

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

Cllrs. present: - Cllr. A. Loynes, (Chair). Cllr. Mrs. J. Heal. Cllr. Mrs. P. Stocking.  
Cllr. Mrs. H. Bowes. Cllr. Mrs. Velthaus. Cllr. Mrs. Hayes. Cllr. S. Unsworth

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe. Cty Cllr, Jacky Howe  
Members of Public present - Mr. Nickell, Mrs. Holmes, Ms Labant.

## **14/8/1 Minutes of 3/7/2007**

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

## **14/8/2 Matters arising**

It was reported that little could be done to allow a request bus stop outside the spar shop due to traffic difficulties.

## **14/8/3 Report from County Cllr.**

Cllr. J. Howe said that there had been several complaints about the proposed removal of mature trees in Colville Road to facilitate that footway repairs. This despite the fact that it was intended to replace any removed and also to fill the gaps left by past tree removals. She said that the complaints were being looked into and that the replanting was being explained to the complainants.

## **14/8/4 District Cllrs Report**

Cllr. R. Combe said that he had little to report but would like to remain for the item on the Conservation Area.

## **14/8/5 Cllrs. Reports**

### **Churchyard.**

This was again looking fine.

### **South Side**

No problems were reported save that the Grass had not been cut recently.

### **Bus Shelter Site**

There were no problems here except for the usual small amount of fly tipping

### **Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present.

### **North side / Allotments**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that there were a few problems and that she would liaise with the Clerk about these.

### **Play Area.**

The Slide had been repaired. But the waste bins were full. It was suggested that perhaps more bins should be provided.

## **14/8/6 Vandalism**

The Clerk reported that the Police hope to prosecute two youths who were responsible for the damage to the slide.

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**14/8/7 ROSPA Report on Play Area**

It was agreed to agenda this for the next meeting when the Chair said he would have time to read it and prepare a précis of salient points to circulate to members.

**14/8/8 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Bowes said that a village in Wiltshire had installed solar powered lighting and that she would contact them to ascertain which firm installed it and if it was a viable proposition in their experience. It was agreed to wait until the budget meeting to recommend any possible increase in the precept. Cllr. Combe suggested that the Council contact the Local Area Partnership with a view to help with funding.

**14/8/9 Melton Constable Conservation Area Appraisal & Proposal Document**

It was agreed that some of the proposals seemed contradictory and impractical but it was considered a very interesting document. Surprise was however expressed that the D.C. had not contacted the P.C. prior to compiling the document. There was general support for the proposed listed buildings. It was agreed that we should contact the DC stating that we wished to meet with them prior to any proposed exhibition or public meeting. It was strongly felt that the DC should have contacted this Council much earlier.

It was suggested that discussion be deferred till the next meeting to give all members time to read the Doc. and that the Chair would speak to the D.C.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the usual time to discuss the document prior to the next Council meeting.

**14/8/10 Planning matters**

Plans were before the Council 20071133 PF for the erection of a replacement agricultural building at the Dairy Farm. It was unanimously agreed to offer no objection to these plans.

**14/8/11 Correspondence**

There was a letter from Mrs. Stacey complaining about youths kicking balls over her fence from the play area and suggesting that the Council was responsible for this. Cllrs. Mrs Stocking & Mrs. Bowes had spoken to the Lady and explained that there was little that the Council could do to alleviate the problem as it was impossible to police the area at all times.

Mr. Gavin Nickell wish to speak on the matter and the Chair adjourned the meeting at this point to allow Mr. Nickell to speak.

Mr. Nickell said that he too was disturbed by noise from the play area and would be willing to lock & unlock the gates at dawn & dusk as was done in the past. He would also be willing to do this free of charge. The Clerk would obtain new locks & keys and get together with the Chair and Mr. Nickell to discuss arrangements.

At this juncture the Chair invite any other comments from the public present . There was concern that the Conservation area issue was being kept from the public. The Chair explained that nothing was hidden and that all documents were available on The D.C. website. He said that it would be premature for the PC to call any form of public meeting until the PC had had chance to talk to the DC and was happy with the proposals.

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The problem of Traffic on Briston Road was raised and it was agreed that short of a village bypass very little could be done to lessen the volume of traffic.

It was suggested that some street lights could be taken out of service and it was explained that the cost of de-commissioning was almost as much as replacing them.

The Chair then re-convened the meeting to conclude the business of the evening.

**14/8/12 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101240	£210.00	Grass Cutting	Churchyard	Mr.J. Fish
101241	£50.00	Internal	Audit Fee	Mrs. C. Longhorn
101242	£107.98	Street Light	Contract 2 mths	MHB Services Ltd.
101243	£109.28	Playground	Inspection	Playsafety Ltd
101244	£28.81	Printer	ink cartridges	Mr. J. Stocking
101245	£528.00	Repairs to play	equip & St. furn.	Mr. J. Velthaus
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,034.07</b>			

These Cheques were agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

Chair ended the meeting at 20.45 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

