauthorised Encampment Action Plan

DW Proposed to go into Confidential Session – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED (meeting closed 9:01pm)

Motion to exclude public and press

It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960 that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted at Agenda Item 10. namely: Traveller Incursion – Unauthorised Encampment Action Plan
The public and press will be temporarily excluded from the meeting at this point and any present are herewith to withdraw.

DW Proposed no updates required – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED (No confidential minutes required) (meeting opened 9:02pm)

11 Meeting Dates for 2024

To **REVIEW** proposed Committee meeting dates – **Reviewed and accepted**

12 County Councillors Report – Received (Full report on MPC webpage - Agenda)

Civil Parking Enforcement Anticipated Works – Signage: Parishes in South Cambs have recently received a letter advising us that “Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District (SCDC) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) have resolved to bring Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) to the District of South Cambridgeshire.” Surveys are under way to assess the condition of lines and signs on the highway, to ensure they are in an enforceable condition.

County Flood Action Conference: With the ongoing effects of climate change, many more communities could be at increased risk of flooding. As different organisations tackle different types of flooding in different places, partnership working is crucial, and the event focused on further strengthening those partnerships. Speakers including flood resilience champion Mary Dhonau, the Local Resilience Forum and CIRIA (the Construction Industry Research and Information Association), who shared their knowledge and experience of how we can work together to tackle flooding.

Environment and Green Investment Committee: Committee members voted to take part in this innovative trial, funded by the government, intended to improve connectivity at high density venues, where many people are using mobile devices at the same time. Iconic sporting venues and tourism hotspots across the UK will see trials of new mobile tech designed to increase the resilience of the UK mobile network and ensure we are not overly reliant on any one form of technology, thanks to £88 million of UK Government R&D investment in innovative connectivity.

The 19 successful projects in the **Open Networks Ecosystem (ONE)** Competition will demonstrate the reliability and feasibility of **Open Radio Access Network (RAN)** technologies and showcase their role in delivering resilient and future-proofed connectivity to UK citizens and businesses. The projects will initiate trials of open 5G networks across the country, in: Major urban centres in Glasgow, **Cambridge**, Liverpool, Bath, and the City of London. Iconic sports and entertainment venues including Cardiff’s Principality Stadium, Sunderland’s Stadium of Light, the National eSport Arena, **Cambridge Corn Exchange**, and Shelsley Walsh motorsport venue.

Highways

Milton - nothing new to report

Mereway - Cllr Bearpark and AB have objected to U&C about the width of the hard path being laid.

Cycle paths – Milton to Landbeach - the grass has been cut. AB advised the hedgerow vegetation will be cut back on this and the **Milton to Impington** route. AB asked for this to be done in preparation for the new term at the beginning of September.

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project

You can follow the progress of the project on the Planning Inspectorate website here [Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/cambridge-waste-water-treatment-plant-relocation/)

13 District Councillors Report – Received

Mere Way: The works on Mere Way to construct a non-motorised user route, undertaken by Walker Construction, on behalf of Urban and Civic, are not being delivered as we expected. A 4m wide path is being built for almost the full length of Mere Way. Our expectation was a 3m hard surface with a 2-3m grass strip alongside it. AB wrote to CCC Highways and U&C on 17th September to ask the work to be stopped until a review had taken place. AB then met on site with CCC Highways and U&C on 21st September to examine what had been built and why it had not been built as expected.

PB and AB then met with U&C on 25th September to discuss the Mere Way design to understand why it had been built to 4m width. The construction of the 4m wide path is in accordance with drawings approved by the County Council in June 2020.

PB and AB wrote to U&C on 26th September to request that the already constructed section south of Punch Farm to the junction with the permissive path (northern end of Sun Close Farm) be changed to a 3m width. We have questioned why there has been a discrepancy between the detailed drawings and the information provided to residents and Councillors throughout the consultation period.

At the time of writing we are waiting to hear from U&C whether they will accept our request.

Bin collection changes: The bin collection day changes appear to have gone smoothly. Any missed bins can be reported using this [webform](#) after 3:30pm on your collection day and before 3:30pm the following working day. The frequency of bin collections will remain fortnightly with bins emptied on alternative weeks. As is the case now, bins should always be put out ready to be emptied by 6am on the day of collection.

Waterbeach Greenway: It is anticipated that the GCP Executive Board will approve a consultation on the Waterbeach Greenway on 28 September. There 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. It is anticipated that the consultation will run from late Oct to Dec.

Waterbeach-Cambridge (High Quality Public Transport Route -Guided Bus): It is anticipated that the GCP Executive Board will approve the Outline Business Case on 28 September and therefore move forward to the next phase of the project which is to develop preliminary designs.

Waterbeach Park and Ride: It is anticipated the GCP Executive Board will approve Park & Ride option C which is a location beside the A10 opposite Denny End Road

14 Correspondence

Emailed to Councillors

Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership – Milton Road Improvement Project August 2023
Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project – List of examination hearing dates
Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach Greenway Project Councillor and Parish briefing meeting via Teams, Thursday 5 October 2023 6:30-7:30pm

15 Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 3 October 2023 - IT Working Group 2pm
Wednesday 4 October 2023 – Community care 11:30am
Thursday 5 October 2023 – Meeting with Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership: Waterbeach Greenway Project 11-12pm
Monday 16 October 2023 – Planning 7pm
Monday 23 October 2023 – Finance & Administration 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Signed: Dated: