

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 10th May 2005

Cllrs. present: -

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

District Cllr. R. Combe
County Cllr. Ms. J Howe.

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

The Chairman welcomed the new County Councillor Ms Jacqueline Howe to the meeting.

10/5/1 Minutes

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

10/5/2 Matters arising.

Car Park.

The Clerk reported that he had again contacted NCS regarding quotes for the Car Parking Scheme and had been promised a figure before this meeting but none had been forthcoming.

Drains

The Clerk had received a response from the Highways Dept stating that they would investigate and if necessary increase the frequency of clearance.

Yellow lines

There was a general discussion on this and the failure of the previous Cty Cllr. To support them. The new Cty. Cllr. asked that all relevant correspondence be forwarded to her.

It was noted that the rubble had been removed from the old play area fence. But the fence needs serious attention and is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

10/5/3 District Cllrs Report

The Chair moved this forward as Cllr. Combe had to attend another meeting this evening.

Cllr. Combe outlined the new Local Development plan and 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 would ask about Car Park provision and this Council would call a special meeting to discuss this.

10/5/4 Election of Officers for 2005/2006

The Current Acting Chair Cllr. Loynes said that he had received a letter from the Chairman Cllr. Scott resigning from this post but it was unclear if he was resigning from the Council.

The Clerk then called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Loynes was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Heal and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking.

There being no further nominations Cllr. Loynes was unanimously elected as Chairman for the year 2005/2006.

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The new Chairman Cllr. Loynes then called for nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr. Mrs. Heal was nominated by Cllr. Mrs Bowes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking. There being no further nominations Cllr. Mrs Heal was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Nominations were then called for RFO. The Clerk, Mr. Stocking was proposed by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Ward. There being no other nominations Mr. Stocking was unanimously elected RFO. For the coming year.

10/5/5 Annual accounts

These had been studied by members since the last meeting and on a proposal by Cllr. Mrs Heal seconded by Cllr. Ward were unanimously accepted by the Council.

The Chair & Clerk then signed the Annual Audit Return in the presence of the meeting.

10/5/6 Councillor's Reports

County Councillor Jacky Howe introduced herself and outlined her various roles in the community. She asked that the Clerk forward the last few months minutes so that she could familiarise herself with the workings of the Council.

Churchyard.

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

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that he was pleased that there was nothing untoward to report.

Bus Shelter Site

Cllr Ward reported that this was a little untidy with rubbish accumulated around the Bottle Banks.

Recreation Field

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were still a couple of active moles. The Clerk to ask Mr. Veary to strim around the existing seat to the south of the field.

Play Area.

Cllr. Miss Hinde reported that the area was looking good. Cllr. Mrs. Stocking and the Clerk had planted the free trees in the enclosed area.

North Side

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes reported that this was generally good.

10/5/7 Street Lights

The Clerk had received the report from McAlpine but this did not yet contain any costs. This item to be put back until the next meeting. It was reported that the light in the alleyway behind the Club was out. Clerk to report this.

10/5/8 Planning Matters

The Council studied and considered the following planning applications:-

1. Application for replacement windows in the Country cub Melton Constable. Cllr. Loynes as Chairman of the Country Club took no part in the discussion concerning this save to answer Cllrs questions. It was agreed, with Cllr. Loynes abstaining, on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking seconded by Cllr. Ms Hinde that the Council should support this application

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2. There were two related applications for extensions to the Dairy Farm Melton Park.

It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking that the Council offer no objection to these applications.

3. The application for alterations to the entrance of the Doctors surgery Grove Road was discussed and it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the Council support this application.

10/5/9 Correspondence

The Clerk to write to ROSPA asking them to inspect the Play area this year.

There was letter from Melton Magna Scouts asking for funds. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the Council should donate £50.00 to this cause.

Following a letter from the Holt Area Caring Society it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Ward seconded by Cllr. Miss Hinde that the Council donate £25.00 to this cause.

Following a letter last meeting from Mr. Greenwood on the Melton Constable Conservation Area a discussion on this found that the Council broadly supported the content of the letter.

The Clerk is to write to the D.C. asking for some form of enhancement Plan which is obligatory under the terms of the Conservation area agreement.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Cllr. Mrs. Heal that Mr. Greenwood's ideas be supported and that a representative from the relevant D.C. dept. be asked to attend a future meeting. The Clerk to contact a Mr. Philip Godwin.

It was suggested that an English Heritage Blue Plaque be sited on the House in which William Marriot used to live. Cllr. Mrs Bowes to investigate the procedures for applying for this.

The Clerk also to clarify the planning status of the land opposite the Spar shop.

10/5/10 Cheques for signature / approval

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

R&M Eke £100.00, Alliance Cornhill Insurance £696.64, Alfred McAlpine £235.00. Mrs. J. Ward £70.00. NRCC £15.00, Mr. Longhorn £150.00, Mr. Veary £135.57

. These cheques were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

10/5/11 Public Forum

Cllr. Mrs Heal had looked around the Railway heritage sites with directors of the North Norfolk Railway and Mr. H. Drewery. It was generally thought that consideration should be given to preserving as much as was practicable.

It was reported that street light 27 in the alleyway near the allotments was out.

The meeting ended at 20.40 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

