

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 20 April 2026 at 7pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: D Owen (Chair), P Ellwood (PE), H Smith (HMS), J Coston (JEC), R Farrington (RF)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

Public: 4

1. Apologies for absence

Full Committee in attendance.

2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 March 2026

PE Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record – HMS 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

4 members of public in attendance. (1 to observe – 3 to raise concerns about 68 and 76 Fen Road).

5. Decisions Received:

None to date.

6. New:

EN/00036/26 – 2 West View, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton - Notification of Appeal - Appeal under S174 against alleged breach of Condition 3 of S/0664/11. 3. Permission does not authorise the use of the land as a caravan site by any persons other than gypsies and travellers as defined in Annex 1 to Planning Policy For Travellers Sites (Reason – the site is in a rural area where residential development will be resisted by Policy DP/7 of the adopted Local Development Framework 2007 unless it falls within certain limited forms of development that Government guidance allows for).

MPC support SCDC enforcement action.

CCC/26/033/FUL - Milton Household Waste Recycling Centre, Butt Lane, Milton. Erection of canopies to cover the recycling containers.

Support – Could this be an opportunity to put on solar panels?

26/00891/FUL – Unit 31 Cave Industrial Estate, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge. Change of Use from car repair centre to an MOT centre.

Has no recommendations.

26/0219/TTPO - 3 Ely Road, Milton. CB24 6 DD – T14 Ash Tree – crown reduction by 2 metres in height and spread and remove all dead wood. Reason – due to the amount of dead wood seen by giving the tree an even crown reduction will improve longevity of the tree. G9 Beech Trees – Fell 5 of the 12 trees in the row. Reason – they are heavily leaning and overcrowded in the row. Felling will help the growth of the remaining trees. T24- Himalayan Birch - Reduce crown by 1 metre to remove contact being made with the lamp post and balance tree. T21 – Deodar Cedar – Fell. Tree to be removed as it has been badly pruned in the past and is growing too close to the building. T22 – Horse Chestnut – Fell. Remove tree as surface roots are exposed across walkway and lifting manhole on path and previous pruning has caused significant damage to them. G5 – Remove small self set Hazels and larger Hazels to reduce depth of the boundary that is currently about 12 metres to make a more suitable boundary hedge depth and make current communal area bigger and less overgrown. Remove all self set plants in and around the staircase of this group.

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- T24- Himalayan Birch - Agree
- T21 – Deodar Cedar – OBJECT to the unnecessary removal of this tree. It is not threatening the building and is slow growing. Feel this is being proposed for removal purely because it is in front of the building.
- T22 – Horse Chestnut – Agree
- G5 – Hazels - Agree to removal of self set hazels and self set plants in and around the staircase of this group. OBJECT to the removal of the larger Hazels in this group – which have always provided a screen between the Milton Hall Car Park and this building.

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26/0358/TTCA - 3 Ely Road, Milton. CB24 6DD (Not on the agenda but is linked to the above)

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Licensing Act - Units 2 and 3, One Cambridge Square, Milton Avenue, Cambridge CB4 0AE. Licence application for Sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises. No comment.

7. Dates of next meeting

Monday 18 May 2026 – at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7:40pm Signed: Date: