

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 12th September 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
Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe, Dist Cllr. Robin Combe.
P.C. Steve Smith

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

12/9/1 Minutes

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

12/9/2 Matters arising

Cty. Cllr Mrs Howe said that the Yellow lines opposite Grove Road should be in place by the end of the financial year

The Great Dane was still causing problems and the owners name was given to P.C. Smith who said he would investigate the problem.

12/9/3 Report from Community Police Officer

P.C. Smith told the meeting that there were only 6 reported offences in Melton Constable in the past 6 months, two of assault and four of theft. There were no reported house burglaries. PC Smith also said that he would try to monitor & enforce observance of the yellow lines whenever he was in the area.

12/9/4 Cty. Cllr's Report

Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe reported that The C.C. were concerned about dangers at the junction of the B1352 & A148. Members expressed surprised as no one had considered the junction a problem.

12/9/5 Dist Cllr's Report

District Cllr. Robin Combe warned that local people were being duped by certain companies to put in speculative planning applications. They were being assured of success and were being asked for considerable sums of money to ensure this. Cllr. Combe stressed that people should contact the District Council Planning Office before parting with any money.

12/9/5 Councillor's Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was now back under control after the renovation work and was looking very good.

South Side

It was reported that the Great Dane was still causing problems on the south side of the village and that it had recently run out into Briston Road causing vehicles to brake and swerve to avoid it. As stated, PC Smith was given the name and address of the owner and said that he would look into the matter. The Clerk said that he had reported the broken sign on Astley Terrace.

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Bus Shelter Site

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy. But fly tipping remained a problem.

Recreation Field

The Clerk said that the Recreation field was looking good at present but the broken goal post still needed moving and there were a couple of active moles. Clerk would report the latter to Mr. Wegg.

Play Area.

It was reported that the fence between the Old Play Area and Mr. Jones's farm had been repaired and a new gate installed. The new swing seats had arrived and needed to be fitted.

The 'Rocking Rocket' now urgently needs to be dismantled and repaired.

It was agreed that following Cllr. Mrs Bowes discussions with Mr. Kinsley over the possibility of providing some form of netting to prevent balls being kicked into adjacent gardens, that this would not be a practical solution. Consequently there was little the Council could do to prevent this save to encourage children and youths using the area to take more care.

A letter of complaint signed by several villagers had been received about the apparent lack of maintenance on the Play Area with particular reference to litter.

A representative of these people had been invited to attend and address the meeting but none was present.

The Clerk told the meeting that litter picking was not part of the handyman's contract. He was only responsible for emptying the two litter bins.

The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed to advertise for someone to regularly patrol the area, pick up any litter and to lock the Play Area gates at night. The Clerk agreed to place a notice on the Parish Notice Board and the Play Area, also to mention it in the meeting report in the Parish newsletter in the hope that someone would come forward. It was acknowledged that the precept might have to be increased in order to pay such a person.

Some of the older lads using the Play Area said that they would use the Recreation Ground at the bottom of Meadow Lane if the goal posts could be repaired. It was agreed to look into the costs of this. Another possibility was to move the existing 5-a – side goal post to the Recreation ground.

North Side

Nothing to report. The allotments are separately agendered.

12/9/6 Allotment Update

The Clerk had now had responses from all the allotment holders who had received letters of non-compliance with the allotment agreement. It was agreed to give these people 30 days to make some improvement to their plots. A Cllr. would inspect the plots and report back to the next meeting. Allotment rents would be collected at the Country Club on Wednesday 11th October.

12/9/7 Correspondence

There was only the above letter of complaint from residents of Gordon Road and some preliminary documentation relating to the LDF.

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12/9/8 LDF

Concern was expressed that the Local Development framework might not take account of local infrastructure service provision when deciding on numbers of new housing. The meeting was assured by Cllr. Combe that no new housing would be authorised without there being adequate provision of such services.

The Clerk would distribute copies of the documents to members when they arrived and, after looking at these, the Chair would decide if it was necessary to call a special meeting before the October monthly meeting.

15/8/9 Cheques for signature / approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101196	£200.00	Grass cutting	Churchyard	Mr. J. Fish
101197	£340.00	Play Area	Fence repairs	Mr. F. Kinsley
101198	£47.00	Street Light	Repairs	MHB Services
Total	£587.00			

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

Precept for 2007/2008

The Chair and Clerk to meet and agree a draft budget to be presented to Council at the next meeting .

15/8/10 Other business

The Clerk said he would look into the progress on the war memorial cleaning.

In response to a request from Mr. Brown the Clerk would also make new signs for the allotments banning dogs, cycling and unauthorised persons.

It was agreed that the Clerk should receive payment for time and materials expended on the rebuilding of the village sign which was now almost finished and, hopefully, would be re-erected soon.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

