

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Cllrs. present: - Cllr. Mrs.A. Hudson, Cllr A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes.  
Cllr D. Ward. Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal  
Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe, Dist Cllr. Robin Combe.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Stocking & Cllr. C. Scott

Members of Public present – Mrs. J. Ward, Mr. S. Unsworth

### **15/8/1 Minutes**

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Ward

### **15/8/2 Matters arising**

There had been an email from Mr. Phil Reilly of the Highways Dept saying that Mott McDonald were to resurrect the yellow line implementation opposite Grove Road.

Recharge for the grass cutting in Grove Road has been approved by Melton Constable Country Club on receipt of invoices from the Council.

The Clerk read the letter from the Council to Mrs. Belfield regarding her late husbands plot.

The Clerk had ascertained that the exposed redundant gas pipe in the alley to the north of Briston Road was unadopted and it was agreed that any remedial action by the Council was not appropriate since the Council could then be considered responsible for subsequent upkeep.

### **15/8/3 Dist Cllr's Report**

Dist Cllr. Combe would pursue the Great Dane issue with the Dog Warden at NNDC. and also press for any new or replacement signage for the village. The Council can expect to receive the information on the Local development plan early in September.

### **15/8/4 Cty. Cllr's Report**

Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe reported that she is actively pursuing the yellow lines issue opposite Grove road and would keep the Council informed of the progress of this. Cllr. Howe also stated that the police do not have the manpower available to monitor and enforce observance of the existing yellow lines. Cllr. Mrs. Howe apologised for not attending meetings more often but said she had 22 parishes in her constituency as County Cllr. Cllr. Mrs. Howe said that she would however, endeavour to attend when and if the Clerk informed her of specific issues requiring her help.

### **15/8/5 Councillor's Reports**

#### **Churchyard.**

Despite a lot of renovation work in progress the condition of the Churchyard was generally very good.

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**South Side.**

Cllr. Loynes said that the Great Dane was still posing a problem, that the sign for Astley Terrace had been broken ( Clerk to report) and that the grass in Grove Road had been cut by NCS.

**Bus Shelter Site**

This was generally good but needed as sweep around the bottle banks. The Clerk had received a letter from NNDC saying that people had been placing dog waste in the litter bin. It was agreed that the Clerk should mention this in his report for the Parish Magazine and also place a notice on the bin.

**Recreation Field**

The Clerk had loosened the fallen goal post crossbar from the ground but required help to move this aside such that NCS could now mow behind the goal posts. There appeared to be one active mole in evidence. The Clerk would report this

**Play Area.**

This is separately agendered

**North Side**

This was generally OK and allotments are separately agendered

**15/8/6 Allotment Update**

The Clerk had received letters of intent to tidy their plots from all but 3 of those who had been sent letters warning of non compliance with the rules and asking that they reply in writing. It was agreed that the clerk should now write to these 3 people giving them one months notice to quit their plots.

**15/8/7 Play Area update**

The meeting was informed that the safety grass had now been installed under the swings but that this had sunk slightly, The rest of the safety grass work was in progress. The Rocking Rocket still needed to be dismantled but it was agreed to wait until after the school summer holidays were over before doing this.

The excessive gap under the roundabout had now been rectified by Mr. Morrissey and a new spring toy had been installed.

It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the swing seats should be replaced together with any chains & fixings required. Cllr. Mrs. Hudson to investigate and order the necessary parts.

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that she had received a promise from Mr. Kinsley that the fence would be repaired next week . The alleyway had been strimmed and the rubber piping had been removed.

**15/8/8 Correspondence**

There was a letter from Mrs. Stacey of Hastings Close complaining of youths kicking footballs over her fence and then climbing over to retrieve them. The balls had also done damage to pots in her garden and she was fearful of being struck by one. Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said she was aware of the problem and was informed that netting was available which may alleviate the problem. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Bowes should investigate this further and obtain some costings.

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The Clerk to write to Mrs. Stacey expressing the Council's sympathies and stating that the matter was receiving attention.

There was a letter from Norfolk Accident & Rescue asking for a donation of funds. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the Council donate £50.00 to this cause.

**15/8/9 Cheques for signature / approval**

101191	£100.00	Scrub	Clearance	Mr. J Whitehead
101192	£7.50	Printing Costs	Village sign	Mr. A. Loynes
101193	£756.34	Grass	cutting	NCS
101194	£80.00	Mole Control	Rec.	SPW Pest Control
101195	£52.58	Paint for	Play area	Wicksteed

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

**15/8/10 Other business**

It was reported that there was a rat problem near to Mrs. Buckingham's home in Briston Road. It was agreed that Mrs. Buckingham should report this to NNDC Environmental Health Dept. in the first instance but that if she did not obtain a satisfactory result she should inform the Clerk.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....