

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Cllrs. present: - Cllr. Mrs.A. Hudson, Cllr. A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes.  
Cllr. D. Ward. Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal. Cllr. Mrs. P. Stocking  
Dist. Cllr. Robin Combe.  
Cty. Cllr. Mrs. J. Howe  
Mr. Q. Barker. Cty. Highways Dept.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Scott .

### **14/11/1 Minutes**

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

### **14/11/2 Matters arising**

Vote of thanks was accorded to the Clerk for rebuilding the village sign and to Mr. Woodhouse for his help in erecting the same.

The Clerk to write to Mr. King thanking him for his help in organising the repairs to the War Memorial railings.

The Clerk now had the necessary information regarding the Goal Posts and it was agreed that the Clerk go ahead with the application for part funding for these.

### **14/11/3 Cty. Cllr's Report**

Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe said that the yellow lines opposite Grove Road were immanent.

### **14/11/4 Dist. Cllrs. Report**

District Cllr. Robin Combe said that there had been a good response to the LDF document with over 400 respondents. The replies would be collated and the results should be distributed by Feb / March 2007.

Cllr. Combe was pleased to report that the area was now top of the league in recycling and he asked that the Clerk record his thanks to the community and urge them to continue the good work. There was more sophisticated machinery being installed which meant that it should be possible to recycle more materials in the future. Cllr. Combe said that he was actively pursuing the Great Dane problem.

### **14/11/5 Traffic Through the Village**

Mr. Quentin Barker from the Cty. Highways Dept was present in response to a request from the Chair and a letter from a villager last meeting.

Mr. Barker said that there was not much which could be done regarding the volume of traffic as Briston Road was a main through route.

A lower speed limit. He considered, was neither practical nor enforceable The Cty. had experimented with 20MPH speed limits but had not found them very successful. The Cty. did not consider Melton Constable a high priority for further traffic controls and Mr. Barker said that the parked cars down Briston Road was probably the best traffic calming method the village could have.

A 20 MPH limit at Astley school may be possible but this would be for Briston PC and the school to pursue.

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**14/11/6 Councillor's Reports**

**Churchyard.**

The Churchyard was looking fine..

**South Side**

Apart from the Great Dane problem the only other problem concern a motorcycle which was being parked on, and obstructing the pavement in Colville Road. The Clerk to write to the owner advising them of the illegality of this.

**Bus Shelter Site**

The Bus Shelter site was currently tidy and the Chair thanked the Clerk for repainting the shelter after the recent vandalism.

**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present. The Clerk had reported the mole problem to Mr. Wegg.

**North side / Allotments**

The Clerk to write to 2 tenants regarding non payment of rent giving 7 days to pay before the Council re-possessed the plots. The Clerk reported that the chicken run which was the subject of a letter last month had now been cleaned up.

Clerk to check with Mr. Fish if he is willing to strim and keep tidy unused plots.

**Play Area.**

No-one had come forward to take up the post of 'Play Area Warden' which had been advertised. It was agreed that the Clerk should put this in the January Parish Magazines as a formal advertisement.

The fence and hedge on the old Play area to be placed on agenda for the next meeting. Clerk to ask Handy man to repair broken panels in small play area fence.

It was agreed that the handyman's contract needed a rethink and the Clerk & chair would look at this and rewrite if necessary to represent to Mr. Velthaus in the Spring.

**14/11/7 Planning matters**

Plans were before the Council for a rear conservatory to a house in Gordon Road and for the removal of internal walls at Gardeners Cottage Melton Park.

There were no objections to either of these plans.

**14/11/8 Correspondence**

In response to a letter from MHB services the Clerk was asked to reply asking if it were possible to repair the damaged lamps as opposed to complete replacement which would cost some £400.

Cllr. Mrs Stocking said that she questioned the need for the Council to maintain and pay for lighting to the rear alleyways in the village.

Lighting will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and the Clerk will provide a map of all existing lights for Councillors.

In response to a letter from the Holt & District CAB it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hudson that £50.00 be donated to this cause.

Cllr. Mrs Heal agreed to be the Council's representative for the Local Area Forums.

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**14/11/9 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101204	£188.00	War mem	Cleaning	Mr. J. Allen
101205	£484.25	Sal. Rent	& Expenses	M. J Stocking
101206	£76.38	Street Lighting	Repairs	MHB Services
101207	£143.58	Handyman	Duties	Mr. J. Velthaus
<b>Total</b>	<b>£892.21</b>			

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

**14/11/10 Public Forum**

There was a complaint from a resident living adjacent to the play area about the noise. Rubbish and foul language. She said that this had increased since the Council stopped locking the gates at dusk.

The Chair sympathised with this but said that since no-one had come forward to take up the Play Area Warden post there was at present no-one to perform the locking & unlocking duties.

There was also a complaint concerning the conditions of chickens on one plot on the allotments. The Clerk said that he thought this problem had been attended to in response to his letter last month. He would investigate and if necessary write again to the plot holder.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.40 hours. Next meeting would be the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2006.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

