

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 3 February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

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

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence:

None – full Council in attendance

2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 January 2025 and Monday 20 January 2025
DW Proposed to accept the minutes - PE 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

2 members of the public attended to discuss Item 12

(Item 12 discussed by Council)

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

South Cambs District Council Green Space – Shared Prosperity Fund – Improving the area on Edmund Green – Update PE/HMS – further meeting to be held on 4 February 2025 (5:30) to discuss plans provided by SCDC

Landbeach Road Bus Stop – Front window panel has now been replaced

Community Centre Car Park – 2 more disabled bays have been installed in the car park near the Doctors Surgery

Edmund Green Art Bench – Is now relocated to the Cemetery

LHI Application – Coles Road double yellow lines. Awaiting outcome of application

MVAS – 2 new MVAS have been installed on Cambridge Road and High Street. The Clerk has asked CCC whether they might provide a post on the verge north of Fen Road, or allow MPC to do so.

Defibrillator at The Sycamores Rec – Is currently out of action and been sent to the manufacturer for checks (battery charge issue)

Naming of the Milton Police Station access road – MPC have been asked by Cambridge Police for suggestions for names for the access road to the new Police Station – “Summerfield Way” was the agreed name to put forward, to commemorate Richard Summerfield.

The Chairman offered her notes from the PPG meeting at Milton Surgery to anyone interested.

Grantchester Parish Council are mounting a Judicial Review into the GCP Greenway plans there. Agreed to write to them and accept their offer of a meeting.

Works Schedule: Milton Brook Clearance – a confusing response had been received from Brian Heffernan; clerk to ask for a clearer reply.

6. Planning

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025 were received

Decisions:

No decisions received

New:

25/00113/FUL – 191 Cambridge Science Park, Milton - Erection of two-storey 2,145.2 sqm (GIA) extension to the north-west of the existing building to provide a new filling and packaging hall (B2 and B8 uses) with first-floor specialist building services plant, enclosed link to the existing warehouse at ground level and roof-mounted solar photovoltaics, along with installation of external plant, relocation of external recycling compound, new groundsman store, alterations to existing car park, new landscaping scheme and associated external works

HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Finance and Administration

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January were received

8. Community Care Monitoring Group

The notes from the meeting of Wednesday 8 January 2025 were received

9. Maintenance

To **CONSIDER** quote from Online Playgrounds (Previously Fenland Leisure) for required repairs at Humphries Way £3,468.90 +VAT. Playdale the manufacturers would not quote as we had previously used another company to maintain this equipment. **HMS Proposed to accept the quote – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** quotes received for cleaning of the 4 bus shelters
Spotless £688 + VAT for a one-off clean then £606 + VAT per visit
Hovells Cleaning £25 per bus shelter

RF Proposed to accept the Hovells quote – JEC Seconded (Clerk to ask that the first clean is a deep clean and then general clean every 3 months)

To **CONSIDER** quote from Warrilow & Sons £1,792 for repairing the allotment and paddock fence (to be reimbursed by CCC) **HMS Proposed to accept the quote and invoice CCC for reimbursement – RF Seconded ALL AGREED**

Councillors discussed the parking on the side of the grass on Pond Green outside Red Balloon, which is destroying the grass there.

(AB arrived 8:19pm)

10. Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment- RF Proposed to pay vouchers 334 to 355 and tabled 356 to 363 – DW Seconded **ALL AGREED**

(Clerk to confirm with Ashtons if land transfer of Willow Crescent is complete)

11. Parking Restrictions in Milton

To **CONSIDER** the S106 payment received by CCC from the St John's Innovation Centre development of £15,000 for parking restrictions in Milton and the area surrounding the land

Clerk to ask the Policy & Regulations Team for suggestions and to arrange a meeting to discuss. What does "the area surrounding the land" comprise? Contact S106 department to see if any more funds will be available from further developments

12. Parking on High Street by the Shops

Letter received from the residents of 4-8 High Street asking MPC to jointly approach the Highways Department to see if the access to the properties can be made safer either by white lines being installed or raised kerbs (roadside) to highlight keeping clear the access. Residents own the apron in front of their gate to the edge of the pavement.

Residents were advised to make CCC Highways and the Greater Cambridge Partnership aware of their proposal. There will be an opportunity to comment in relation to the suggested plans for the Greenway coming through Milton.

13. Milton 2000

To **CONSIDER** what to do with the Milton 2000 village information books (99 hardbacks – 75 paperbacks). **To sell hardback for £5 each and paperbacks £2 each. Available from the Parish Council Office, limit to one per household.**

14. SCDC Four-day week Consultation

To **CONSIDER** if MPC wishes to comment – **No comment (Councillors can respond individually with their comments)**

15. Local Projects 20mph Funding 2025/26 Applications

To **CONSIDER** applying for 20mph throughout the village – It was **AGREED** to apply again for 20mph throughout the village **(Clerk/AB to apply)**

To agree budget spend at the March MPC meeting

16. Cambridgeshire County Council – Consultation on the proposed 2025 revision of the Local Validation List for Planning applications for the County Council's own development and for waste development – No comment

17. The County Councillor's Report for January 2025 was received (Full report with Agenda papers) Balfour Beatty - street light LED lantern LED replacement - Milton

During January 2025 (without warning to the parish) the light units in Milton were changed again to LED lanterns. Members of the parish council complained to AB (06/01/2025) and residents in Willow Crescent complained to the Cambridge News, who published a story "Rage against the dimming of the light" (15/01/2025). This change had been approved by County Highways and Transport Committee, on the basis that 'illuminance' would be 'like for like' from the LED lanterns.

