

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 12th April 2005**

Cllrs. present: -

Cllr. D. Ward, Cllr. Mrs.A. Hinde, Cllr A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal. Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes. Cllr Mrs. P. Stocking

Apologies were received from District Cllr. R Combe & Cllr C. Scott

Members of Public present Mr. C. Greenwood, Mrs. J Ward. Mr. Cox, Mr. D King, Ms. J. Dawson

### **12/4/1 Minutes**

The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes seconded by Cllr. Ward.

### **12/4/2 Matters arising.**

The Clerk reported that he had again contacted NCS regarding quotes for the Car Parking Scheme and had been promised a figure before the next meeting.

The Clerk had written to the Highways dept. concerning the poor the poor state of maintenance of the drains in Briston road but as yet had not received a response.

The Clerk had also contacted McAlpine who had conducted a survey of the street lights he had received a hand written faxed report and he was awaiting a full report with repair costs.

### **12/4/3 Councillors Reports**

#### **Churchyard.**

Cllr. Mrs. Heal said that the Churchyard was fine but that the grass was in need of cutting. She felt sure that Mr. Veary would be doing this soon.

#### **South Side.**

Cllr. Loynes said that he was pleased to note that both Mr. Snell's caravan and the derelict caravan in Astley Terrace had both been removed

#### **Bus Shelter Site**

Cllr Ward reported that this was generally tidy but that the shelter needed 'sweeping out.

#### **Recreation Field**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were still a couple of active moles. The Clerk to inform Mr. Longhorn.

#### **Play Area,**

Cllr. Miss Hinde reported that the area was looking very good and that the step on the slide had been repaired, as had the roof of the shed.

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**North Side**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that the allotments and the north side of the village were looking good and that the building rubble had been removed from Mr. Kendal's allotment. Cllr. Mrs. Bowes also reported that the high fence around one of the allotments had also gone.

**12/4/4 Planning Matters**

The Council studied and considered the following planning applications:-

20050395 retrospective application for change of use from retail to food and drink of 179 Fakenham Road.

The Council was well aware of the issues surrounding this application and agreed on a proposition by Cllr Ms Hinde seconded by Cllr. Mrs Stocking to make no comment concerning this.

20050511 proposed extension to Orchard House, Melton Park.

The Councillor studied this proposal and on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Ms Hinde agreed to offer no objection to this plan.

**12/4/5 Car Parking Scheme**

The Clerk had again been in touch with NCS who had agreed to provide figures for consideration at the next meeting.

**12/4/6 Correspondence,**

There was a letter from Mott McDonald regarding the yellow lines in Briston Road. These had now been cancelled because of lack of support from the local member Cllr. R. Wright.

The Council was shocked and deeply disappointed that our County Cllr. had seemingly decided alone, without consulting the Council and completely ignoring the advise of the Clerk that the scheme should not be supported. This after the Council had spent a considerable time and effort in bringing the scheme to this stage.

The Clerk to write to Cllr. Wright stating this Council's intention to appeal against his decision and asking him to inform the Council of the appeals procedure.

**12/4/7 Cheques for signature / approval**

Cheques were presented for signature / approval for the following:-

N.N.D.C. £218.55, McAlpine £58.75.

. These cheques were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes seconded by Cllr. Ward.

**12/4/8 Public Forum**

Mr. Greenwood expressed concerns over the Melton Constable Conservation Area and the fact that the District Council did not appear to enforcing the provisions of the scheme.

Concern was also expressed that double yellow lines appeared to have been removed from the East Side of Kitchener Road. The Clerk to investigate if this was done officially.

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Concerns were expressed by members of the public and Councillors that the aspect of the entry to the village was marred by the sight of cars being worked on outside the former Hastings Arms. The Clerk to investigate this and if necessary write to the owners respectfully asking that they please tidy the area.

**12/4/9 Council Membership**

There was a letter from Cllr. Scott explaining his reasons for absence over the past six to seven months and stating his intention to return at the next meeting and his willingness to stand again as Chairman

There was a discussion on this and it was agreed, with one abstention, on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the Council would accept Cllr. Scott's letter of apology and allow his membership to stand.

**12/4/10 Late Business**

Two Councillors brought up the recent positioning of 'Moles Rolls' caravan by the Bottle Banks at the weekends selling food and also about the large notice advertising this in a front garden on the south side of Briston Road.

It was not known if permission was required to sell food in this manner or to place the sign. The clerk would make enquires of the District Council.

Cllr. Ward reported that children were again cycling on the Play Area and that Mr. Jones was allowing rubble from the farm to damage the fence of the old Play Area. The Clerk would make new notices concerning the former and Cllr. Mrs. Heal would speak to Mr. Jones concerning the rubble.

The meeting ended at 20.35 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....