

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 13th November 2007

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Members of Public present – Ms. McKenzie-Dodds, Mrs. Mowle, Ms. Botteger

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Bowes.

13/11/1 Minutes of 9/10/2007

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

13/11/2 Matters arising

Cllr. Combe reported that there had been no further action on the prosecution of fly tippers but that he would push for all possible measures to prevent further problems.

13/11/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that he hope that Cllr. Mrs Bowes would attend the meeting on 4th December. Cllr. Combe also asked if the Clerk had received a form of risk assessment for himself as an employee of the Council. The Clerk said that he had not. Cllr. Combe passed the Clerk a Pro Forma example of the type of answers required.

13/11/4 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 and the Graffiti had been removed, but some fly tipping still occurred.

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

North side / Allotments

There was no report

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Play Area.

The Clerk would contact Playscape concerning the replacement of the ropes on the adventure trail.

The slide needed filling and repainting in places.

The fence at the rear of the play area needed repairing as children could gain access to the farm.

The fence all around needs checking and re-securing to the post where necessary.

The goal nets need checking & repairing in places.

The bins need emptying and another is needed.

The Clerk would present the Handyman with a list of these jobs.

13/11/5 Street Lighting

Members had looked at the draft submission and there was a short discussion on this. Cllr Combe said that funding was possibly available from H.A.P. which would form 'trigger funding' for the project.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the position with Cllr. Mrs. Bowes regarding VAT.

It was agreed that a vote of thanks should be accorded to Cllr. Mrs. Bowes for all her work on this.

13/11/6 Planning matters

Plans were before the Council for the re erection of agricultural buildings in Melton Park. The Council offered no objection to these plans.

13/11/7 Correspondence

There was a request from the Norfolk Alzheimers Society for a donation. It was agreed by vote of 5 for and one against to grant this organisation the sum of £50.00.

There was a letter from NNDC asking for people to become members of the Standards Committee. The Clerk to place the letter on the notice board.

There was a request for comments on the siting of two official travellers sites at Cromer and Fakenham. The Council agreed that these were appropriate and District Cllr. Combe asked that the Council write in support of this.

There was a letter from Reepham High School informing the Council of their intention to apply for the establishment of a 6th form at the school and asking for comment. It was agreed that the Council should write in support of this proposal.

There was a contract to sign for the grass cutting from NCS. It was agreed to seek another quote before signing this.

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13/11/8 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101252	£422.41	Clerks Salary	Rent & Expns	Mr. J. Stocking
101253	£86.72	Election	Expenses	NNDC
101254	£60.00	Hire of	Hall	MCCC
101255	£53.99	Street Lighting	Maint Contract	MHB Services
101256	£210.00	Churchyard	Maint.	Mr. J. Fish
101257	£125.00	Handy man	Duties	Mr. J. Velthaus
101258	£50.00	Donation		East Ang. Air Ambulance
101259	£50.00	Donation		Holt CAB
101260	£30.00	Donation	& Wreath	Royal Brit. Legion
101261	£52.88	Locks & Keys	for Play Area	NCS
Total	£1,141.00			

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

Public Forum

Concerns and suggestions were expressed concerning fly tipping at the bottle bank site. It was agreed that most of the suggestions had been tried in the past without success. It was suggested that perhaps some people, particularly recent migrants may not be aware that only bottles & paper was allowed to be left at the site and that multi language notices may be of help.

The Clerk was asked to contact the DC to see if any such notices or pictorial notices on what could or could not be left there were available. It was also suggested that 'Dial –a – worker or the Big Prawn be contacted and asked if they could explain to their workforce about rubbish disposal.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.30 hours

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

