

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 5 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: HM Smith (HMS) (Chair), J Coston (JEC), D Owen (DO), P Ellwood (PE), D Wildman (DW),
L Champion (LC), A Bradnam (AB), R Farrington (RF)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk),

1 Apologies for Absence:

J Rippeth (District Councillor)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 January 2024

HMS Proposed to accept the minutes – LC Seconded (RF Abstained) AGREED

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 January 2024

DW asked that the wording at agenda Item 2 – Dispensations: includes the expanded wording for MPC to discuss and agree MCC Finances - **Defer to MPC March 2024 meeting**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda; **AB Item 6: 12 High Street (neighbour)**

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate: None

Item 13 discussed next

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): AB update – B Hefferman from Cambridgeshire County Council had visited on 17 November 2023 and reported after being asked in January that the clearance work was successful, but more clearance work would be required to inspect the sections beneath the highway. Quotes to be sourced by CCC for further clearance work. AB will respond tasking further information on the works required, as Brian had previously agreed that clearance under the roads was a County Council responsibility.

The Rowans Safety Improvements – See Item 10

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

SCDC 6 Free Trees – Clerk has applied for 6 free trees. Trees have now been delivered. Locations of trees to be planted: 2 by the bench at Hawthorn Hedge play area, 1 at The Rowans play area and others at the MCC recreation ground

The Rowans Play Park Revamp – Order has been placed with Eibe – awaiting installation date

Dial-A-Ride (Trolley Bus) – Update of costs and users: Currently 7/8 users per fortnight with a maximum of 9 users

2024-25 precepts are being discussed and the Mayor is asking for a large increase to subsidise buses. AB reported that she had asked the CPCA to consider improving the #9 so Milton residents could again get to and from Ely without changing buses. DW requested that the Clerk write to support this request. The Chairman thanked AB.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Proposed Greenway Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway

Questions put to GCP from January's meeting and answers from GCP:

Could you tell us whether the Waterbeach cycleway scheme consultation response and decision will be considered at the February Joint Assembly meeting and March Board, or whether it will be ready in June?

If it is February, when is the deadline for public questions? And can we know the thrust of the officers report before framing the questions we need to ask?

The agenda for Joint Assembly and Executive Board is sent out 8 working days before the meeting. The Public Questions protocol is published with the agenda and sets out the criteria and submission deadline. The deadline for submitting public questions is 10:00 a.m. three working days before the meeting. Please note questions must relate to matters on which members are being asked to reach a decision. The consultation response will be submitted to the 7th (actually this is on the 5th) September Joint Assembly Meeting and then the Executive Board towards the end of September. The papers will be published on the GCP website during the last two weeks of August where public questions will also be invited. I have provided a link to the page where the papers will be published: [Council and committee meetings -](#)

The Executive Board is planned to meet on 24th Sept 2024. Again I have provided a link to the website where papers will be published: [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Committees > Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)

Publish questions will be invited at the time of publishing the papers, which is two weeks before the meeting.

Milton Parish Council would also like to know how much funding is left in the current tranche. How much of this is allocated to the Waterbeach cycleway, and is there a deadline for completion of the project?

The Waterbeach Greenway has a total budget of £11m and as it is part of the City Deal Fund, all funding is required to be spent by 2030

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 22 January 2024 were received

Decisions:

23/04567/HFUL – 24a Coles Road, Milton – Single storey rear extension together with internal alterations **GRANTED PERMISSION**

21/04597/CONDE – Land South West of Milton Park and Ride, Butt Lane, Milton (Police Station) – Submission of details required by Condition 28 (CCTV) of planning permission 21/04597/S73 **DISCHARGE CONDITION IN FULL (AB left 8:30pm)**

New:

24/00230/HFUL – 12 High Street, Milton – Erection of a ground floor rear extension, first floor rear extension with flat roof and the construction of a one-bedroom annexe to rear garden

OBJECT: 1. To the rendering of the original brick walls – loss of character within street scene. 2. The size of the annexe could be classed as a separate dwelling and would need to ancillary to the main dwelling if approved

7 Finance and Administration

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 22 January 2024 were received

8 Community Care

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 10 January 2024 were received

9 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - **DW Proposed to pay vouchers 350-363 and tabled 364 to 372 RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

10 The Rowans Safety Improvements

To **CONSIDER** accepting the revised double yellow line extension plans (as proposed by the Police) for the same cost as previously agreed of £6,600 from County Highways. Affected residents had been leafleted, and there were no new comments – **PE Proposed to accept the revised plan for the same cost – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

11 Local Project – 20mph Funding 2024/25

To **CONSIDER** application for 20mph throughout the village

It was AGREED to reapply for 20mph throughout the village adding to the application that GCP agreed this is necessary for the safety of cyclists coming along the old A10

Support from Camcycle would be helpful: Clerk to ask if they would meet with Parish Councillors.

