



MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Michael Williamson stood down at the May elections and Waterbeach resident Maurice Leeke was elected as our new County Councillor. I would like to thank Michael for all his work on behalf of Milton since his election in 2005, and we look forward to working with Maurice. During the past year, we welcomed Milton resident Gail Wynne-Jones onto the parish council and bid farewell to Terrie Drummond and thanked her for her service. Councillor Mark Ellwood will be stepping down in May. I would like to thank Mark for all his hard work during his many years of dedicated service. With Mark's departure, there will be two vacancies on the parish council. Why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor yourself? You can become a voice for your community and affect real change. Quite often councillors say their duties occupy them for about three hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time – and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work. Parish councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. To find out more please contact the Clerk, Sue Humphreys (email: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk; tel: 861447) or come along to one of our parish council meetings!



A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks to Milton Charities and the Community Centre Management Committee and staff for all their support during the year, and to our local Community Support Officer PCSO John Mason and village cleaner Philip Adams. Thanks also to previous councillors Roger Day and Bob Waters for their work on tree issues in the parish. These are just some of the many individuals who contributed to the smooth running of the village during the past year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



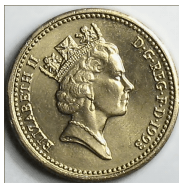
NORTH LODGE PARK



The parish council has voted to accept the two sports pitches, pavilion and car park which will be provided by Bellway Homes Ltd prior to completion of the 65th dwelling on the new general housing development. In this way, the parish will acquire much-needed recreation space for the village. The parish council would like to thank all those who provided input into the decision-making process. The parish is negotiating to acquire the freehold (rather than leasehold) of the recreation area. Bellway conducted archaeological studies on the former EDF site off Ely Road and construction has now commenced.



ANNUAL PRECEPT



Your council voted to keep the village precept at the current level for 2013/14. We trust this will help residents and families in the current economic climate. For a full run-down on the budget please see the final page of this report. Thanks to the Finance and Administration Committee for all their work during the past year.



NEW RAIL STATION

Cambridge Science Park Station will be a new railway station built in the area of Chesterton sidings, close to the Science Park, St John's Innovation Centre and Cambridge Business Park. It will provide links to transport routes for cyclists, pedestrians and bus users. Building the station should start in 2014. Your parish council supports the concept of the new station and has asked to be kept apprised of plans to monitor the situation and ensure Milton's interests are taken into account during the planning process, such as requesting safety improvements to the existing level crossings at Fen Road and Fen Road, Chesterton (in Milton Parish).

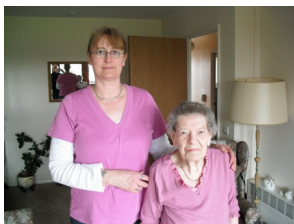


MILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (MCC)

Why not make the most of this valuable resource which is right on our front doorstep by taking a class, joining a club or deciding to work off some extra pounds with the many sports activities available. You can also hire out the hall for special events. Remember, it is YOUR Community Centre, so why not use it? You can call MCC Manager Andy Gray on 862763 and view a timetable of activities at www.miltonvillage.org.uk



COMMUNITY CARE



Our Community Care scheme remains very active. This year, we received grants from Milton Charities and the District Council. The scheme provides vital services for many Milton residents who want to remain independent and live in their own homes. Community Care Warden Tracey Ebbon is doing excellent work and I commend her on her



service and dedication. I would also like to thank Vice-Chairman Ian May and the Community Care Committee for all their work on behalf of our elderly residents.

YOUTH



The parish council continues to provide financial support to the youth club. Milton Action for Youth (MA4Y), a charitable organisation, helps oversee youth work in the village and activities held in the Milton Youth Centre on The Sycamores Rec. Thanks to parish councillor Ian Tyes and MA4Y for their valuable work with the youth of the village.

LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATIONS



Your council made numerous comments on the latest round of consultations on the new South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which will set out planning policies to guide the development and use of land in the district up to 2031. Once adopted, all planning applications will be assessed against the policies in the new Local Plan. Thanks to Councillor Rob Farrington and all those on our parish council Planning Committee for all their hard work over the past year.

CAMBRIDGE SPORT LAKES

You have probably seen in the news that the Section 106 Agreement for the Cambridge Sport Lakes has been signed. Of note, there are two stipulations should the project go ahead: first, the provision of a signal-controlled junction at the junction of the A10 and Car Dyke road, which will be the main entrance to the site; next, the inclusion of a 'forum' of one elected member of each of the Parish Councils of Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach together with the local County Councillor which must be consulted on a list of issues to ensure that local views are taken into account.



PARISH CLERK'S OFFICE & WELCOME PACKS



I would like to thank our new clerk, Sue Humphreys, for all her hard work throughout her first year. Thanks as well to our assistant clerk David Geasor and former clerk Jim Daniels for helping Sue settle into her new role. As a reminder, the Clerk's Office has produced Welcome Packs for new residents, so if you know of anyone who has moved into the village recently please send them along to the Parish Office to pick one up. I also recommend that residents visit our parish council website (www.miltonvillage.org.uk) for more information about the village, including a new Blog and a virtual parish notice board with up-to-date local events.

HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN

I would like to remind you that the Environmental Group, led by parish and district councillor Hazel Smith, organises numerous litter picks throughout the year. They are usually held on a Sunday and are advertised on the parish notice boards. I encourage all residents to lend a hand to help keep our village looking its best. Hazel also continues dialogue with the Tesco store manager to deal with litter and other issues that come up throughout the year.



CONCLUSION

Due to financial challenges facing local government, we have experienced an ever-expanding workload with increased requests from both district and county councils. Your parish council has worked hard and will continue to endeavour to safe-guard the interests of the village, but it is important we work together to achieve the best results. To that end, I urge you to consider joining us in our rewarding work by becoming a parish councillor yourself. By giving a few hours each month and making your voice heard, you can ensure Milton continues to be a pleasant place in which to live and work.

Richard Summerfield
Chairman, Milton Parish Council

ANNUAL RETURN – Statement of Accounts at 31 March 2013

	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	
1 Balances B/F	170,476	205,525	Total balances at beginning of year
2 Annual Precept	125,000	125,000	Total amount of precept received
3 Total other receipts	26,278	29,734	Total receipts or income less the precept
4 Staff costs	40,755	44,167	Total expenditure made to all council employees
5 Loan interest/capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total payment of capital and interest
6 Total other payments	75,474	95,342	Total expenditure or payments
7 Balances carried forward	205,525	220,750	Total balances & reserves at end of year
8 Total cash & short term investments	206,126	226,810	Sum of all bank accounts
9 Total fixed assets & long term assets	178,184	190,684	Recorded book value of all assets
10 Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	Outstanding capital balance of all loans
11 Trust Funds	No	No	Council is responsible for managing trust funds

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays: 10am-12noon

If you wish to come to the Parish Office outside these opening hours, please contact us (Telephone 861447 or email: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk) and we would be happy to make an appointment at a time convenient for you.

Sue Humphreys, Clerk to Milton Parish Council, May 2013

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