

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 3rd July 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. Q. Brown.

**Apologies.** Cty Cllr. Mrs. Howe had said that she would be late.

### **3/7/1 Minutes of 12/6/2007**

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

### **3/7/2 Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that the hedge in Astley Terrace had been cut and that the Sign for Astley Terrace was in the process of manufacture.

It was also reported that a dead animal had been dumped at the bottle bank site but had been cleared quickly by the DC when reported by our handyman.

### **3/7/3 Report from District Cllr.**

Cllr. R. Combe had spoken to Mark Whitmore at the DC. Who was looking at witness statements regarding fly tipping at the Bottle bank site and was hopeful of a prosecution. Mr. Whitmore also promised temporary notices for the site. Cllr. Combe also said that a scheme for the composting of food waste was soon to be in operation.

### **3/7/4 Cllrs. Reports**

#### **Churchyard.**

This was again looking very good with Mr. Fish keeping well on top of the grass & weeds.

#### **South Side**

This was reported as OK with no particular problems.

#### **Bus Shelter Site**

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy.

#### **Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present save for two mole hills. The new goalposts were being well used.

#### **North side / Allotments**

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said she needed a new map and list of holders. Most plots were looking good but there were a few in need of further attention. The Clerk said that there had been a letter from the new holder of plot 35 requesting that he be allowed to build a garage / shed. This was approved provided the building did not exceed the dimensions stated in the agreement. It was agreed that the height of 8 feet stated in the agreement should be taken to mean overall height.

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**Play Area.**

Cllr. Mrs Hayes said that some equipment was in need of repair. Namely the Rocking rocket, the slide steps. The seat in the millennium garden required re-finishing. The bins were also full and required emptying. The Clerk said that the former two items were in progress and that he would speak to the handyman regarding the latter two.

**3/7/5 Local Development Framework**

It was agreed that since there was no real change from the draft document with respect to Melton Constable and Briston the Council would let it's former comments stand.

**3/7/6 Seminar on Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Mrs. Heal attended this and gave a good report. The main concerns were of conflicts of interest and it was agreed that anyone who considered that they had any form of prejudicial interest on any subject to be discussed should inform the Chair prior to the meeting.

There was also talk of the Parish Forums and local Partnerships being possibly merged and run under the umbrella of the D.C.

**3/7/7 Street Lighting**

There was a long discussion on this with the general consensus being that whilst the Council should endeavour to maintain the current level of lighting there were concerns over energy use and light pollution.

The Clerk said that he would look into the possibility of having lower energy lamps fitted. For replacement lamps there was very little in the cost between conventional lights and those which were less light polluting and any new lamps should be of the low pollution type.

The Clerk explained that the Council needed to decide on a scheme of replacement before the next precept request as it was almost certain that the precept would need to be increased for the number of years it would take to replace all the lights needing attention.

The Clerk to discuss with the maintenance firm what options were available to reduce energy consumption including P.I.Rs and Solar power.

. This item is to be agendered for the next meeting.

**3/7/8 Cty. Cllrs report**

Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe arrived at the meeting and the Chair invited her to report on Cty. matters.

Cllr. Howe said that she now sat on the Health overview security Committee and was shocked to discover that there were only 2 doctors on emergency call for the whole of Norfolk. She also spoke of the recent flood problems and the need to collate information on local flood 'hot spots'.

The Council's decision on the Colville Road footway upgrade had been passed to the relevant Dept and implementation was hoped to be by the end of the year.

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**3/7/9 Internal Audit**

The Chair said that he had read through the document and gave an overview on our existing arrangements. He asked the Clerk to check with NATPC that the council was doing all that was required.

**12/6/11 Planning matters**

There were no plans for discussion this month

**12/6/12 Correspondence**

There was little of note this month save for the LDF documents already mentioned.

**12/6/13 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101238	£418.33	Salary & Rent	April- July	J. Stocking
101239	£125.00	Handyman	Duties	Mr. Velthaus
<b>Total</b>	<b>£543.33</b>			

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

**Public Forum**

Mr. Brown of Burgh Beck Road said that his allotment had been under water for the past 2 months and his crops had been destroyed. The Council sympathised and it was agreed that in the circumstances he could have a rent free year on the areas affected.

**Other business**

It was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be granted to retired Councillors Chris Scott, David Ward, and Alison Hudson. These people had given sterling service to the Council for many years especially in the case of David Ward and of Chris Scott who had chaired the Council for 10 years or more.

Village composting was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the Council would back any scheme that was started.

Chair ended the meeting at 20.55 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

