

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 13th June 2006

Cllrs. present: -

Cllr. C. Scott, Cllr. Mrs.A. Hudson, Cllr A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes.
Cllr D. Ward.

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Stocking & Cllr. Mrs. Heal

Members of Public present – Mrs. J. Ward

Prior to the meeting Mark Ashwell from NNDC gave a short presentation on the Local development plan and said that a consultation document was being prepare for distribution in September when Councils would then have six weeks to respond with any comments. The Clerk was asked to place ‘Local Development Plan’ on the Agenda for the August meeting.

13/6/1 Minutes

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

13/6/2 Declaration of acceptance of Office

Cllr. Loynes signed his declaration of acceptance of the Office of Chairman in the presence of the Council.

13/6/3 Matters arising

The Chair outlined the area forum meeting attended by himself and the Clerk recently. Cllr. Combe apologised for the poor way in which the second half of the meeting was conducted.

Cllr. Scott asked if the Bus shelter site could be cut more often. The Clerk would have a word with the Handyman concerning this and would monitor the situation for the next month.

Concern was expressed that our County Cllr had not attended a meeting for some while and had seemingly done nothing concerning the proposed yellow lines opposite Grove Road despite emails from the Clerk and promises that the implementation of the lines was imminent.

The Clerk was asked to send all the relevant correspondence concerning this to Cllr. Combe.

13/6/4 Audit Form

Since the accounts had been accepted by the Council at last month’s meeting the Clerk asked the Council to approve the questions on the official Audit return form this was agreed and the form was duly signed in the presence of the Council.

13/6/5 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Combe talked about a local resident’s project to get the streets properly cleaned in the village. Despite a leafleting campaign the project had limited success because the leafleting of Briston road was omitted. It is hoped that a further leaflet campaign to include Briston Road will be more successful.

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Cllr. Combe also stated that limited money was available for new or improved signage should any Councils required this.

13/6/6 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs. Heal the Clerk said that the Churchyard was looking fine when he last looked a week ago.

South Side.

Cllr. Loynes said that the south side of the village was generally scruffy and that there were weeds growing against peoples walls and there were several front gardens which were unkempt. The Clerk would contact the district Council, who used to weedkill the pavements, to see if they still did this.

It was agreed that the open area in Grove Road needed cutting once or twice a year and the Clerk would write to the Country Club to try to arrange this.

Bus Shelter Site

This was now quite tidy apart from a dumped refrigerator which the Clerk had reported and should be cleared soon.

Recreation Field

The Recreation Ground was being cut well by Norfolk County Services. Quotes had also been obtained for clearing the areas around the eastern goalpost and around the seat on the south side. It was agreed to accept these quotes and allow the work to go ahead.

Play Area.

This is separately agendered

13/6/7 Allotments

The north side of the village and allotments were discussed and it was generally agreed that there were many very good and well kept plots. These were let down however by a few very badly kept or totally untended plots. This despite the fact that only one plot was actually vacant.

It was agreed that the Council should take a much harder line with tenants who failed to cultivate their plots in line with their agreements and to this end an allotment inspection was scheduled for Sunday 25th June to identify those plots which needed attention. Councillors felt that at this stage of the growing season all plots should show some evidence of cultivation. The Clerk to submit a plan and list of holders to Cllr. Scott so that he could report to the Council prior to the inspection.

13/6/8 Play Area

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a time scale from the Handyman for the completion of the repairs. Cllr. Mrs Hudson said that she could obtain topsoil for the placement of the safety grass if the Clerk contacted her a day or so before the work was to be done.

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The rocking Rocket needed dismounting so that Mr. Velthaus could repair the seat and repaint it.

There was a general discussion on the problems that older children were creating on the area and what could be done concerning this.

It was agreed to go ahead with the quote obtained by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes to repair the existing fence Proposed. Cllr. Scott seconded Cllr. Loynes. The possibility of planting a hedge as a long term solution is to be agendered for the next meeting.

The Clerk said that Mr. Morrisey had agreed to complete the levelling of the ground under the roundabout and install the Motorbike Spring Toy before the school summer holidays.

13/6/9 Planning Matters

The Council studied and considered the following planning application:-

Application for Retention of Stock Proof Fencing for Mr. Harrold in Melton Park.

It was unanimously agreed to raise no objection to this application.

13/6/10 Correspondence

There was little of note this month.

13/6/11 Cheques for signature / approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101184	£466.36	Safety	Grass	Wicksteed
101185	£192.47	emptying of	Dog Bins	NNDC

. These cheques were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Scott

13/6/12 Other business

It was reported that a large accumulation of rubbish existed behind number 23, Briston Road which the occupants appeared to be doing nothing about despite it having being reported. The Clerk would contact the Environmental Heath Dept at the DC.

The meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

