

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 14th March 2006**

Cllrs. present: - Cllr. A. Loynes (Chair) Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal. (Vice Chair), Cllr. D. Ward, Cllr. Mrs. P. Stocking, Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes,

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe

Apologies were accepted from Cty. Cllr. J. Howe. Cllr. Mrs. Hinde.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

14/3/1 Minutes

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These were unanimously passed as a true record after a minor amendment on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Bowes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Stocking.

14/2/2 Matters arising

Roundabout. The Clerk had still to have a site meeting with Mr. Morrissey concerning this. He would endeavour to pin Mr. Morrissey down in the near future.

Moles on the Rec. The Clerk to contact NCS recommended moles catcher.

The tree pruning on the Play Area had been done.

14/3/3 Reports from Cty. & Dist. Cllrs

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Cllr. Combe asked that a representative from this Council attend Area Forums so that they could talk to planners and Dist. Council Officials.

The Local Development Plan was to be agreed by the Dist Council in July of this year and implemented in 2007. It appeared likely that only 12 larger villages including Melton Constable & Briston would be earmarked for further development.

The increase in Council Tax for this year would be 3.5% equivalent to some 11p / week for a band D property.

14/3/4 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

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

South Side.

There was nothing, save the rubbish under the tree in Grove Road to report.

Bus Shelter Site

This was looking tidy at present

Recreation Field

There were still active moles. The Clerk would contact the moles catchers recommended by NCS.

Play Area.

This was fine now and the trees had been pruned. The Clerk to remove the prunings in the near future.

North Side

This appeared OK at the present time. There was to be a redraft of part of the allotment agreement relating to holders moving out of the Parish.

14/3/5 Bus Shelter Site Trees

The BT engineer had marked the site where the cables ran and said that planting within 2 feet of the cable run was fine but to avoid cherry trees. It was also agreed that Cllr. Mrs Stocking & Cllr. Mrs Bowes would visit Edgefeild Nursery with a view to purchasing the trees.

14/3/6 Plans

Plan 20060346PF Erection of 1st floor extension in Melton Constable. This was supported on a proposition by Cllr Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal.

Plan 20060346PF Erection of Double Garage at Dairy farm Melton Constable. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal that no objection be offered to this application.

Addition of Games room to Culpitts farm. Again it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Bowes that no objection be offered to this application.

14/3/7 Report on Law and Order Conference attended by Cllr. Mrs Heal.

Cllr. Mrs Heal gave a report on the conference she recently attended. Neighbourhood policing was discussed and the crime survey showed a drop in crime rates. The public perception was however opposite to this and every effort was being made by the police to increase confidence. Locally trained community support Officers would be deployed shortly which it was hoped would show a more visible police presence.

It was emphasised however the community co-operation was crucial to the success of such schemes.

Local Area agreements. Parish Councils will have an active role to play in this and areas concentrated on would be criminal damage, anti social Behaviour and domestic violence which appeared to be the main public concerns. Although the levels of such crime were low in Norfolk, public perception was contrary to this. And the police would make every effort to improve services.

Comments were that it appeared that a lot more onus was to be placed on Local Communities and Parish Councils to help with this.

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14/3/8 Correspondence

The Clerk to write to NNDC to state that it was believed that the Astley Terrace hedge was planted by the Walsingham & District RDC during the 'All Change' scheme and that as such we believe that the upkeep of this is now the responsibility of the NNDC.

There was an appeal for funds from Hold & Dist CAB. It was agreed to donate £50.00 to this cause. Proposed Cllr. Loynes seconded Cllr. Ward. AIF.

Area Forums. The Chair & Clerk to attend the next one at Walsingham.

14/3/9 Cheques for signature / approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101167	£520.04	Clerks Sal	& Rent	Mr. J. Stocking
101168	£45.00	Hall	Hire	MCCC
101169	£20.00	Annual	Fee	NPFA
101170	£342.50	½ year	Allot Rent	G.W. Harrold & Sons
101171	£75.00	Tree	Pruning	Mr. Whitehead

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

14/3/10 Late Business

Following concerns by a villager that the stream was becoming blocked this was discussed and Cllr. Combe said that he would ascertain who was responsible for the upkeep of this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.35 hours.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....