This is not our experience in Milton. The change has cast Willow Crescent, Coles Road, Fen Road and others into the gloom. AB requested a meeting with officers and the Chair of Milton PC (21/01) at which the principles were explained and our concerns expressed. Since then AB has personally undertaken a small survey of LED lanterns in various roads in Milton. AB is arguing the case that better lanterns need to be used.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Bus Franchising – an enormous amount of research, consideration and public consultation has been undertaken, culmination in a suite of reports to go to the Board on **6 February**.

Recycling – routes to recovery....

At last month's parish council meetings I was asked about recycling contracts, because the County Council is responsible for waste disposal. However the contract for reprocessing of recyclable materials was drawn up between the local collection authorities (Cambridge/ South Cambs/ Peterborough) and Amey (now Thalia).

"To answer the question of the impact on the A10, I need to refer to the fact our neighbouring Waste Collection Authorities have also changed their contracts. The ending of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) contract with Thalia at Waterbeach by the District and City Councils, of the RECAP partnership has actually had a positive impact on the traffic on the A10 because going forward only approximately 27,000 tonnes of recycling is being handled on the site and not 82,000 tonnes.

Milton Household Recycling Centre improvements

Redevelopment of Milton Household Recycling Centre will start in **autumn 2025**. It will take around nine months to complete. The site will remain in its current location but extend onto the adjacent landfill site. It will be about 70% bigger and able to accommodate additional waste from expected household growth until 2070. The new site will be built to modern standards. Like the sites at Bluntisham, St Neots and Witchford users will no longer need to climb steps to deposit waste. Unfortunately, during site closure it isn't feasible to put an alternative temporary replacement site in place. Site users will be asked to use the nearest alternative sites at Witchford, Bluntisham and Thriplow. Due to the extra demand on these sites a temporary online booking system will be put in place, for these three sites only, while the Milton site is closed.

Cambridgeshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by redevelopment of the site but will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum.

18. The District Councillors report for January 2025 was received (Full report Appendix 1 of the Minutes) Waste Service Update - Blue bin recycling contract

Following a thorough public sector procurement process, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (GCSWS) is finalising a new contract for blue bin recycling processing. The current contract with Thalia expires at the end of February, and from March 3rd, a new provider - Re-Gen Waste Management Ltd - will take over the processing of our recyclable materials. Importantly, residents will experience no changes to their recycling service. The same items can continue to be placed in blue bins, and collections will remain unchanged. While the materials will now be processed at Re-Gen's facility in Northern Ireland rather than locally at Waterbeach, this decision was made after careful evaluation of all options, with Re-Gen offering the best combination of cost-effectiveness, processing quality, and environmental compliance.

Consultation: Four day week

People can now share their views on South Cambridgeshire District Council's services during a trial of a four-day week. Anyone anywhere can respond to a full public consultation which started on Monday 27 January. The consultation is open for eight weeks, closing at 11.59pm on Sunday 23 March.

South Cambridgeshire residents can [access the consultation online](#). Any South Cambridgeshire residents who would prefer to complete a paper survey can email communications@scambs.gov.uk or call 01954 713 000.

Grant Funding Opportunity - Increased grant Funding for Electric Vehicle chargers

Funding available from the Council's Electric Vehicle charging grant has increased from £5,000, to up to £12,000 per project. This grant is open to parish councils, community groups and charities for public EV chargers in car parks associated with community buildings and village halls. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is open for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year. We cannot guarantee the

funding will be available into next financial year, so encourage those interested in applying to get in touch soon. For more information about this grant, please visit the [website](#). If you would like to know about community EV charging more generally, please visit [Electric vehicle charging - South Cambs District Council](#), where you can find a video by Steeple Morden Parish Council which explains how they installed their EVCP. You can also contact the Council on evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk.

Save the date - South Cambs Sustainable Food Network Summit

The South Cambs Sustainable Food Network Summit is taking place on **19 February 2025** from **10am – 3.30pm**. This one-day event will bring together those working in the local food system in South Cambridgeshire. To save the date, and for more information, [visit the Eventbrite page](#). We hope that this event will form the first step in our journey to becoming a [Sustainable Food Place](#).

Development - Anglian Water Waste Water Treatment Plant Development Consent Order (DCO)

There has been a further delay to the decision to relocate the wastewater treatment plant. If you are interested, here is a link to the written ministerial statement on the issue: [Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#).

Milton Police Station updates/eCops

Updates about the progress of the Milton Police Station will be documented in eCops. It also has a host of other updates that you may find useful. You can sign up to receive updates here: [Home Page - eCops](#)

19. Correspondence

Emails Received

To look into ways to prevent illegal parking in the cycle lane along Cambridge Road/High Street (suggestion: enforcement of 'wands' along the lane) **No action can be taken at present. Awaiting for GCP consultation on suggested proposals for the Greenway through Milton**

Sent out via email:

SCDC – Devolution and local government reorganisation

CWWTPRP – Development consent decision further extended for Anglia Water's Cambridge wastewater treatment plant relocation project

CAPALC – January 2025 bulletin

20. Dates of next meetings

Monday 17 February 2025 – Planning

Monday 3 March 2025 – Parish Council

Monday 17 March 2025 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 9:24pm

Signed: Dated: