

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday
9th October 2007**

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Members of Public present – Ms McKenzie-Dodds and group interested in proposed
Grove Road development.

Also present Mr. N. Saffell and Alan Irvine from Brown & Co. Estate Agents. To
give presentation on the proposed development off Grove Road.

Prior to the meeting proper the Clerk asked that Cllr. Mrs. Heal sign her declaration
of acceptance of Office as Chair. To which she was elected at the September meeting.
This was duly done. Cllr

The Chair then opened the meeting at 7.35. p.m.

9/10/1 Election of Vice Chair

The Chair called for nominations for vice chair. Cllr. Lyons proposed Cllr.
Unsworth, this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking and there being no further
nominations Cllr. Unsworth was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

9/10/2 Minutes of 11/9/2007

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

9/10/3 Matters arising

The Clerk reported that there had been no interest from neighbouring Parishes re the
purchase of a Radar Speed Gun.

9/10/4 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that he would do his utmost to support the Council in its
battle to prevent fly tipping at the bottle bank site and would help with the provision
of bins for those people living in rented rooms or flats who's landlords had not
provided bins.

9/10/5 Presentation by Brown & Co. on Proposed development off Grove Road for the Country Club & Melbobby Ltd.,

Cllr. Loynes ..Chairman of the Country Club gave a short introduction to Messers
Brown & Co. and told members that the Country Club needed to sell its land to raise
money for essential repairs to the club without which the club may well not be able to
remain open.

Messers Brown & Co. then gave a short presentation on the proposed development
which would currently consisted of some 38 dwellings, access roads, parking spaces,
(including some 15 for existing residents) and an area of open / play space.

It was also stated, in response to a Cllrs. Question, that any street lighting on the
proposed development would become the responsibility of the Parish.

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The Chair thanked Messers Brown & Co. for their presentation and formally adjourned the meeting so that members of the public present could put questions to them.

Many questions were put forward. The main concerns were over parking, increased traffic flow and the disruption and noise which could be caused by the building process. People were asked to please send in their comments to Brown & Co. on the form provided, when they would be taken into account before any final planning application was submitted to the District Council.

The Chair then re-convened the meeting at 8.35 p.m. at this point all of the members of the public left the meeting.

9/10/6 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was reported as looking very good at present.

South Side

The Astley Terrace sign had still not been replaced. The Clerk said he had been told that this was in hand but that he would chase the matter.

Bus Shelter Site

This was now fairly tidy but some fly tipping still occurred and people were leaving bags full of bottles seeming too lazy to place them in the banks. The Clerk to place a Notice in the Parish magazine asking that people please be more responsible.

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present but there were still several moles. The Clerk had spoken to NCS regarding the lack of cutting of the edges and was awaiting a response.

North side / Allotments

These were looking good at the moment .

9/10/7 Play Area.

Some small repairs were required and the Clerk would liaise with the handyman over these.

Some ropes needed replacement on the adventure trail, and shackle bolt needs replacing on the old play area swings.

The small slide need looking at as did the fence on the western side.

The Clerk would check the cost of repairs to the 8 foot fence. And contact Wicksteed for cost of replacement safety surface and adhesive for missing pieces around roundabout.

Possibly purchase extra waste bins next summer.

It was agreed to leave the 'Jungle Jim' for a year and check on its condition then.

9/10/8 Street Lighting

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes asked if the Council would allow her to continue to pursue entry into the 'Green Village scheme' whereby grants could be available for replacement street lights with 'green' alternatives. The Council unanimously gave the go ahead for

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this and thanked Cllr. Mrs. Bowes for all her efforts to date.

9/10/9 Precept for 2008/2009

Cllrs discussed the precept requirement for 2008/2009 in the light of the budget report drawn up by Cllr. Loynes and the Clerk. It was generally agreed that the Councils reserve fund was at a low point and that with the prospect of needing to replace street lamps and the ever present prospect of casual elections the precept for 2008/2009 should be reluctantly be increased. Cllr Loynes proposed that the precept be increased from £6380.00 to £7000.00. an increase of £620.00 . The first increase for 17 years. This would represent an average increase of £1.30 per elector.

9/10/10 Plans

Plans were before the Council for the siting of a mobile home for security purposes on the industrial estate. The Council agreed to offer no objections to this.

Plans were also for consideration on a metal test equipment building for Structureflex . As it was unclear from the drawings what this entailed it was agreed to offer no objection to this provided that the Clerk could ascertain that the building in question was indeed only a small shed.

9/10/11 Correspondence

There were requests from the Holt CAB and for the Norfolk Air Ambulance for donations. It was unanimously agreed to grant these organisation the sum of £50.00 each.

9/10/12 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101248	£200.00	Repairs to	sign & notice Brd	Mr. Velthaus
101249	£342.50	Allotment	1/2 year rent	G.W. Harrold
101250	£861.27	Grounds Maint	Contract 1/2 yr.	Nrfk Cty Services
101251	£53.99	Street Lighting	Maint Contract	MHB Services
Total	£1,457.76			

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

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.15 hours

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