12 New Builds to Rear of 49 Cambridge Road

To **CONSIDER** request from owner for gas connection to the new properties via Barnabas Court supply **MPC refuse the above request - MPC do not want the path/road dug up and would prefer the connection to go within their property boundary**

13 To Receive County Councillor's Report (Full report on MPC Website agenda)

The Budget for Children – including Holiday Food Vouchers: Cambridgeshire County Council will put £3million into the budget for 2024/25 to continue to provide holiday food vouchers for those on free school meals. A further **£320k will go to children's mental health**, which has worsened following the Covid pandemic. The funding will be used to employ trained specialists to work with schools to design and deliver programmes working with children and young people, teachers and parents with interventions that are known to manage anxiety.

An **additional £12.7m** will be allocated to demand and inflation pressures, including the number of complex cases and the increasing number of children in care placements in Cambridgeshire.

2024/25 is being recognised as 'the toughest year to set a balanced council budget' whilst the Council is looking to support vulnerable people and improve highways maintenance and seeking to bridge a remaining £2m gap. The views of all committees and from town and parish councils, business leaders and trade unions, will be combined, before the Strategy, Resources and Performance (30 Jan) makes a final recommendation for the budget to Full Council on 13 February 2024.

Environment: The County Council has significantly reduced its greenhouse gas emissions, as we seek to become a Net Zero organisation by 2030.

Highways: In 2023/24 the Council invested £27 million of investment in the County's roads and transport network. See details here [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cmis/Document.ashx)

The budget for 2024-25 recognises our deteriorating highways network, as well as the need to improve connectivity and for preventive work. £9 million will be invested over 2024-26 for Highways (£3 million in 2024-25 and £6 million in 25-26), on top of £2.3 million of additional Government grant funding for 2024/25 and £70 million already in the capital programme.

Of that, an additional £2 million in 2024/25 and a further £2 million in 2025/26 will fund £40 million of capital expenditure, specifically to address: • Drainage cleansing and management • Weeds and vegetation clearance and management • Management of potholes • Improvements to Public Rights of Ways • Preventative works on the roads, footpaths and cycleways • Maintenance of signs, road marking and traffic signals.

Festival of Stories - Caring for our Planet – all at Waterbeach Child and Family Zone

For all events: £2 per family. **Booking is essential.** To book a place, telephone 01954 284 672 or email childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Wednesday 21 February, 10-11.30 - A range of activities that encourage children to play with natural materials and explore the world around them.

Thursday 22 February, 10-11.30 - A range of activities designed to help children and parents understand how they can look after the natural world.

Thursday, 22 February 1pm–2.30 Story Teller – Marion Leeper. Join in with Aiken Drum's Treasure Hunt and explore some creative ideas for turning trash into treasure.

14 To Receive District Councillors Report (Full report on MPC Website agenda)

Civil Parking Enforcement – ticketing to begin on 1 February and how to provide additional feedback: Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) has been live in South Cambridgeshire since late December, but from 1 February tickets, with fines attached, will begin to be issued by Cambridgeshire County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers.

Officers can only enforce restrictions that are in place, such as parking on a single or double yellow lines, or the footpath where restrictions are adjacent. Other parking matters, such as causing an obstruction by parking on the pavement, will remain Police matters. For further information on CPE you can visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CPE

Cost of Living support in South Cambs – training for professionals and community volunteers: SCDC has hosted two zoom calls to provide training to professionals and community volunteers who may work with those struggling with the cost of living. The training will outline support available in South Cambridgeshire and provide the tools to professionals and volunteers to pass this information on to those they work with.

Consultations: SCDC and Cambridge City air quality strategy consultation runs until 19 Feb 2024. The strategy will allow both councils to develop an action plan to meet stricter air quality targets that were set out by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2021.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/greater-cambridge-air-quality-strategy-consultation/>

SCDC and Cambridge City housing strategy consultation until 4 Mar 2024. The strategy sets out the vision, objectives and priorities for both new and existing homes of all tenures over the next 5 years.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/the-greater-cambridge-housing-strategy-2024-2029>

15 To Receive The Connection Bus Project Quarterly Report

Received – MPC are pleased to see an increase in numbers of attendees

16 Correspondence

Emailed to Councillors

Greater Cambridge Partnership January 2024 Greenway Construction Update

17 Dates of next meetings

Monday 19 February 2024 – Planning

Monday 4 March 2024 – Parish Council
Monday 18 March 2024 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Village Litter Pick Sunday 25 February 2024 at 2pm

Meeting closed at 9:16pm Signed: Dated:

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