

MILTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held 12th June 2011

In attendance: some 30 members, Ward Councillors Maria Caunce, Nigel Folkard, Jonathan Garston, P.C's Michelle Bond and Stan Ferris

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1 INTRODUCTIONS – Andy Atkinson Chairman opened the meeting welcoming everyone. He introduced the Ward Councillors, the Police and Executive Officers in attendance.

2 MINUTES – the minutes of the AGM held 12th May 2010 were accepted and signed

3 CHAIRMANS ADDRESS – The Chairman informed the meeting about the work carried out by the Committee, dealing with planning problems, complaints from residents, responding to consultations from the Council on planning applications and drew attention to paper circulated at the meeting which set out the details of all the cases dealt with over the past year. He highlighted cases where the Society had been successful in obtaining successful outcomes and some ongoing cases which are of concern such as the long awaited traffic plan for Barons Court School, the traffic island at Park Road/ Avenue Road junction and the outstanding condition requirements on land rear of 14/16 St. Vincents Road.

He went on to outline the Society's involvement with a local Conservation Forum which meets several times a year to discuss conservation issues which affect all the Conservation Societies. The Forum reports to the Council's Conservation Working Party and we have a representative sitting on that Committee.

On a social level he outlined that as well as the AGM the Society hold a successful summer barbecue, a quiz night in November and also produces 3-4 newsletters per year.

The Chairman went on to describe the commencement of the street audit he informed the meeting that 3 roads had been surveyed in Shorefields area and 2 in Milton. However the consultation circulated to all residents last week by the Council regarding a possible parking scheme may interrupt the audits progress. He urged Members to visit the Civic Centre to see the proposals in detail and also urged them to respond to the Council in writing and asked that for responses to be copied to the Society so that views expressed could be received and understood by the Committee. Also that if Members had any questions about the proposed parking scheme to bring it up under "other business" on the agenda.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Garston on his promotion to portfolio holder dealing with planning related matters and also Councillor Maria Caunce as the Vice Chair and expressed the hope that with their interest and input the conservation concerns of the Society will be taken seriously and acted on where possible.

4 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES - The following changes to the constitution of the Milton Conservation Society were proposed seconded and adopted by the meeting:-

- In Section 3 Objects - the area of benefit to include Shorefields Conservation Area where we are also now working to support conservation
- In Section 4 Membership – the membership to be recorded firstly as member dwellings and secondly, the number of adult occupants of those dwellings. This is to help minimise the cost of membership but to maximise the number of adults represented.

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5 ACCOUNTS – The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to June 2011. These were proposed seconded and adopted by the meeting

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The following Officers were proposed seconded and accepted:-

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| Chairman | Andy Atkinson |
| Vice Chairman | Tony Brown |
| Treasurer | Paul Cavanagh |
| Secretary | Jill Freeth |
| Social Secretary | vacancy |

7 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – The following Members were proposed seconded and accepted :-

Sally Harrup Mandy Norfolk Steve Smith Matthew Norfolk

8 AWARD OF PLAQUES – the Chairman announced that the following plaques are to be awarded:-

Buildings plaque – Mr & Mrs Wood 26 St. Vincents Road

Garden plaque - Mr & Mrs Allen 17 St. Vincents Road

The Committee had agreed that the work on these properties were an enhancement of the Conservation area and set a good standard of work and renovation.

9 QUESTIONS

a Street Party – A member asked if a street party could be organised closing off Park Crescent to mark the Queen’s Golden Jubilee in June 2012. It was agreed that this would be looked into and Councillor Folkard said he would forward information on closing the road to the Secretary

b Policing -The neighbourhood police officers were asked about level of crime in the area – it was confirmed that Milton Ward is a relatively safe place to live – the burglary figures are low although stealing is high because of the shops in the High Street and Hamlet Court Road. They recommended that people should take away the leaflets issued to combat crime and pointed out the handy man scheme available at no cost to people over 65 whereby they could have locks etc fitted. They explained that there are 2 police officers committed to Milton Ward along with 4 community officers and a sergeant. They urged people to attend a monthly meeting which is held between police, Councillors etc to talk about any problems in Milton Ward. Again Councillor Folkard said he would forward details to the Secretary.

The Police Officers confirmed that rowdy behaviour is a public order offence and anyone inconvenienced in this way could phone the police on 999 although it would be given a low priority if more serious crimes were being committed.

c Parking Scheme – Councillor Garston pointed out that the consultation is a first stage and if the Council received an overwhelming ‘no’ from residents then it would not go ahead. Various points were raised about initial charge becoming inflated in the future; whether a trial period was possible but it was pointed out that it is expensive to install all the bays so no not possible; that the number of parked cars in Avenue Terrace would shrink from 30 to 11; it was queried where all the cars of residents would park – Councillors to look into this position.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to the summer barbecue on Saturday 16th July 2011

11 RAFFLE – the raffle was drawn