

# MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Hudson

Members of Public present – Mrs. J. Ward.

P.C. Barry Fletcher Community Police Officer

The Chair welcomed PC Fletcher to the meeting and said that he would allow him to make his report early in the meeting.

### **13/3/1 Minutes**

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

### **13/3/2 Matters arising**

It was reported that the straying sheep problem was now solved and there should not be any future occurrences.

The Clerk said that the Street Lighting contract would be in force from 1<sup>st</sup> April and that a clean and replace program was taking place on all lights which had not been attended to in the past year.

The new Goal posts had been paid for and the Clerk was awaiting delivery of these before contacting NCS to erect them.

### **13/3/3 Community Police Officer's Report**

PC Fletcher gave a very detailed report on the incidents and crimes which had been reported in the area since January. It was gratifying to note that there had been no serious crime. That which was reported was mainly nuisance behaviour, domestic incidents and safety issues such as fallen trees.

The Chair once again said that yellow lines were still being ignored especially around the Kebab shop and that there were still a number of untaxed cars on the south side of the village. Cllr. Scott said that parking on the footways was also of major concern.

### **13/3/4 District Cllrs Report.**

Cllr. Combe asked the meeting what their feelings were on allowing dual registrations on parking discs. Many members said that they were unaware of the parking disc scheme but that dual registrations seemed a good idea. Cllr. Combe said that he would try to get some publicity material about the scheme.

### **13/3/5 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.

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**South Side**

Apart from the Great Dane and consequent large quantities of dog excrement at the junction of Grove Road & Melton Street. It was reported that one street light was out and that there were still a number of abandoned / untaxed cars.

The Clerk said that the light should be attended to in the current clean and lamp replacement program.

**Bus Shelter Site**

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy.

**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present save for one or two moles and some dog mess. The Clerk had contacted the mole catcher. The new goalposts would be erected soon.

**North side / Allotments**

It was considered that the Council should allow another month for people to begin cultivation before reporting on the condition of plots.

**Play Area.**

It was reported that following the sheep incident last month the play area had been locked but was now open again

Cllr. Scott expressed his disappointment that nothing appeared to have been done in the play area since last month.

The Clerk said that the new goal posts were soon to be erected and that the handyman would put the reinforcing mats down after this had been done. There had been no response from the warden applicants and it was agreed that the Council would not now employ a warden but would try to monitor the area some other way.

Cllr. Scott said that he would keep an eye on things and report any problems to the Clerk or Chair.

There was 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 to be erected on the Rec.

It was reported that there was still ivy covering the Railway engine sign in Grove Road and that area around the notice board was very untidy. The clerk would contact the handyman regarding this.

**13/3/6 Election Briefing**

The Clerk handed out nomination papers to members for the forthcoming Parish Council elections. The Chair explained that it was up to each member to complete and deliver their own papers to the DC. And went on to give a brief explanation as to which papers needed to be completed and the dates between which these must be delivered to the DC offices.

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**13/3/7 Handyman Agreement**

The Handyman had agreed to do the extra work requested but at an increase in remuneration of £100.00.

There was some discussion on this particularly regarding his allowing other persons to do some of the work. The Chair said that since the handyman was doing the work on a self employed basis then there was no reason why he should not allow other to do some of the work provided the cost to the Council was the same and the work was satisfactory. It was the handyman's responsibility to see that this was so.

It was agreed by a vote of 4 for and 2 against, on a proposition by the Chair seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal, that the Council accept Mr. Velthaus's tender for a further year at the increased sum.

**13/3/8 Planning matters**

There were no plans for discussion this month..

**13/3/9 Correspondence**

There was a letter of intent from the owner of the former Hastings Arms inviting members to inspect plans which he had for the site before he submitted them to the DC. The Clerk would visit Mr. Wilson and ask if he could have a copy of the plans to circulate to members. The Clerk to invite Mr. Wilson to the next meeting.

**13/2/10 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101220	Void	Void	Void	Void
101221	£1,045.76	Goal	Posts	Harrod UK
101222	£534.22	Clerk Sal	Rent & expns	J. Stocking
101223	£50.00	Mole Control	On Rec.	SPW Pest Control
101224	£164.50	Lighting	Repairs	MHB Services Ltd.
101225	£20.00	Annual	Subscription	NPFA
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,814.48</b>			

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

The next meeting would be on WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April due to holiday commitments

The meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

