

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 8 January 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 arrived 8:04pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk),

Public: 1

1 Apologies for Absence:

R Farrington (personal)

- 2 To APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 November and Monday 4 December 2023
DW asked that the wording at agenda Item 9 (4 December) be amended to say "ALL AGREED to send the response to GCP"

DW Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 November 2023 as a true record – LC
Seconded **ALL AGREED**

DW Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting of Monday 4 December 2023 with the amendment – HMS
Seconded **AGREED (JEC 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

1 member of public in attendance to observe

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

Milton Brook Clearance (Ditch below Tomkins Mead): Awaiting a meeting date with B Heffernan from County Highways to discuss jetting out under the roads – **AB to chase up**

The Rowans Safety Improvements – Extension of double yellow lines work has been confirmed with County Highways – awaiting installation date. A note needs to be put on the windscreen of a white car that is permanently parked there.

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. Delivery due March 2024. Councillors to suggest sites to the Tree Warden (AB) – 3 suggestions: Hawthorn Hedge behind the bench, The Rowans Play Area (replacing a tree that died), MCC birches in the car park. Other suggestions still to be put forward

Milton Cemetery Commonwealth War Graves – Application from All Saints Church for a Plaque has been approved by the Commonwealth Committee

Internal Audit (Mid-year) – The mid-year audit is not compulsory and due to personal issues was not carried out in November/December 2023

A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work – Now completed

Old School Lane – JEC will visit a neighbour to try to get more information

6 Planning

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

Decisions:

23/03838/CL2PD – 42-44 High Street, Milton – Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a proposed use for a children's day nursery (class E (f)) **CERTIFICATE GRANTED**

21/04597 – Land South West of Milton Park and Ride, Butt Lane, Milton (Police Station) – Submission of details required by condition 15 (Traffic Management Plan) of planning permission 21/04597/S73) **DISCHARGE CONDITION IN FULL**

22/02094/CONDA – 1 High Street, Milton – Submission of details required by conditions 3 (hard and soft landscaping), 7 (Traffic management plan), 8 (Surface and foul water), 10 (CEMP-Construction environmental management plan), 11 (Energy statement) and 13 (Water efficiency) of planning permission 22/02094/FUL **DISCHARGE CONDITION IN FULL**

23/02953/SCOP – Cambridge Science Park, Milton – request for a Formal Scoping Opinion for the demolition of existing units 210, 211, 214, 220, 230, 240 and redevelopment with Use Class E (g) floorspace (office (E(g)(i), Research and development (E)(g)(ii) with ancillary facilities (Use Class E (a-g)) along with access,

landscaping and supporting infrastructure **EIA SCOPING REPORT ISSUED**

23/1003/TTCA – 1 Church Lane, Milton – Blue Spruce in lawn – fell **HAVE NO OBJECTION TO**

23/04056/FUL – 26 Cambridge Science Park, Milton – Installation of 9 No. additional air conditioning condenser units on the roof **GRANTED PERMISSION**

23/03921/FUL – Milton Country Park, Visitor Centre Cambridge Road, Milton – Installation of two timber clad metal storage containers within the Country Park **GRANTED PERMISSION**

23/02647/HFUL – 1a Church Lane, Milton – removal of redundant flue and chimney. Replacement front door **GRANTED PERMISSION**

23/195/TTPO – 11 Knights Way, Milton – Horse Chestnut: crown reduce by 1m on height and spread thin by 30%. Tree has become too large for garden. This will allow more light into the garden and promote health of the tree **REFUSED PERMISSION**

New:

23/04604/HFUL – 30 Froment Way, Milton – First floor side extension to house **OBJECT: MPC supports neighbour's objections:**

1. Occupancy and Parking

- the application will add a bedroom and a study which could be used as a bedroom
- this is currently a 3 bed house, which may be increased to 5 bedrooms
- the house is rented out, has not been maintained and has had numerous people living there
- there is a concern that the occupancy will go up resulting in more cars associated with the house
- parking will only accommodate 1 off street parking space
- this will result in excessive congestion and inconvenience to neighbours

