

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 12 July 2021 at 7pm in the Lounge Milton Community Centre**

Present: H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), P Ellwood (PE), R Farrington (RF), A Latchem (AL), A Bradnam (AB)(arrive 7:15pm) , D Owen (DO)(arrived 7:30pm, A Markham (AM)(arrived 7:30pm)

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

Members of Public: 1

1 Apologies for absence

D Wildman (personal), A Horne (personal)

**2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meetings held on:
Monday 24 May 2021 and Monday 21 June 2021**

RF Proposed to accept the minutes of 24 May and 21 June 2021 – **AGREED**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensation

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on 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 Waterbeach – Milton A10 Cycle Improvements: Urban & Civic PLC

To put questions forward to Urban & Civic in relation to: Waterbeach Barracks and airfield site Denny End Road, Waterbeach – Submission of details required by Condition 29 (A10 pedestrian and cycle route) of planning application S/0559/17/OL

Urban & Civic did not attend due to lack of computer presentation facilities in the lounge where face-to-face meetings are currently held. Clerk to arrange a Zoom meeting between Councillors and Urban & Civic.

A member of the Milton Cycling campaign, who attended the meeting to give his feedback, had attended a presentation with Urban & Civic to discuss the proposed width of the dual pedestrian and cycle path along the A10. One question asked was “now that the section from Waterbeach to Milton will have a 40mph speed limit, can the road be made narrower, to give more width for the path and greater separation from the road”.

JEC suggested that the dual use path should be situated further into the verge so as not to be cycling so close to the A10. Other villages had cycle paths behind the hedge.

AB reported that the dual use path will be 3m wide in areas where it can be. There will be a tarmac buffer or grass verge between the path and the A10. Barriers have been suggested for both corners of car Dyke Road and these are being considered. This is still a work in progress.

HMS reported that the proposed cycle path works for Milton village come under a different heading in the S106 agreement and is to be brought forward before the first house in U&C’s Waterbeach development is occupied.

5 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

1 member of public attended to discuss item 4

6 Clerk’s/Chairman’s report:

From previous meetings:

A10 Trees – See Works Schedule

Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Inclusion Workshop – Awaiting receipt of Toolkit (next steps to take)

Deeds missing – Update email (28/6/21) Ashton’s Solicitors: Coles Road playing field - It looks like the leasehold is registered but not the freehold –that is why that parcel doesn’t have its own title number. We have been told that only the MCC trustees can register the title with Land Registry. Ashton’s will also be checking the location of the deed boxes for MPC as requested. JEC remembered seeing the title for this land in a deed box, so it may turn up. Once the deeds have been received by MPC they will be stored in the historic documents archives in Ely.

A14 Parish Legacy Fund – See Item 10

The Sycamores Rec play equipment– Update: The agreed ground works have started, awaiting laying of the Ecotumble by the slides and roundabout. All the equipment is now installed. The area will be fenced off for at least

6 weeks for the turf to take. If payment for the rental of fencing is to be split between MPC and MCC 50/50, this should be an agenda item at a future meeting with costs.

Gunnell Close Dual Use Path Barriers – Clerk to seek clarification from County Highways on spacing required between the chicanes for use by cargo bikes, trailers etc. AB received a message from J Rutherford – County Highways saying that the gap should be 4 metres between the bollards for cargo bike etc to access. **Standing Orders suspended at 8:40pm to allow member of public to speak. Milton Cycling Campaign had submitted an FOI request to County Highways in relation to the barriers in Milton. A copy of the response will be shared with MPC. JEC reminded Council that in a previous meeting it was agreed that the barriers should stay but work to extend the gap between the barriers near Gunnell Close should be carried out. JEC also pointed out that a bar was missing from one of the barriers and that would need replacing. The Clerk will source quotes for this work and request permission from Joshua Rutherford CCC. (Standing Orders reinstated 8:46pm)**

Pop-up cycle Lane, Cambridge Road – AB: no further information to report

Request for 20mph speed limit on Cambridge Road/High Street – Being discussed via the Working Group
Land under the A10/Butt Lane Footbridge – Referred to the SCDC Environmental Health team for them to assess the situation. **Clerk to follow up with Cambridgeshire County Council in relation to their land adjoining the Park and Ride site and fly tipping including asbestos waste.**

JEC informed the Council that a payment of around £17-£18k from the gas main contractors, Fulcrum or AGR Renewables, for the disruption caused by the works was being paid out to villages affected. **Clerk to write to the appropriate people and request payment.**

7 Planning

The Minutes of the Planning meetings of Wednesday 23 June 2021 were received.

8 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** bills for payment – HMS **PROPOSED** to pay Vouchers 84-118 – PE Seconded **ALL AGREED**

9 To RATIFY the amendments made to the Cemetery Policy: 5H “A coffin shall not be interred in a grave in such a manner that any part of it is less than 24inches/60cms below the level of the adjacent ground” and 10.3 c “The concrete foundation landing around the grave shall be no more than:

Single plot – 7ft (84inches/213cm) long by 3’ 2” (38inches/96.5cm) wide

Double plot – 7ft (84inches/213cm) long by 7’ (84inches/213cm) wide

All elements of the memorial must fit within these dimensions. Nothing must be placed outside”.

JEC Proposed to accept the amendments – DO Seconded ALL AGREED. The Clerk has received an email from ICCM with their comments on our policy. To be discussed by the Cemetery Policy group and then the Maintenance Committee.

10 A14 Parish Legacy Scheme – Improve crossing by EACH office Ely Road

To **CONSIDER** proposed design for improvements to the two crossing points on Ely Road

ALL AGREED – DO asked to clarify that the works will be scheduled for after the laying of the gas pipe and that the potholes in that area will be filled in.

11 Landbeach Road Bus Stop – Extension of tarmac area (Pages 16-18)

To **CONSIDER** amended quotes from GW Shelter Solutions £4,800 + VAT and CJ Murfitts £6,495.25 + VAT to reposition the bus shelter, extend the hard standing tarmac area and retarmac the current shelter area.

DO Proposed to accept GW Solutions quote – AB Seconded ALL AGREED

12 Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project – Phase two Consultation launch

To **CONSIDER** CWWTTPR Project Team providing additional in-person consultation activities with the support of the Parish Council – **It was felt that not many residents of Milton would attend as the plant is not coming to Milton but would thank CWWTTPR and ask the question “if anyone was interested can they book into the Fen Ditton or Horningsea activities”.** Clerk to ask CWWTTPR Project Team to attend the Planning meeting on 26 July 2021 for Q&A.

13 Queens’s Green Canopy

To **CONSIDER** applying for “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee “– from Woodland Trust – **ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** location for planting of the tree – JEC suggested top of Humphries way/A10 entrance to the bund – **ALL AGREED.** Clerk to apply via Woodland Trust for a colourful tree (for example a Silver Birch, Japanese Maple or Snowy Mespilus)

14 Community Hedge Fund

To **CONSIDER** applying for a grant of up to £2,500 to plant new hedgerow closing date 8 August 2021 for planting to place between November-January

Any suggestion please email the Clerk – to share information with MCC and the Country Park

15 SCDC Visitor Attraction and Tourism Website

To **CONSIDER** visitor attractions in Milton and any local events due to take place to be put on the SCDC website (closing date 23 July 2021) **To add: War memorial, All Saint's Church, Baits Bite Lock, Milton Country Park, local pubs (White Horse, Lion & Lamb, Waggon & Horses and The Brewers)**

16 County Councillor Report for Parish Council meetings in July 2021 - Cllr Anna Bradnam (full report with Agenda on webpage)

Milton Household Recycling Centre: The District Council is responsible for collection of waste and the County Council is responsible for disposal of waste. The County Council is planning to redevelop Milton Household Recycling Centre (HRC), to replace the current facility which must close by 2026 under its existing planning consent. The upgraded HRC, which would be located at the same place, will provide increased capacity to match the increased development in the area, while also being operationally safer. You can see the documents here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Site-location-plan.pdf> and
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/milton-household-recycling-centre-consultation-document.pdf>

There is a virtual exhibition at www.miltonhrc.info

You can [comment on the proposals for Milton HRC on the Survey Monkey website](#)

The consultation closes at 11.55pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021.

County Council's Coronavirus (Covid-19) Walking and Cycling Schemes :Tranche 1 schemes will be reviewed in October 2021 to decide whether to make them permanent. Milton PC has objected to the cycle lane on the southbound carriageway of Cambridge Road on the grounds that it makes the residual road space too narrow and is dangerous. AB has conveyed the request that the lane should be removed. Tranche 2 schemes include: 1) Side out and cutback vegetation on existing cycle path on Butt Lane between A10 and Histon. 2) High Street, Milton 20mph speed limit (subject to speed data), widen footway between White Horse and Lion and Lamb £6,500.

County Council Cultivate and Innovate Fund: This fund is to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations realise their projects and ideas that help address the needs of local residents. Cultivate – offers grants of £2,000 - £15,000 – to help local networks where local people help themselves. You can apply up until 1 August 2021. (Innovate used to offer grants of up to £50,000 for innovative projects but is being reviewed.)
[Innovate and Cultivate Fund - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

GCP - Histon Road and Milton Road: Construction on Histon Road to improve access for buses, cycles and pedestrians is progressing and the section from Huntingdon Road to Victoria Ave nearing completion. The work is creating wider cycle lanes and safer junctions at side roads. Works on Milton Road will not start until Histon Road has been completed.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Better Public Transport - Waterbeach to Cambridge : On 1 July the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board will be considering the outcome of the public consultation on the proposed 'areas of search'. It is too late to book to attend but the meeting will be live-streamed and the enclosed agenda contains a link to the GCP YouTube channel.

[GCP-Executive-Board-Agenda-Pack-1st-July-2021.pdf \(greatercambridge.org.uk\)](#)

Children and Young People: The latest government funding grant for free school meals doesn't cover the demand across the County. At the first meeting of the new Children and Young People Committee, members voted to provide £537k of additional funding to provide supermarket vouchers to support families who qualify for free school meals during the summer holidays. In addition members intend to develop an anti-poverty strategy to assist vulnerable families with support for debt management, employment training and opportunities.

