

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 23rd August 2005**

Cllrs. present: -

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

District Cllr. R. Combe

No apologies were received

Members of Public present Mrs. J Ward. Mrs. T. Carman.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

23/8/1 Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking

23/8/2 Matters arising.

Drains

The Chair that some drains in Briston Road were still blocked. The Clerk said that he had contacted the Highway dept. on several occasions regarding this matter and had been told that it would be attended to. The Clerk was asked to contact our Cty Councillor regarding this.

Heritage Plaque

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes had now gathered all the necessary information and the matter was now in the hands of English Heritage. Mr Veary (on who's house the plaque will be fitted will be contacted for his approval when it is known if English Heritage are to sanction the placing of the plaque.

Play Area inspection

It was agreed that the gap under the roundabout did need remedial work and the Clerk would look at this to decide the best way to proceed.

Cheque Signatories

It was agreed that the cheque signatories should be the Chair, Vice Chair & Clerk. The Clerk to prepare the Mandate for signing before the next meeting.

Car Parking

The Chair had read the pamphlet from Perfo and thought that there could be some merit in contacting this firm for a site visit. The Clerk to do this asap.

23/8/3 Dist. Cllrs. Report

Cllr. Robin Combe apologised for missing the last meeting. He questioned the wisdom of the new cardboard bank which far from making the area tidier tended to attract more rubbish dumping and generally made the area look worse.

Cllr. Mrs Stocking suggested that the Bottle & paper banks be screen from the road by a form of fencing which would not only improve the look of the entrance to the village but would also not make the area so visible to passing traffic and possible fly tippers Cllr. Combe would ask if this was permissible and inquire if funding might be available to achieve this.

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23/8/4 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

It was reported that the churchyard grass was long but would be OK as long as a new handyman was found quickly.

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that he was pleased to see that the grass area in Grove Road had been cut although he was not sure who had done this. The Clerk apologised that he had not yet contacted the new owners of Dr. Bennett's house to ask if they would trim the hedge back off the pavement. He would do so immediately.

Bus Shelter Site

Cllr Ward reported that rubbish had accumulated around the bottle banks and that the shelter itself needed cleaning out.

Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that he had had a complaint from the owner of a house backing onto the field that moles were getting from the field into his garden. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Longhorn who would be attending to the matter. The Clerk was asked by the Council to write to Mr. Longhorn asking that he please check the Recreation field at least every 2 weeks and deal with any moles which appeared.

Play Area.

The grass needed cutting. The Clerk said he had contacted Mr. Snell and asked if he would cut this and had be told that he was too busy at present but that he would ask another person if he could do the work. The Clerk also to ask Mr. Veary to return the keys for the area and for the shed. Clerk check the agreed times of opening and closing the area and put together a notice for the entrance which Cllr. Miss Hinde would have made up together with the sign for the younger children's area.

North Side

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that several; allotments appeared not to have been cultivated at all. It was agreed that as the growing season was now coming to an end it would be a good time for a general allotment inspection. It was agreed that members should meet for this on Saturday 3rd September at 10.30 am commencing at the old Gordon road play area.

23/8/5 Planning matters

Application 20051329 PF for the erection of 2 grain silos on Lucy's pet food site on the industrial estate were before the Council. It was agreed on a proposition By Cllr. Miss Hinde seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes to support this application.

23/8/6 Correspondence

There was a letter of complaint to the Council from Mr. Veary of 1. Melton Street regarding the inordinate amount of dog mess outside 14, Melton Street and calling upon the Council to take action.

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It was agreed that this was not really a matter for the Council but that Mr. Veary should contact The Environmental Health Department directly. The Clerk would contact him to this effect and would also report the matter to the Env. Health Dept. himself.

There was a letter from Mr. J. Dent of 21 Colville road asking if the Council could do anything to stop people parking and leaving rubbish in the alleyways behind the houses. The Clerk will write to Mr. Dent explaining that the alleyways are unadopted and as such the Council has no powers to restrict parking. Again Mr. Dent should contact the Env. Health Dept. regarding any rubbish accumulation.

23/8/7 Cheques for signature / approval

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

MHB services £117.50

It was agreed that these be signed on a proposition by Cllr. Ward seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

23/8/8 Public Forum/ Late Business

Mr. Sizeland was concerned that his friend Mrs Fox could not maintain her allotment and asked if it was in order for him to do the work for her. The Council had no objections to this at all.

Cllr. Mrs Heal mentioned the possibility of creating a Melton Constable Heritage Group. It was felt that this should not be a formal sub committee of the Council but that the Council would endeavour to support any such group which was formed. The Clerk asked what the Council wished to do regarding the donation to the Parish Magazine now that 'Working Together' had split from the Church. It was agreed that whilst the two magazines continued to be produced the donation should be split between the two organisations.

23/8/9 Handyman

The Chair explained that Mr. Veary had resigned the post and that the Clerk had placed an advertisement for a new handyman the following day. There had been 3 written expressions of interest in the post and several verbal ones. It was also felt that the Clerk should contact NCS and ask if they would cut the outstanding play area grass and quote for an annual contract.

Cllr. Mrs. Stocking suggested that it would be prudent to split the job between at least 2 persons so that in the event of another sudden resignation the Council would not be left without anyone.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draw up a list of jobs that were required and circulate this amongst members for comment before sending it out to prospective candidates for the post who had written in.

The Candidates would then attend an informal interview with the Chair and one other Councillor.

The meeting closed at 20.50 hours.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

