

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 11th January 2005

Cllrs. present: -

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Member of Public present Mr. C. Greenwood, Mr. S. Unsworth

11/1/1 Minutes

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

11/1/2 Matters arising.

Cllr. Mrs Stocking raised the matter of the street lights behind the old Primary School and asked if the Council should be considering taking on the responsibility for the upkeep and energy costs of these as they were on private land.

The Chair explained that the Council had agreed some time ago to trade this off against the refurbishment of the War Memorial site and the provision of a pedestrian gate to the play area. The energy costs would be low at approx. £3.00 per month for the 2 columns and since these were new no significant maintenance costs could be expected for many years.

The Clerk reported that he had received a bill for the hire of the hall from the Country Club.

11/1/3 Report from District Councillor

District Cllr. R. Combe reported that he had spoken to the Police regarding the lack of action on untaxed cars in the village and had received an assurance that this would be looked into.

Cllr. Combe also said that if the Clerk contacted John Peak of Environmental Health at the DC there was a good possibility that the village could be provided with a Cardboard Bank which would help to prevent much of the mess around the bottle banks.

11/1/4 Councillors Reports

Churchyard.

Cllr. Mrs. Heal said that the Churchyard was fine.

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that this was fine apart from the illegally parking car.

Recreation Field

Cllrs. Mrs. Stocking said that the new dog waste bin was now installed but that the waste in plastic bags which had been thrown into the hedge needed clearing. She asked if the Council would purchase a long handled 'picker-upper' so that she and the Clerk could attend to this.

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Bus Shelter site.

This had been very untidy following the Christmas and New Year period. Cllr. Mrs Heal said that her neighbour had cleared a large amount of the mess.

It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the Parish Magazine concerning the dumping of rubbish around the bottle & paper banks.

Mr. Greenwood had offered to repaint the village sign. The Clerk to look at it to ascertain the best way to take it down.

Play Area,

There was nothing major to report save for the areas under the goalposts which Cllr Bowes said that she would contact 'Star paving' to see what they could suggest.

North Side

Cllr. Bowes said that the allotments and the north side of the village were looking good apart from some building rubble which had been dumped on Mr. Kendal's allotment. The Clerk to look at this and ask Mr. Kendal to remove it as soon as possible.

11/1/5 Car Parking Scheme

The Clerk had contacted Norfolk County Services who will come out to look at the area and give rough quotations for the options available.

11/1/6 Planning Matters

The Council studied and considered the following planning applications:-

- 1 Rear Conservatory Colville Road. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal to offer no objections to this application.
- 2 Demolition and re-erection of boundary walls Dairy Farm, Melton Park. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes to offer no objections to this application.
- 3 Garden room extension on cottage in Mill Lane Briningham. . It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking to offer no objections to this application
- 4 Increase in number of houses on the Lomax Estate. It was agreed that the plans submitted did not show clearly if the new proposal encroached upon the previously agreed public open space. The Clerk to seek further information on this and report to the chair.

11/1/7 Odd Job Man

The chair said that he had spoken to Mr. Veary and that he had said that he was very happy to do such jobs as the council asked including the re-siting of the notice board etc. he said that he had had a previous agreement that this would be at a rate of £10.00 per hour. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Veary each month outlining any jobs which were required and that any jobs longer than 2 hours would require a written quotation either by letter or email

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. Clerk to contact Mr. Veary with this proposal.
Clerk to contact Mr. Veary concerning the re-siting of the notice board seat & waste bin.

11/1/8 Allotment allocations

Five Allotments were up for re-allocation. It was agreed that the Clerk allocate these at his discretion

11/1/9 Correspondence,

There was a letter from Mr. Morrissey regarding the query on the costs of repainting the bus shelter. After reviewing this the Council agreed that Mr. Morrissey's bill be paid.

The Clerk had written to Mr. King stating that the Council would take on responsibility for the two street lights behind the Old Primary School. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Ms Hinde seconded by Cllr. Loynes that this letter be sent.

There was a letter from a Miss Jo. Blick suggesting that the archway above the old Station steps off the Hindolveston Road should be refurbished. Whilst the Council would like to see this done it did not own the land or the archway in question. It was agreed that the Council should seek the views of the owners and in the meantime write to Miss Blick with thanks and stating that it would contact her \again if agreement was reached with the owners.

Following a complaint, in a letter from Mr. Greenwood of Kitchener Road, of smoke from allotment fires. The Council agreed to examine the possibility of inserting a clause in the allotment agreement prohibiting the lighting of fires when the wind was likely to carry smoke over adjacent gardens.

From the same letter came a request that the Council consider refurbishment of the roadside village signs in Briningham Road and opposite the Spar shop. The Clerk to contact Highways to see if this was possible.

11/1/10 Cheques for signature / approval

Cheques were presented for signature / approval for the following:-
SLCC £64.00 McAlpine £240.88, McAlpine £58.75

. These cheques were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Ms Hinde seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal.

11/1/11 Public Forum

Mr. Unsworth asked the Council if the proposed Parking Scheme would be self-financing and asked what the charges would be. The Chair said that until the Council had a price for the work which was it considered was feasible then no other details could be worked out.

Mr. Greenwood spoke about the bus shelter site and how it was important to have guttering on the shelter itself.

Cllr. Ms. Hinde mentioned parking in the alleyway again but understood that since these were unadopted and not owned by the house holders there was little that could be done short of mutual agreements between householders.

The meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

