

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Ms. Gemma Walker, Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Members of Public present – Ms. McKenzie-Dodds

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30. p.m.

Ms Gemma Walker of Norfolk Wildlife Trust gave a short presentation on the Trust's proposed Wildlife Information Centre. She wished to involve at least two Parishes within Norfolk and Melton Constable / Briston had been thought suitable. She would liaise with the Clerk and hoped that at least 20 people from the two villages would become actively involved in sending in observations.

### **11/12/1 Minutes of 13/11/2007**

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

### **11/12/2 Matters arising**

It was reported that the Play area bins were full. Locks to be looked at with a view to replace these with a simpler type with less expensive keys. The Clerk reported that after contacting other companies he had found that none which could compete significantly with NCS. It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that the NCS contract be accepted & signed.

### **11/12/3 Report from District Cllr.**

Cllr. Robin Combe said that the Unitary Authority plans were progressing despite the DC being unenthusiastic about them. The Melton Constable Conservation area meeting would be on the 10th January at the Country Club. Cllr. Combe also said that there were proposals to make some funds available for small Councils to meet election expenses in order to promote a more democratic situation. The debate continues on this.

### **11/12/4 Cllrs. Reports**

#### **Churchyard.**

The Churchyard was reported as looking fine at present.

#### **South Side**

Nothing of note to report save for the Astley Terrace sign still not having been replaced.

#### **Bus Shelter Site**

This was now fairly tidy but some fly tipping still occurred.

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**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present and the area behind the eastern Goal had been cut, but there were still several moles. The Clerk had contacted the mole catcher. It was suggested that there should be notices to alert people as to where the Recreation field was. The Clerk said that he would look into making some finger posts to indicate the direction. He would speak to the Handyman or would make these himself.

**North side / Allotments**

These were reported as being fine at the moment.

**Play Area.**

The Clerk had contacted Playscape concerning the replacement of the ropes on the adventure trail and was awaiting their report.

The Clerk had given the Handyman a list of the outstanding jobs referred to at the last meeting.

**11/12/5 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that the local group partnership had been very supportive of our proposals for renewing some of the street lighting and said she wished to thank Gary Grimwold for his help in preparing the applications for grants. Cllr. Mrs. Bowes gave an interesting and detailed report on the progress so far and on the details of the proposed new lights.

She said that we should ensure that the Council should ensure that any new developments which take place in the Parish provided the type of street lighting preferred by the Council.

Cllr. Mrs Bowes said that this Council's proposals were also possibly eligible for a possible small grant from the local area network and asked that this item be agendered for the next meeting.

**11/12/6 Planning matters**

Plans were before the Council for the redevelopment of the Old Hastings Arms into two apartments with two addition houses being erected in the grounds. It was decided to support this application on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking.

**11/12/7 Correspondence**

There was a request from the Norfolk Accident & Rescue organisation for a donation. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes to grant this organisation the sum of £50.00.

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**11/12/8 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101262	£50.00	Alzheimer's Soc.	Donation	Alzheimer's Soc.
101263	£59.00	Annual	Subscription	SLCC
101264	£53.99	Lighting rep.	contract	MHB Services
<b>Total</b>	<b>£162.99</b>			

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

**Public Forum**

The Clerk would liaise with Wayne the owner of the picture framing shop over a  
litter notice for the Kebab shop.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....