

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007

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

Members of Public present – Mrs. J. Ward, Mr. Unsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Holmes. Mrs. Belfield, Mrs. Kinsley, Mrs. Laband, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs., Jermany. Mr. Morgan.

The Chair welcomed members of the public and asked that the planning item which most were there to hear be brought forward on the agenda. This was agreed unanimously.

### **9/1/1 Minutes**

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

### **9/1/2 Matters arising**

It was noted that the yellow lines had been completed opposite Grove Road and the 'H' lines on the alleyway entrances had been installed.

The Clerk said that he had still not had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Fish regarding the tidying of any unused allotment plots but was including a letter with his cheque.

Cllr. Scott reported that he was concerned that some of the topsoil being used for the refurbishment of the goals had got large stones in it. The Chair said he would speak to the Handyman.

The Clerk had not yet had a reply to application forms for the goal posts.

### **9/1/3 Dist. Cllrs. Report**

District Cllr. Robin Combe said that the pre budget meeting had taken place at the DC and that it was hoped that the rate increase this year could be held at 2.5%. Cllr. Combe was also concerned at the fly tipping problem by the bottle banks and would speak to the head of environmental services to ask for a survey to be carried out to see what could be done to alleviate the problem. He would also ask that the accumulated rubbish be cleared away.

### **9/1/4 Councillor's Reports**

#### **Churchyard.**

The Churchyard was looking fine..

#### **South Side**

Apart from the Great Dane it was reported that the Astley Terrace sign still had not been replaced. And that there were several untaxed cars.

#### **Bus Shelter Site**

The Bus Shelter site was currently in a very bad state due to fly tipping and a surfeit of bottles due to the Christmas period. It was hoped that Cllr. Combe's initiatives will help alleviate this problem in the future.

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**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present save for one or two moles.

**North side / Allotments**

Cllr. Scott reported that there was a serious rat problem on the allotments and that the rats appeared to be coming from the plot with the chickens which had been the subject of complaint at the last two meetings.. The Clerk was asked to write to the holder reminding him of his obligations under the agreement in respect of vermin.

**Play Area.**

Topsoil was being laid for the goal reinforcing mats and Cllr. Scott said that the goals were now in a poor state. The Chair to ask the Handyman about this. Cllr. Scott said that apart from the goals the area was quite tidy at present.

It was reported that the 'Doctors Corner' was untidy.

**9/1/4 Planning matters**

Plans ref. 20061909 PF were before the Council for a development terrace of 2 two storey houses and 2 three storey houses at the rear of the Co-op shop with access via the back alleyway off Burgh Beck Road.

Since many of the members of public were at the meeting because of this application the chair adjourned the meeting so that anyone might air their views on the subject.

After these views had been noted the Chair reconvened the meeting and asked for the views of members. After a short but constructive discussion it was decided on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Scott that the Council object to these plans on the grounds of . Poor access, inappropriate density, road safety, and that the development was not aesthetically in keeping with the surroundings.

**9/1/5 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Stocking handed out a survey and breakdown of the Councils street lights and the costs of maintaining these. Cllr. Mrs. Stocking asked that members please study the survey in conjunction with the map of the lights and consider what the Council should do with regard to the future now that many of the lamps required replacement and the maintenance cost were increasing each year.

**9/1/6 Millennium Garden**

Cllr. Mrs Heal said that because of business commitments she now felt unable to give the Millennium garden the time and attention it required and suggested that it either should become part of the Handyman's remit or be maintained in some other way.

It was agreed that the Chair should speak to the Handyman and that his agreement should be looked at and redrafted for next year. The Chair agreed to bring this draft agreement to the next meeting for ratification.

**9/1/7 Correspondence**

There was little of note this month save an email from the new community police officer stating that crime in the area was nil for last month and that the number of reported other incidents was very small.

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**9/1/8 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101214	£50.00	Donation		Astley Playtime Club
101215	£141.00	Audit	Fee	The Audit Commission
101216	£200.00	Churchyard	Maint.	Mr. J.R. Fish
101217	£163.25	Handyman	Maint.	Mr. F.J.K. Velthaus
<b>Total</b>	<b>£554.25</b>			

There was a query on cheque 101217 which the Chair said he would resolve with the Handyman. Before approving it. The Chair asked for a proposition that the rest of the cheques be accepted and that cheque 101217 be accepted if he received a satisfactory answer to his query.

. This was unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Scott seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

**Public Forum**

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr. Eke regarding the state of his plot opposite the shop.

Mr. Morgan asked if the village could have more bottle banks. The Clerk said that the current problem was temporary and that normally there is sufficient capacity.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.20 hours. Next meeting would be the 13th of February 2007.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....