

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Cllrs. present: -

Cllr. C. Scott, Cllr. Mrs.A. Hudson, Cllr A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal.(Vice Chair) Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes. Cllr Mrs. P. Stocking

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. D. Ward & Dist. Cllr. R. Combe

Members of Public present - None

## **9/5/1 Minutes**

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

## **9/5/2 Matters arising.**

### Moles

The Clerk to chase up quotes for this.

### Insurance

The Insurance cover was discussed and it was unanimously agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal to remove the Street lighting and Office equipment from the schedule and to halve the Fidelity insurance cover.

## **9/5/4 Election of Officers for 2006/2007**

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

There being no further nominations Cllr. Loynes was unanimously elected as Chairman for the year 2006/2007.

The 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. Mrs. Heal. There being no other nominations Mr. Stocking was unanimously elected RFO. For the coming year.

## **19/5/5 Annual accounts**

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

## **9/5/6 Councillor's Reports**

### **Churchyard.**

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

### **South Side.**

Cllr. Loynes said that there was nothing untoward to report save that the large dog was still wandering loose and that there was still some rubbish under the tree in Grove Road. The Clerk would ask the Mr. Velthaus if he could clear this.

### **Bus Shelter Site**

This was now quite tidy with only a minor accumulation of rubbish.

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**Recreation Field**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking reported that there were still a couple of active moles. The Clerk to ask Mr Velthaus to strim around the existing seat to the south of the field and weed kill the area. There was some discussion on the legality of using weedkiller on a public space. Cllr. Mrs Bowes said that the gentleman who had cut the trees on the Play area had a weedkilling licence and she would inquire if he was able to do this.

**Play Area.**

This is separately agendered

**North Side**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes reported that some allotments were in a poor state. It was agreed to place allotments on the agenda for the next meeting.

**9/5/7 Play Area**

There was a lively discussion on this Cllr. Scott said that it was in a disgusting state, that he had never seen it looking so bad with litter all over it and that some parents were loath to take children there. There was some disagreement with this statement. The Clerk said he had recently cleared all the litter from the site, that it had recently been cut and was now looking fairly tidy.

Cllr. Mrs Hudson said that there were youths with golf clubs hitting balls on the area which all agreed constituted a grave danger. Unfortunately no names were known.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Morrisey asking that he level the ground under the roundabout as per his verbal quote and also install the other rocking motorbike. Mr. Morrisey to be given a deadline of mid June or at the latest prior to the school summer holidays to complete the work.

It was agreed to leave the gates unlocked for the time being and see if this was causing any problems.

The Clerk said that he would order the paint from Wicksteed. Cllr. Scott said that he thought he had a tin of such paint in his shed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should order the ground reinforcing tiles from Wicksteed for placing under the swings and in the goal mouths.

The Old play area fence was discussed. The Clerk had received a quote of some £850.00 to replace the fence as it was. This was considered a large sum to replace a fence in an area which was little used. A post and wire fence was suggested but some reservations were expressed as to the safety of this. Cllr. Mrs Stocking suggested that a hedge might be a solution...this was thought a good idea by most members but it was agreed that some form of fence would also be required whilst a hedge was established. Cllr. Mrs Bowes said that she would make inquiries with people who may be able to quote for a simple fence and for hedging plants.

There had been an email from Mr Veary complaining about the state of various areas of the village and that he wanted to know if certain items had been removed from the Handyman's contract. There was a further lively discussion on aspects of this. The Chair said that most of the matters raised were now dealt with and that he would reply to Mr. Veary.

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**10/5/8 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.

**9/5/9 Correspondence**

It was agreed that the Council would not renew its membership of the CPRE.

The Clerk reported that the contractor who had agreed to refurbish the War Memorial had unfortunately recently passed away. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the RBL asking that they find another person who could undertake the work.

**9/5/10 Cheques for signature / approval**

Mr. Velthaus £140.00. For supply of 2 off picnic tables. Clerk £29. 28 for purchase of printing cartridges

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

**9/5/11 Other business**

It was agreed, that since it was unclear if Mr. Longhorn had been paid in advance or in arrears for his mole clearance duties, that after the Chair had discussed the matter with him the Council would pay him 50% of his yearly payment.

The Chair requested that Councillors in future be better prepared for meetings and that members gave more thought to matter of procedure during meetings.

The meeting ended at 21.10 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....