2. Reduced sunlight

- the second story addition would reduce the sunlight to the garden in a morning

23/04837/FUL – 191 Cambridge Science Park, Milton – Installation of one set of external ductwork, extract fan on base and discharge flue adjacent to existing pharmaceutical unit

HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS

23/04822/FUL - 29 Cambridge Science Park, Milton – Erection of new substation, switch room and UPS room, alongside relocated cycle stores and associated works

HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS

7 Maintenance

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

8 Christmas Lights

To **CONSIDER:**

Leaving the lights in situ

Or having them taken down by Town & Country (Cost unknown at present)

It was AGREED to have the lights taken down – Clerk to ask Abbott Electrical and Town Country to quote to remove both sets of lights. Enquiries would be made about a permanent fixing for the box on the pole.

9 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - **DW Proposed to pay vouchers 298-338 and tabled 339 to 349 – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

10 Greater Cambridge Partnership – Proposed Greenway Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway

JEC asked if that the following questions could be put to the 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?

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?

Clerk and HMS to send above questions to the GCP

To **CONSIDER** the following:

- a) Sending MPC's notes criticising the process of the consultation to the members of the GCP Assembly and Board before the appropriate meeting

ALL AGREED to send the Process notes (as previously agreed) to the GCP Assembly and Board now

b) To nominate Parish Councillors to speak at the meeting of the GCP Assembly and Board regarding the process and the issues with the suggested cycle route through Milton

JEC, HMS and LC to speak – Councillors to put 3 questions together to put forward to the GCP - ALL AGREED

11 The Rowans Play Park Revamp Project

To **DISCUSS** the outcome of the public consultation and select a supplier

PE informed the Council that around 20 or so visitors (with their children) attended the consultation at MCC and also online consultation forms were received, with plans from Eibe and Streetscape on show. Eibe received a very positive response – with challenging equipment and good layout

PE Proposed to accept the Eibe plan and quote – HMS Seconded: 5 In Favour (HMS, DO. LC, PE, DW) – 1 Abstain (AB) – 1 Against (JEC) **AGREED to accept the Eibe the plan and quote**

To **CONSIDER** either applying for grants to fund the revamp project or for Parish Council to spend up to £75,000

DW Proposed that MPC fund up to £75,000 (with the top-up coming from Reserves) – PE Seconded: 5 In Favour (HMS, DO. LC, PE, DW) – 1 Abstain (AB) – 1 Against (JEC) **AGREED**

12 Restoration of the Village Sign

To **CONSIDER** quote from Cambridge Restoration for £6,459.91 + VAT – to restore the Village Sign and post (Deferred from December MPC meeting) – DW Proposed to accept the quote – AB Seconded: 6 In Favour – 1 Against **AGREED (Budget: S016 Arts and Maintenance)**

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

Highways – Forthcoming roadworks

Milton - Junction 33 interchange – AB has reported the new potholes which have opened up on the southbound overbridge since the recent re-surfacing (Nov/Dec 2023). Temporary repairs have been done but hoping more permanent finishing will be done soon.

Work in the Committees:

Full Council, 12 December 2023

Five motions were debated at the Cambridgeshire County Council full council meeting on 12 December. Four were passed:

1. Noting the crisis in adult social care caused by chronic Government underfunding to councils, and asking officers to be ready to take advantage of any future change in Government policies.
2. Asking the council's Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee to consider actions to ensure a more diverse council.
3. Expressing concern at the lack of availability of NHS dentistry, particularly for our Children in Care and committing to take action to address the problem.
4. Welcoming options for more flexible working, and committing to promote these within the council and among local employers.

County Planning: County planners have received funding of £368,000 to help respond to proposals for major infrastructure in Cambridgeshire, following successful bids for funding from central government.

Response to government 'Cambridge 2040' vision: The Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, unveiled updated plans for the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' vision on Tuesday 19 December 2023. This plan envisages over 150,000 new homes around Cambridge as part of a major new expansion of the city. Following a visit to Cambridge by the Secretary of State in November, leaders from Cambridgeshire County, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District councils, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and local business wrote to urge Government to make a number of commitments, including water supply and transport, necessary to support sustainable growth in the area.

Council Budget Consultation: Consultation is to begin on the council's proposals for its 2024/5 budget, in what is being called 'the toughest year to set a balanced council budget'.

As a result all local authorities face significant financial uncertainties. The council proposes a council tax rise of 4.99 per cent (two per cent for adult social care services, and 2.99 per cent for general services) and aims to cover a remaining £2 million gap. A final budget recommendation will be considered at Strategy, Resources and Performance Cttee before being debated at Full Council in Feb.

Adults and Health:

Preventing falls - Falls are a major cause of disability and injury-related death in people aged 75 and over, and have a large impact on quality of life. As our population ages, this will become even more of an issue. Around one in three people over 65 years old and half of those over 80 experience a fall at least once a year. The estimated combined total cost of these hospital admissions was £16.3 million, an increase of over £1.9 million on the previous year. Cambridgeshire County Council's Adults and Health Committee has endorsed a three-year **Falls Prevention Strategy** and detailed delivery plan, working with the Cam & Pet Falls Prevention Strategy Group. The aim is to reduce the number of hip fracture admissions, and to improve the quality of life of those who experience a fall or fracture.

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Holiday Voucher Scheme: The supermarket voucher scheme continued to operate over this Christmas school holiday for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire County Council is running the scheme until the February 2024 half term using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and additional funding provided by the Council.

Libraries offer a helping hand to stay connected this winter: A successful pilot scheme offering free mobile SIM cards to those unable to afford internet access is now available in eleven of Cambridgeshire's libraries. Cambridgeshire Libraries have signed up to the National Databank, an initiative run by Good Things Foundation which provides free mobile SIM cards to anyone over the age of 18 who is on a low income.

Highways and Transport :

20mph speed limit for Ely approved A city-wide 20 mph zone for Ely has been approved following a consultation and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.

Electric vehicle charging : An estimated 10,000 public electric vehicle charge point sockets will be needed across Cambridgeshire by 2030, as motorists choose electric vehicles over more polluting petrol and diesel cars. The sale of new petrol and diesel cars is set to be banned by government from 2035.

Civil parking enforcement starts in South Cambridgeshire : New Civil Parking Enforcement powers are now in effect across South Cambridgeshire following a decision by Government. Drivers are now far more likely to receive a fine for parking incorrectly where there are restrictions, such as on single or double yellow lines.

14 To Receive District Councillors Report

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) has developed an online tool to help residents assess their need for planning permission independently. The checker also provides additional information on permissions. Together with the form, there is now greater coverage of content on planning permissions specifically related to solar panels and other renewable energy sources. You can explore the checker and new renewable energy section by following this link: <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/check-if-i-need-planning-permission/>

Or to go straight to the information on solar panels go to <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/solar-panels/>

Civil Parking Enforcement: This scheme is now up and running across the district. Currently civil parking enforcement officers are leaving polite notices under windscreen wipers on illegally parked vehicles on single or double yellow lines. From 1st February 2024 fines of either £50 or £70 depending on the severity of the offence, will be issued. We are currently in a grace period! There are not multiple officers employed so they will go to the areas where particular problems are reported prioritising safety, for example, around schools at drop off and pick up times. From 1st February, if you see "trouble spot" areas to flag to the enforcement officers to help them prioritise, please report them by emailing ParkingPolicy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

15 Correspondence

Emailed to Councillors

SCDC November 2023 Parish e-bulletin

Cambridge County Council Budget Briefing with Town and Parish Council – 11 January 2024 at 6:15pm via Teams

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Milton Road December 2023 update

16 Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 10 January 2024 – Community Care 11:30am

Monday 15 January 2024 – Finance and Administration 7:30pm

Monday 22 January 2024 – Parish Council Precept Meeting 7pm – Planning 7:30pm

Monday 5 February 2024 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9:38pm Signed: Dated: