

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12th

July 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 Cty Cllr. J. Howe.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Scott

Members of Public present Mrs. J Ward. Mr. C. Greenwood.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

12/7/1 Minutes

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

12/7/2 Matters arising.

Drains

The Chair reported that some drains in Briston Road were again blocked. The Clerk to contact Highways about this.

Heritage Plaque

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes was gathering the necessary documentation prior to applying to English Heritage for a blue Plaque in memory of William Marriot.

Street lights

After some discussion it was agreed to continue with the repair of the street lights on an ad hoc basis and to employ MBH Services to carry these out.

Old Play Area Fence

It was agreed that this could be left for the time being and then patched up as required when time and resources permitted.

12/7/3 Cty Cllrs Report

Cty Cllr. Jacky Howe said that she very much supported the provision of yellow lines opposite Grove Road and would be having a meeting soon with representatives of the Highways dept to discuss the matter.

12/7/4 Car Parking

This was brought forward on the agenda for discussion as Cllr. Howe had to leave early. The cost of the scheme appeared at the moment to be prohibitive for this Council and unless the County or District could fund the scheme then it seemed unlikely to go ahead. Cty Cllr. Jacky Howe said that she would make some inquiries re funding. Cllr Mrs. Bowes said that she had spoken to a firm from Essex who may be able to provide a cheaper alternative in the form of mat supported grass. The Clerk to pass the leaflets on this to the Chair for study.

It was agreed to keep the matter open and to review it periodically as circumstances changed.

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12/7/5 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

It was reported that the churchyard seemed fine at the moment.

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that he was in the process of receiving quotes for the upkeep of the vacant plot in Grove Road and that the co-owners had agreed to pay half the cost of the upkeep each.

The Clerk to contact the new owners of Dr. Bennett's house to ask if they would trim the hedge back off the pavement.

Bus Shelter Site

Cllr Ward reported that this was not too bad but that rubbish had accumulated around the bottle banks.

Recreation Field

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were still active moles. But that other wise it appeared fine.

Play Area.

This would be dealt with under the agendered item.

North Side

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that there were some chickens which appeared to be in a poor state of health. Cllr, Bowes to let the Clerk know which plot these were on.

12/7/6 ROSPA report on Play Area

The Chair went through the report noting the points which required urgent action and those which could be left until there was time to remedy them.

Matters from the report for urgent attention were:-

- 1 The roundabout needs the gap underneath reducing to recommended limits
- 2 The basketball net needs to be refitted
- 3 The area under the swings needs consolidating and a better surface installed.

Less urgent was the derusting and repainting of several items.

There will be a site meeting on the Play Area at 7.30 next Tuesday (19th July)

The hedge around the area needs cutting back of and the removal of dangerous plants. Mr. Veary had offered to do this at a cost of £120.00. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Miss Hinde seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal that Mr. Veary should do this.

Cllr. Mrs Hinde had also contacted a company (Norfolk Signs) to make polycarbonate vandal proof signs for the play area at a cost of approx £55.00 each. It was agreed to have two signs made. One placing an age limit on the fenced small children's play area and another setting out the general rules for the area and placed adjacent to the entrance.

Cllr. Miss Hinde to contact the clerk for the wording of the latter and to be passed to the chair for perusal before ordering.

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12/7/7 Planning Matters

The following plans were before the Council :-

1. 20051026 LA & 20051025 PF for the erection of an extension / Games room at Culpitts Farm Hindolveston. After a short discussion the Council offered no objection to these applications

2. 20051077 Conversion of Garages to Annexe Mill Lodge Briningham. The Council offered no objections to this application.

3. 20051044 PF Siting of portable building for use as Office / Storage at Unit 18 Towerbank Industrial Estate. The Council offered no objection to this application.

12/7/8 Correspondence

Letter asking for observations on the change of licence for the Green Man Briston to 24 hour unrestricted licence. The Council had no objections / observations for this proposal.

The Clerk reported that there was a letter stating that the unmetered supply charge for the street lights was to increase from approx. £51.00 to £70.39

12/7/9 Cheques for signature / approval

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

ROSPA £104.58, Norfolk County Services £272.89, MCCC £30.00, Age Concern £50.00, Mr. J. Stocking £479.84, NACPTC £80.36, Miss C. Anderson £50.00.

It was agreed to update the cheque mandate at the next meeting.

12/7/10 Public Forum/ Late Business

Mr Greenwood said that cars were parking on the pavements in Kitchener Road and the other roads on the north side.

Cllr. Miss Hinde asked if there was anything the Council could do to prevent people parking in the alleyways.

The Chair explained that this was a perennial problem but that as the alleyway were unadopted and owned by no-one there was little the Council could do.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

