

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 10th October 2006

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

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Stocking & Cty. Cllr. Mrs. J. Howe

10/10/1 Minutes

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

10/10/2 Matters arising

The war memorial had been cleaned, but the village sign had yet to be re-erected.

10/10/3 Dist Cllr's Report

District Cllr. Robin Combe asked for all reports & photographs concerning the Great Dane problem that he was pursuing at District Council level. The Clerk would email PC Smith to see if he had spoken to the owner.

Cllr. Combe said that the District Council wished to see more people come forward as prospective candidates for district Councillors.

10/10/4 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was looking very good.

South Side

Apart from the Great Dane problem the only other observation was that the bowling green car park grass was a little long,

Bus Shelter Site

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy apart from a little broken glass around the bottle banks.

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present but the broken goal post still needed moving The Clerk had reported the mole problem to Mr. Wegg.

Play Area.

Cllr. Scott said that he was disappointed that there was still litter in evidence on the area. The Chair reiterated that it was not part of the current handyman's job to pick this but that he did empty the litter bins.

It was agreed that most of the litter was take-away food packaging and as such had almost certainly been left by older children / teenagers.

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It was also agreed that there was a need to find someone to clear litter and lock & unlock the gates. To this end a notice had been placed in the Play area and on the notice board asking anyone interested to contact the Clerk. The Clerk has had one response to this to date. The Chair and Clerk are to speak to this applicant in the near future.

The Clerk said that the Rocking Rocket still needed to be dismantled and that a time should be arranged to do this.

It was agreed to go ahead with the application for funding for new goal posts for the Recreation field and also possibly for the Play area. Clerk to contact the Chair with some contact details for the Football Foundation organisation.

It was reported that one of the horizontal members on the newly repaired fence had been broken. The Clerk to ask Mr. Velthaus if he is able to repair this.

10/10/5 Allotment Update

The Clerk to write to the holders of one of the non compliant plots congratulating him on the progress so far but stating that the Council need to see more improvement by the start of next years growing season.

It was reported that another holder's chicken run was in a bad state with the birds appearing neglected. Rotting food and stagnant water was giving off a terrible smell. The Clerk to write to this holder asking him to rectify matters as soon as possible.

10/10/6 LDF

The Local Development Framework was discussed at length and the Chair thanked Cllr Combe for his valuable input and clarification of some of the issues.

The General feeling of the meeting was one of concern that adequate infrastructure provision in the form of amenities and services should be in place before any new development took place and that thought was given to the impact any such development might have on the local social & economic environment. Cllr. Combe assured the meeting that all such considerations were taken into account when deciding on any larger scale planning applications.

The Council agreed to support the framework as it applied to local 'Site Specific Proposals' but to voice concerns regarding the above in its response to the District Council .

10/10/7 Precept for 2007/2008

The Council discussed and approved the draft budget for 2007/2008 and agreed unanimously on a proposition by Cllr. Scott seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal, to keep the precept level the same for next year. It was gratifying to note that the precept had not been increased for at least 15 years.

10/10/8 Correspondence

There was a letter from a concerned resident about the level and speed of traffic through the village. It was agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting and the resident concerned should be invited to attend.

In the meantime the Clerk would contact the Highways Dept. to discuss any options available which might help the situation.

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10/10/9 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101199	£100.00	Petrol for	Mowing	R&M Eke
101200	£279.84	Swing Seats	& Shackles	Wicksteed
101201	£50.00	Annual	Donation	Nfk.Acc.& Rescue
101202	£342.00	Allotment	Rent	G.W. Harrold
101203	£756.33	Grounds	Maintenanc e	Nrfk Cty Services
Total	£1,528.17			

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

15/8/10 Other business

War Memorial

The recent accident damage to the war memorial railings & wall was discussed and the meeting was informed that action to repair this was now in hand but that it was unlikely to be completed in time for the Memorial Service in November.

It was reported that a planning application notice had been displayed for a short time in the village and had then been removed. The Clerk said that he had not had any applications notified to him this month but he would check the NNDC website for any recent applications.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

