

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 8th March 2005

Cllrs. present: -

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

Cty. Cllr. R. Wright

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Stocking

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

8/3/1 Minutes

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

8/3/2 Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted NCS on two occasions regarding quotes for the Car Parking Scheme but had had no response. And there was consequently nothing to report. Cllr. Mrs. Heal gave the Clerk a dummy video camera from her neighbour which might be set up to 'monitor ' the bus shelter site. The Clerk would keep this until the village sign had been re-erected. There had been a reply from the DC regarding the Lomax site and the current plans for increasing the number of houses. The Clerk reported that the information was that the increase in housing did not encroach upon the agreed public open space.

Mr. Veary had submitted two quotes via the Chair for the installation of guttering on the bus shelter £50.38 and for the replacement of roofing felt on the shed roof £45.00

It was unanimously agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hinde that these be approved.

The Clerk to write formally to the Highways dept complaining of the poor state of maintenance of the drains in Briston road.

8/3/3 Councillors Reports

Cty. Cllr R. Wright

Reported on the progress of the Northern Distributor Road around Norwich and said that it was very likely that the outer route would be chosen as it was unlikely that a road would be allowed to cross the SSI site of the Wensum Valley.

Dist Cllr. R. Combe.

Reported that the appeal for 179 Fakenham Road had been disallowed but that the owner would be allowed to continue in business with a home delivery service only. Change of use and planning permission for the chimney had been allowed.

Cllr. Combe also reported that the percentage of recycling in the District was much improved and higher than many other authorities. It was hoped that this would soon be further improved.

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The Local Development Framework to replace the Norfolk Structure Plan was in effect from May 2004 and consultation process starts with PCs in May 2005.

Cllr. Combe said that the 'Crime and Disorder meeting had gone very well despite absences due to the bad weather. The Officer to contact was Beneata Shelly who was co-ordinating the scheme.

Churchyard.

Cllr. Mrs. Heal said that the Churchyard was fine and that David Lakey was intending to re-erect 2 headstones which were damaged when his sheep got into the churchyard recently.

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that there was a derelict caravan in Astley Terrace that appeared to belong to the people living in the old shop adjacent to the club. The Clerk to investigate and write to the people concerned.

Bus Shelter Site

Cllr Ward reported that the shelter needed 'sweeping out and that there was a good deal of rubbish around the bottle banks.

Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr Longhorn regarding the Moles and trusted that these would be dealt with soon.

Play Area.

Cllr. Miss Hinde reported that the area was generally good but that the step on the slide needed attention from Mr. Veary.

North Side

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that the allotments and the north side of the village were looking good but that the building rubble was still on Mr. Kendal's allotment. The Clerk said that he had written to Mr. Kendal and hoped that this would be removed soon.

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes also reported that there was a high fence around one of the allotments. The clerk would investigate this.

8/3/4 Planning Matters

The Council studied and considered the following planning applications:-

20050347 & 20050348 both concerned with the installation of Solar Panels on the Dairy Farm Melton Park the latter being listed building consent.

The Council agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Heal seconded by Cllr. Miss Hinde to offer no objection to these applications.

8/3/5 Notice Board and Village Sign

The Chair said that the notice board frame had now been put in place and the clerk would fit the new pin board as soon as the weather improved. The Clerk said that the seat and waste bin would also be fixed in the near future.

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The Clerk had obtained 2 quotes for a replacement Village sign both quotes put the cost at some £2,000 – £2,500 . This was considered beyond the current means of the Council. The Clerk said that he believed the existing sign was saveable. But that he would be unable to do this quickly and that he estimated that it would be summer before the sign would be ready for re-erection.

8/3/6 Street Lighting

The Clerk said that following the request from the last meeting he had contacted McAlpine and had been told that a survey and report on all the lights would cost approx £5.00 per column amounting to some £200.00 in total. This was approved on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal. The Clerk had also had a quote for the replacement lamp in Burgh Beck Road of £225.00 This was also approved on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Miss Hinde.

The Clerk said that so far this year the street lighting had cost the Council over £2,000 and that this expenditure was unsustainable unless the precept was increased to cover the extra costs. The Chair said that depending on the outcome report just commissioned the Council would need to decide what to do regarding the future of the street lighting.

8/3/7 Correspondence,

There was a letter from Mott McDonald regarding the yellow lines in Briston Road. These had now been reduced to two sections one opposite Grove Road and the other opposite Colville Road. This was seen as the maximum that could be placed in the face of local opposition.

8/3/8 Cheques for signature / approval

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

Mr. J. Stocking £550.67, G.W. Harrold £342.50, NPFA £15.00.

. These cheques were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs, Bowes seconded by Cllr. Miss Hinde.

8/3/9 Public Forum

Mr. Cox asked if it was possible that street lamps could be replaced with a different colour and with anti glare shades it became necessary for them to be replaced. It was agreed to ask the McApine engineers if this were possible when the report was done.

Mr Green wood said that there was very little rubbish in the bus shelter but had a more important point in mentioning the poor state of the drains in the village particularly in the side streets which appeared badly designed.

8/3/10 Late Business

The Annual meeting of the Council to precede the May monthly meeting

The Clerk to formally write to Cllr. Scott inquiring his future intentions re the Council.

Cllr. Mrs Heal said that a friend of hers may be interested in saving parts of the Railway Heritage of the village and agreed to ‘walk’ him round possible sites when he next visited.

The meeting ended at 20.35 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