Environment and Green Investment: On Thursday 1 July the Committee will consider adoption of the new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan as well as investments into a Smart Energy Grid at St Ives P&R, low carbon heating alternatives for maintained schools where their boilers are due for replacement and we'll be reviewing our Climate Change and Environment Strategy and the Environment Fund to ensure it meets our resourcing strategy.

Alconbury Civic Hub; The County Council has been having its in-person Committee meetings at the Sports Centre and spacious village halls across the county (Bluntisham). Meantime the Civic Hub is progressing.

Waterbeach, Landbeach, Milton and Horningsea : The gas main installation along the A10 and Cambridge Road, Waterbeach are progressing. The installation on Cambridge Road Milton has been delayed while the contractors apply to close the northbound cycle lane. This is causing increased rat-running through our villages. Additionally, from the beginning of July, High Street, Landbeach will be closed to through traffic while a water main is installed.

A10 safety – At a recent meeting with the Louis Thorold Foundation on 25th June, the County Council reported that they would be reducing the speed limit from 50 to 40 mph. The speed limit will run from Denny End Road to the northern end of Ely Rd, Milton. They intend to start installing signs commencing 19 July and will subsequently paint the road, both as overnight operations. They undertook to reconsider the extent of the speed limit following the many requests to extend the zone as far as the A14 roundabout.

17 District Councillors Report July 2021 Cllrs Paul Bearpark, Anna Bradnam and Judith Rippeth (full report with Agenda on webpage)

A10 cycle path improvements: The planning application relating to the condition to S/0559/17/COND29 to improve the A10 cycle path was submitted with 3 weeks provided for comments (1 to 22 June). There has been no engagement with user groups about the proposed changes.

Mere Way cycle path: Urban and Civic are consulting on their plans for NMU route linking the new town and Cambridge for Landbeach along Akeman St and Mere Way. This consultation will end on 25 July 2021. <https://waterbeachbarracks.co.uk/mere-way/>

It includes a bridge over the A10. Urban and Civic have announced that there will be two webinars on 1 July and 5 July.

Food waste trial: SCDC have been analysing the contents of domestic bins. One of their findings was that 33% of black bin waste is food waste. This is significant problem because it goes to landfill. It's also a concern that so much food is being wasted.

Waterbeach New Town naming: Urban and Civic have been holding workshops to discuss new town naming and the area and street naming approaches more generally. At the one held for Waterbeach parish councillors and district councillors the main topic of conversation was whether to include Waterbeach in the new town name.

Covid-19 – meal delivery scheme: The South Cambs and C3 Churches pre-cooked meal scheme and the food hub at Waterbeach have now come to an end. The meal scheme had been supporting households across 'Milton & Waterbeach' and other wards in the district.

Emmaus update: The community is currently running at full capacity with every room occupied. Emmaus has diversified over the last sixteen months to help maintain its income stream with an expansion of its core business with an E-Bay site, online shop for furniture and white goods, sales on Depop and a computer re-boot scheme. With the opening up of retail in April, sales in the social enterprise - the shop and café - have been doing well over the past two months. Donations have also been flowing to such an extent that for the time being donations will not be accepted in the first week of each month so the companions can catch up with processing them. Donations will continue to be accepted Wednesdays to Fridays from 10am – 4pm the rest of the month.

DAHA (Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance) accreditation: Since roughly a year ago the South Cambs housing support team have been working towards DAHA accreditation to better support our residents in the district who are experiencing or at risk from domestic abuse. Cllr Judith Rippeth has been providing local member input and on 8th July local members are being offered a briefing on our work to date followed up by a training session. The briefing will cover the context and statistics on local domestic abuse figures, general DA information and background, information on staff training and policy actions such as tenant policy.

Covid Recovery Grant Scheme: 22 out of the 23 grant applications for this scheme were approved by the grants committee on 28th May with 8 of the 22 passed back to officers pending further information. Landbeach Parish Council were successful in their bid for £660 for a community wildflower meadow planting scheme. This is intended to help with mental wellbeing and our important connection with nature which is paramount as we emerge from the pandemic and numerous lockdowns.

18 Correspondence – Milton

The Connection Bus Project July Newsletter – HMS reported that she was asking Connections to bring their van to The Sycamores rec on 24 August and 1 September 2021 from 3:30pm to meet young people there in preparation for restarting the Youth Club from September 2021.

Letter received from Solicitors representing the GP's at Milton Surgery: our Solicitor will advise on any necessary action.

Emailed to Councillors:

Taxi and Private Hire Policy – Proposed Revisions

Invitation: Virtual roundtable meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Introduction and 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire campaign

19 Dates of next meetings

Monday 19 July 2021 – Finance & Administration 7:30pm

Monday 26 July 2021 - Planning 7:30pm

Monday 9 August 2021 – Planning 7:30pm (if required)

Monday 6 September 2021 – Parish Council 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:15pm Signed: Date:

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