

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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 Cllr. R. Combe

No apologies were received

Members of Public present Mrs. J Ward, Mr. A. Brown, and Mr. C. Greenwood.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

## **13/9/1 Minutes**

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

## **13/9/2 Matters arising.**

### **Cardboard Bank**

It was agreed that since the 'cardboard bank' seemed to be exacerbating the rubbish problem the Clerk should write to the D.C. requesting that this either be removed or a notice clearly stating that this was for cardboard only be affixed to it.

### **Heritage Plaque**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that this was now under consideration by English Heritage.

### **Play Area inspection**

Clerk to look at gap under roundabout. Signs had been made and Cllr. Miss Hinde to deliver these to the Clerks home.

### **Yellow lines**

There had been no further information on the yellow lines opposite Grove Road. Clerk to inquire as to the progress of this.

## **13/9/3 Dist. Cllrs. Report**

Cllr. Robin Combe regretted that no funds were available from the DC for providing a fence around the Bottle Banks. The Clerk to obtain a quote for this.

## **13/9/4 Councillor's Reports**

### **Churchyard.**

It was reported that the churchyard grass was long but would be OK as long as a new handyman was found quickly.

### **South Side.**

Cllr. Loynes said that there was nothing in particular to report.

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**Bus Shelter Site**

Cllr Ward reported that rubbish had accumulated around the bottle banks and that the shelter itself needed cleaning out. Also that notices had been stapled to the seats leaving dangerous pieces of staple in the wood. Clerk to write to the Chair of Briston Sports & Social Club regarding this.

**Recreation Field**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were 2 active moles and a welcome absence of dog dirt. Clerk will contact Mr. Longhorn. Mr. Longhorn would no longer be able to attend to moles in the village after the end of this year. Cllr. Mrs. Stocking would enquire who dealt with moles at the school with a view to obtaining a quote for future mole problems.

**Play Area.**

Cllr. Miss Hinde said that this seemed fine but Cllr. Ward said that the rubbish bins had been upset and rubbish strewn about.

**North Side**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that, with the exception of the allotment plots identified during the recent inspection all seemed fine.

**13/9/5 Handyman**

It was agreed to invite all those ( four) who had expressed an interest to attend informal interviews at the Country Club on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7.00 p.m.

**13/9/6 Car Parking**

Since the investigation into the rubberised surface had been inconclusive as far as suitability and endurance was concerned and had not taken into account ground preparation it was agreed that this route could not be pursued. The other options were vastly too expensive and time consuming to implement. After a short discussion it was agreed with one against on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking that this proposition be shelved by the Council.

**13/9/7 Allotment Inspection**

It was very gratifying to note that during the recent inspection of the allotments the general condition was much improved from previous years. There were only about 4 or 5 occupied plots which were not being cultivated satisfactorily and the Clerk would write to these tenants pointing out their obligations under the agreement.

It was proposed By Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that some form of deposit be paid by new tenants to cover the Council for clean up costs should a tenant take on a plot and subsequently not cultivate it. After some discussion it was agreed that a sum equal to a maximum of two years rent be paid in advance. The second year being forfeit if the tenant did not cultivate the plot during the first year or left the village without informing anyone. Clerk to draft a new clause to this effect.

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**13/9/8 Cheques for signature / approval**

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

G.W. Harrold £342.50 North Norfolk Signs £129.25

It was agreed that these be signed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Heal seconded by Cllr. Ward,

**13/9/9 Public Forum/ Late Business**

Mr Brown asked if there was any truth in the rumour that the land on which his allotment plots were situated was to be sold. The Chair replied that the Council had no knowledge of this and that as tenants of the land the Council would surely be informed of any such move.

Mr. Greenwood asked if a window could be placed in the western end of the bus shelter to enable people to see buses approaching during inclement weather. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Ward reported a street light out in the alleyway to the west of Gordon Road. Clerk will investigate and instigate repair.

Cllr. Ward also reported that the British Legion had expressed a desire to have the war memorial cleaned. The Chair suggested that Cllr. Ward ask the British Legion to come up with some firm proposals and costs which the Council would look at.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hours.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....