

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

Present: HM Smith (HMS) (Chair), P Ellwood (PE), RJ Farrington (RJF), D Wildman (DW), A Bradnam (AB)(arrived 8:14pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence:

D Owen (personal), J Coston (personal)

2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 February 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

No members of the public present

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 from meeting on 24 February 2025 and from SCDC - PE/HMS: Awaiting revised plan – Clerk to follow up

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

Defibrillator at The Sycamores Rec – Is now back in action

From Works Schedule:

Parish On-line – to follow up on moving over to new hosting of emails and webpage

Neighbourhood Plan/Village Action Plan – Working Group: DW, HMS, PE and Deputy Clerk

Guest Wi-Fi for Bowls Pavilion – It was AGREED to accept the quote from Sutherland IT Solutions for £210 + VAT to provide Wi-Fi

Camcycle – are offering Telraam devices via application. It was AGREED to apply for a second device

6. Planning

February meeting not required

Decisions:

24/04643/HFUL – 13 Willow Crecent, Milton – Installation of an air source heat pump (ASHP) to the front property **REFUSED APPLICATION**

24/04813/HFUL – 1 Woodman Way, Milton – Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory **APPLICATION PERMITTED**

New:

25/00499/HFUL – 81 Cambridge Road, Milton – Erection of a single storey front porch

HAS NO RECOMMENDATION

7. Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment- DW Proposed to pay vouchers 364 to 392 and tabled 393 to 401 – HMS Seconded **ALL AGREED**

8. Parking Restrictions in Milton

To **CONSIDER** what further parking restrictions would the PC like to see in the village. Funds available from S106 payment received from the St John's Innovation Centre/Vitrum development of £15,000

AB to speak with the Policy & Regulations Team for suggestions for the village with a plan for moving forward (a parking time limit in the whole village was suggested)

9. Maintenance

To **CONSIDER** quotes from Warrilow & Son

For clearance/bund work required at the Cemetery £1,000 (amended from Agenda) – **RF Proposed to accept the amend quote – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

For clearance work on Edmund Green and relocation of Laurels to The Rowans Park £1,150 – **ALL AGREED**

10. The County Councillor's Report for March 2025 was received (Full report with Agenda papers)

County Council Budget agreed for 2025/26: On 11 February 2025 the County Council agreed a budget for 2025/26. Members prioritised investment in highways maintenance as well as in children who become looked-after and building new schools. The county council had to close a gap of £35.1m – with 73% of the Council's net spend now being funded from Council Tax. Based on resident feedback through the Quality-of-Life Survey, the council has prioritised key areas, which are aligned to its vision to make Cambridgeshire greener, fairer and more caring:

It was agreed to increase Council Tax by 4.99% (2% of which is for Adult Social Services) – raising £20m of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For most of our residents in Band A-D properties that will mean between an extra £1.04 pence to £1.55 a week.

Primary Schools – a balancing act: Residents in the new homes at Waterbeach Phase 1 are keen to know when the new Deneia Primary Academy will open on site. Meantime the County Council are anxious to ensure pupil numbers are maintained at Waterbeach Community Primary School and that the new school is brought on stream at the right time to cater for pupils in the new town. It is a delicate balancing act between building, sales and attracting new young families versus opening the school before pupil numbers are viable.

Highways issues:

Mere Way

AB has been discussing anti-social behaviour on the Mere Way with County officers, who are seeking ways to deter drivers on this cycle and footpath.

Milton - Ely Road northbound – left bend before joining the A10 – chevron signs existed on this bend up until 2021 but since then they have been demolished during some serious accidents. Replacement chevron signs have been added to the LHO list of works to be ordered in the financial year 2025/26.

Cambridge Road – AB has requested resurfacing (again).

11. The District Councillors report for March 2025 was received (Full report Appendix 1 of the Minutes)

Greater Cambridge Five Year Housing Land Supply Position Update: In December 2024 the Government published an updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and revised Standard Method for identifying local housing needs. Both applied immediately, with no transition phase. Overnight this increased the housing need figure for Greater Cambridge by 1,000, from 1,726 dwellings per year to 2,309. This is despite the fact the Council has -already- given permissions for over 36,000 dwellings which have not yet been built.

Local Plan: Site Submission Update: Last week, South Cambs District Council and Cambridge City Council will ask landowners, developers and site promoters for an update on site submissions as part of the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Since 2019, the councils have received around 700 sites through the 'Call for Sites' process, where interested parties have submitted sites to us for potential allocation in the new Local Plan.

Consultation: Four Day Week (note – also in Feb report): 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. The information gathered during the consultation will help South Cambridgeshire District Councillors decide on the next steps for the four-day week at the Council.

The idea of the four-day week at the Council is to help attract and keep talented colleagues in an incredibly competitive local employment market. It is also to help improve services by filling vacant posts permanently, rather than relying on more expensive agency staff. Regularly changing staff, or using agency staff to cover, is both costly and disruptive to services for residents.

12. To Receive Milton Community Centre Report

Maintenance/Improvements: General ongoing repairs and maintenance have been completed across the 3 sites including.

- We have accepted a quote and are waiting for the entrance doors to the Annexe to be replaced.
- Pot holes have been filled in the Sycamores car park.

- The Lounge walls have been “touched up”.
- Repairs have been completed at the Coles Road play area mound that had collapsed.
- The Alarm system at North Lodge has been cleared and reset so we can now update alarm fobs and access the control panel.
- We have replaced a section of the boundary fence with the country park following a fallen tree
- The fencing on the 5 aside court has been repaired
- Disabled parking spaces have been installed outside the Doctors surgery and the existing ones repainted.
- Solar panels have been installed at the Youth Building

Coles Road: 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 and was used both on Christmas Day and New Years Day. The Hard Courts are in use 7 days a week and Milton Tennis Club continue to use the 3 tennis 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 and Milton Cricket Club continue to use the Pavilion.

North Lodge: The National Teaching Advisory Service are currently using the pavilion 3 mornings a week for 2:1 educational lesson’s. Milton Colts and Milton Cricket are still the main users of the facility. We have also had bookings for craft workshops and Inland Waterways meetings at the pavilion.

Vandalism and Crime: Thankfully we have continued to see a reduction in damage to football pitches at the 3 sites.

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

Staffing: Neil is continuing his learning journey and Phillip is now locking up on a Friday and Monday.

13. Correspondence

Sent out via email:

- SCDC Parish e-bulletin January 2025
- Cambridgeshire Matters January 2025
- Invitation to Councillors meeting in Waterbeach with Charlotte Cane MP – Saturday 1 March 2025 3-4pm

14. Dates of next meetings

- Monday 3 March 2025 – Meeting with Camcycle 2:30pm
- Monday 17 March 2025 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm
- Monday 7 April 2025 – Parish Council
- Wednesday 9 April 2025– Community Care Monitoring Group
- Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Planning 7pm – Finance & Administration 7:45pm
- Monday 28 April 2025 – Parish Council to approve accounts 7pm – Annual Parish Meeting 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:04pm

Signed: Dated: