

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 8th May 2007

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe. Cllr. J. Howe.

Members of Public present –Mrs. Jermany, Mr. S Unsworth, Mrs. K. Holmes. Ms. J Labant. Mr. Q Brown.

All Cllrs present duly signed their acceptance of office forms and handed them to the Clerk.

8/5/1 Election of Officers for 2007/2008

Nominations for Chair Cllr Loynes. Was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Heal This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking and there being no further nominations Cllr. A. Loynes was unanimously elected Chair and signed his acceptance of office form.

Nominations for Vice Chair, Cllr. Mrs. Heal was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking. There being no further nominations Cllr Mrs. Heal was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Nominations for RFO. The Clerk Mr. J., Stocking was proposed by Cllr. Loynes and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes. There being no further nominations Mr. J. Stocking was unanimously elected RFO.

8/5/2 Minutes of 11/4/2007

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

8/5/3 Matters arising

It was reported that the Street light near the Hastings Arms was now working again and that the Great Dane had sadly died.

8/5/4 Cty. Cllrs. report

Cllr. J. Howe said that the Cty. had money to upgrade the footways in Colville road but that in order to facilitate this some trees would have to be removed. The Cty. Council would however replace these and also some of the other trees which had been removed previously.

The Chair asked if the Council could have time to think about these proposals and if the money was available for other purposes. Cllr Howe said that the money could be used elsewhere but that the Council should decide quickly as the allocations were nearing a close. It was agreed that Cllrs should walk the village at 7.00 p.m. on 23rd May to look at any other possibilities. Meet in Doctors car park.

8/5/5 District Cllrs Report.

Cllr. Combe said that he had little to report as he had only just been re-elected. The Chair congratulated him on his re-election and thanked him for all his hard work during the past 4 years.

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8/5/6 Council Vacancies

The Chair outlined the proposed new standing order regarding the procedure for future co-option of councillors. There are currently 3 vacant seats on the Council. This was passed on a proposal by the Chair seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes. The Chair said that the vacancies would be advertised and the seats filled from those who came forward by ballot at the next meeting.

8/5/7 Formal adoption of accounts

The Chair briefly went through the accounts for 2006/2007 and asked if members had any questions. There were none and the Chair proposed that the accounts be formally accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal and unanimously passed.

8/5/8 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

This was again looking fine.

South Side

This was reported as all OK.

Bus Shelter Site

The Bus Shelter site was currently fairly tidy. But it was reported that the trees had been vandalised.

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present save for one or two moles. The new goal post nets were not anchored to the ground and it was reported that there was litter in the stream.

North side / Allotments

The allotments were looking good. There are currently no vacant plots. It was reported that the pavements in Briston Road and on the north side were in need of sweeping and the Clerk would contact highways again concerning this. The fence behind the millennium garden had been repaired.

Play Area.

This was reported as looking quite tidy at present with no real problems.

8/5/9 Revised Code of Conduct

It was agreed to agenda this for the next meeting when it was hoped that a full council would be present.

8/5/10 Standing Orders amendments

The Chair asked that the amendments to standing orders, which all Cllrs. Had had sight of and were necessary before adoption of the new Code of Conduct, be accepted.

This was unanimously agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

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8/5/11 Planning matters

Plans were before the Council for a change of use at 'Gamekeeper's Cottage' Melton Park and the demolition and replacement of farm buildings at the dairy farm.

No objections were raised to either of these proposals and the former was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal. The latter on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal.

8/5/12 Correspondence

There was little of note this month.

8/5/13 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101226	£647.16	Council	Insurance	Allianz Cornhill
101232	£722.63	Goal Post	Installation	Nfk Cty Ser
101233	£215.38	Dog waste	Bin emptying	NNCC
Total	£1,585.17			

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

Local Forum report

Cllr. Mrs Bowes reported on the recent local Forum meeting and said that there was funding available for various village projects and that she would investigate if this might be available for street lighting. She would also look into the possibility of a local composting scheme.

Public Forum

There were no further issues for discussion.

Chair then ended the meeting at 20.35 hrs.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

