

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 14th  
June 2005**

Cllrs. present: -

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

District Cllr. R. Combe

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal & Cllr. Ms. J. Howe.

Members of Public present Mrs. J Ward.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

The Chair asked that an additional item 'Play Area Security' be placed on the agenda. This was unanimously agreed.

## **14/6/1 Minutes**

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

## **14/6/2 Matters arising.**

### **Drains**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the highways dept. stating that the drains on the north side of Briston road were difficult to clear because of parked cars. They would be coning areas in the near future to enable clearing to progress.

### **Conservation Area**

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

The Clerk reported that there was currently no planning permission in existence on the land opposite the Spar shop, the previous outline permission having expired and the plans being withdrawn on renewal.

## **14/6/3 District Cllrs Report**

Cllr. Combe again said that this was the time to be making representations regarding the proposed car park. The Parish would need a proper business plan and would need to have local resident backing. Cllr. Combe stated that there may be some money available from D.C. for this.

Cllr. Combe also reported that he had been told that a cardboard bank should be sited in the village before the end of July.

## **14/6/4 Councillor's Reports**

### **Churchyard.**

It was reported that moles were very active in the churchyard. The Clerk will contact Mr. Longhorn to deal with this.

### **South Side.**

Cllr. Loynes said that the grass needed cutting on the old Play area in Grove road and that he would contact Mrs Medd with a view to the Country Club and MelBobby sharing the cost of upkeeping this.

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 page 2 of 3**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that the street light half way along Grove Road was now totally obscured by the tree adjacent to it. The Chair said that he would look at this matter together with the grass cutting.

**Bus Shelter Site**

Cllr Ward reported that this was not too bad but that rubbish had accumulated in the shelter itself.

**Recreation Field**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were still active moles. The Clerk said that Mr. Veary had told him that he had strimmed around the seat.

**Play Area.**

Cllr. Miss Hinde reported that She had asked Mr. Veary if he could install the safety surfacing in the Goal mouths and under the slide. Mr Veary had said that he did not feel able to do this. Cllr Hinde also reported a number of drinks cans scattered about the area some of which were beer cans. The Chair referred discussion of this to the agendered item.

**North Side**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that there was nothing particular to report.

**14/6/5 Car Parking**

The Clerk reported that he had had a site meeting with people from NCS and that there were many more considerations to be taken into account than had at first been envisaged. NCS will supply a detailed estimate but the very rough verbal estimate the Clerk received after the meeting put the costs in excess of £300.000.

It was agreed that until Cllr. Combe could give the council some indication from NNDC that it was able to allocate funds of this size for the scheme, that spending any time and money on preparing and business plan and having further meetings to ascertain village backing was premature.

**14/6/6 Old Play Area Fence, Gordon Road**

The fence was agreed to be in bad repair and it was suggested that the Clerk write to Mr. Jones who has the adjacent farm to ask if he may be willing to help with the cost of repairs to this.

**14/6/7 Play Area Security**

The Chair said the Mr. Veary had had continuing problem with bad behaviour from certain groups of children on the play area. And did not feel that it was any part of his job to be constantly admonishing the offenders, which was agreed by the Council.

There was also the recently discovered vandalism of the free trees planted by the Clerk & Cllr. Mrs. Stocking some 5 weeks ago.

Cllr. Mrs. Stocking said that she was amazed and very annoyed that the Clerk and Council had not been inform of this earlier since one Council member and Mr. Veary knew that the trees had been damaged almost a month ago.

After a lengthy discussion, and taking into consideration the points raised earlier in 'Councillors Reports' it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Stocking seconded by Cllr. Miss Hinde that a proper vandal proof notice be erected restricting the age of children

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 page 3 of 3**

allowed into small fenced off area to 11 years and below. This was carried with a vote of four for and one against.

It was also agreed that a notice be placed on the main entrance to the area stating that if the vandalism and unacceptable behaviour continued then the area would be closed in the early evening.

**14/6/8 Street Lights**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by McAlpine that they were discontinuing the Street lighting repair business and that the Council must now find an alternative repairer. The Clerk had contacted Pearce & Kemp who had offered a maintenance contract and also prices for ad hoc repairs. It was agreed that the Clerk ask this company to do any outstanding repairs on an ad hoc basis until the Council had the completed survey report outstanding from McAlpine and could assess how to proceed in the future.

**14/6/9 Conservation Area**

There was a discussion on the Melton Constable Conservation Area. During which it was felt that the policing and progressing of this was not really the business of the Parish Council but could more effectively be monitored by a 'Conservation Group' which could be formed and perhaps include one or more Councillors who had an interest. It was agreed that the Council would actively support any proposals by such a group provided it considered them realistic and achievable.

**14/6/10 Planning Matters**

There were no plans before the Council this month.

**14/6/11 Correspondence**

A letter asking for a donation was received from the Local 'Age Concern' organisation and it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes to donate £50.00 to this cause.

It was agreed on a proposition by the Chair seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking not to renew membership of the CPRE this year.

**14/6/12 Cheques for signature / approval**

Two Cheques were presented for signature which were approved at the last meeting.

**14/6/13 Public Forum/ Late Business**

Since the Clerk and Cllr. Mrs Stocking are unable to attend the scheduled meeting in August it was agreed to put back the date of this to August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It was agreed on a suggestion from the chair that the Council rejoin the NAPTC this was proposed by Cllr. Miss Hinde & seconded Cllr. Ward. Clerk to try to get a reduction for the remainder of the year.

Cllr. Ward reported that the farm slurry sewer which crossed the allotments from Mr. Jones farm was smelling badly and suspected it may be blocked

The Clerk to include this matter in the letter to Mr. Jones.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

