

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 11th April 2007

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Members of Public present – Mrs. J. Ward. Mr. S Unsworth/ Mrs. K. Holmes. Ms J Labant.

11/4/1 Minutes of 13/3/2007

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

11/4/2 Minutes of 27/3/2007

The minutes of the Special meeting of 27/4/2007 were passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Ward.

11/4/3 Matters arising

It was reported that the Street light near the Hastings Arms was out . The clerk would report this.

The new Goal posts had been erected and it was suggested that the old posts on the play area be secured to the fence near to the shed.

11/4/4 District Cllrs Report.

Cllr. Combe said that the Hastings Arms development plan had conservation issues and that it was unlikely that the owner would be allowed to demolish the building. A new area conservation plan was being drawn up and this should be published in June.

Cllr. Combe also said that he would look into the matter of a tree which had been felled in the garden of the Co-op Shop to ascertain if the appropriate permissions had been obtained.

11/4/5 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

This was again looking fine but there were rubbish problems with people leaving non degradable items such as plastic flowers and wreaths on the spent flower heap.

South Side

The Great Dane has not been seen for some time. And the Astley Terrace sign still had not been repaired. Clerk will contact Highways again.

Bus Shelter Site

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy. But it was reported that the seat had been damaged. The Clerk will investigate

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present save for one or two moles. The new goal posts have been erected.

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North side / Allotments

The allotments were looking much better than they had for several years. There are currently only 2 vacant plots.

Play Area.

The Clerk said that the new goal posts had been erected handyman would now put reinforcing mats down.

There was still an ongoing litter problem mainly from older children / teenagers and it was hoped that many of these would soon make use of the new full sized goal posts which had been erected on the Rec.

The clerk said he would secure the old goal posts to the fence near to the shed.

Cllr. Mrs Heal asked if the Council would have any objection to the formation of a voluntary litter picking group to periodically do a village 'Womble' All agreed that this was an excellent idea.

11/4/6 Planning matters

There were no plans for discussion this month..

11/4/7 Correspondence

There was little of note this month..

11/4/8 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101227	£342.50	1/2 Year	Allot. Rent	G.W. Harrold & Prtnrs
101228	£15.00	Annual	Subscription	NRCC
101229	£115.76	Annual	Subscription	NATPC
101230	£514.65	Lighting	Clean & replace	MHB Services Ltd.
101231	£53.99	Lighting	Contract 1st inst.	MHB Services Ltd.
Total	£1,041.90			

These cheques were agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Scott seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal.

Public Forum

There was some concern over a letter which had been circulated by the police pointing out that parking on pavements was illegal. The Chair said that although he sympathised with the fact that people had few other places to park this was the law and there was little that could be done until some outside funding was available to

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provide a parking area. Ms Labant said that she would be interested in helping with Cllr. Mrs Heal's proposed litter picking group.

Other Business.

The Chair brought to the attention of the meeting the fact that a member of the Council had disclosed the amount of the Handyman's remuneration to a member of the public. The Chair said that he would not name the Cllr. responsible but that this type of disclosure should not have been made.

Cllr. Scott said that it was he who had made this disclosure as he did not think the matter confidential.

The Chair reiterated that he did not consider the disclosure appropriate. Cllr. Scott repeated that he did not consider that he was in the wrong and stated that therefore he would not apologise. Cllr Scott said that in his opinion the Handyman was not doing a good job and he had merely been suggesting that another person might take on his duties and had told this person how much the Handyman was being paid.

The Chair said that since the Council had voted to accept the current handyman's quote it was not for individual members to undermine this decision. There followed a heated exchange and Cllr. Scott was invited to submit a paper on any outstanding issues which could then be formally placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Chair then ended the meeting at 20.10 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....