

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 8th April 2008

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Members of public & Melton Constable Community Trust were present.

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

8/4/1 Minutes of 11/3/2008

The minutes of the March meeting were passed with 2 abstentions (from members who were not present) as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes

8/4/2 Matters arising

The Chair said that it was gratifying to note that the Melton Constable Post Office was not included in the current round of closures.

There were 3 changes to the reporting duties of members. Cllr. Unsworth would in future report on the allotments, Cllr. Mrs. Bowes would report on the Recreation field & Cllr. Mrs. Stocking would report on the Bus Shelter site.

The Clerk would speak to the handyman to clarify the situation re the Play area fences.

8/4/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe suggested that the Council speak to Briston PC regarding the proposed amenity land which was part of the Lomax development but which closely abutted the parish boundary and might well go some way to fulfil the aspirations of the Community Trust. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Combe said that he would also speak to County Cllr. Jacky Howe regarding the undertaking she had made to help obtain permission for the landscaping of the Bus Shelter site.

8/4/4 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine .

South Side

Apart from the Astley Terrace sign not having been replaced there was little else to report.

Bus Shelter Site

Fly tipping was still an ongoing issue. The Bus stop sign had been repaired but the shelter had been vandalised again.

The Council had received a £500.00 grant from The Holt Area Partnership for the landscaping of the site and would be working with the Community Trust to complete this once permissions had been obtained from the County Highways Dept.

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Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present. but there were still several moles. The Clerk was asked to contact the mole catcher and ask if he intended dealing with these and if not or if nothing was done to obtain the services of another. There was currently no reported dog mess. The Clerk was in contact with a local man to quote for the removal of the slide to higher / dryer ground.

North side / Allotments

These were reported as now being worked on but with still one or two plots looking unattended. Dog fouling was reported at the western end and adjacent to the southern alleyway. The Clerk to obtain some Official Penalty Notices from the DC.

Play Area.

Some repairs especially to the Adventure Trail ropes and the slide were still required and there was an amount of litter. The Clerk to contact Playscape again with regard to this as they had done nothing after being contacted several times. If they were not prepared to repair the trail at a reasonable cost then it would either need to be taken out of use or an alternative repairer found.

8/4/5 Village / Allotment walk

It was agreed that this would take place on Sunday 11th May at 11.00 a.m. members to meet at the old Grove Road Play Area.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting at 8.00 p.m. so that the members of the Community Trust could talk about their Mayday Plans and Ms. Huntridge could tell the Council of her plans for the Composting Allotment.

Ms. Mackenzie Dodds said that the Trust intended to hold a fund raising event in the Country club and a Compost Give-away Day at the composting allotment with compost obtained from the North Norfolk recycling plant.

The fund raising event had no insurance implications as this was covered by the Club but the composting day and the Maypole events associated with it would need to be overseen by the Parish Council in order that the Council's insurance covered this. The Chair, Cllr. Mrs Heal, said that she would oversee this to comply with the insurance requirements.

There was also concern that the Trust envisaged many people having a piece of the Composting plot to grow small amounts of vegetables etc. It was pointed out that this was against the allotment rules and that it would be difficult to amend these to accommodate this. It was within the powers of the PC to be flexible but it needed to do this without setting a precedent or upsetting other allotment holders.

Ms. Huntridge, the tenant of the plot said that she understood this and she was asked to provide the Council with some concrete proposals as to what exactly she envisaged such that the Council could have a clear idea of what Ms Huntridge wanted from the tenancy. Ms Huntridge said that she was hoping to organise a trip to the Denton Composting Project which would give members a better idea of what was involved.

The Chair thanked all concerned and reconvened the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

8/4/6 Correspondence

There was a renewal invitation from the Council's Insurance Co. which quoted a new condition which was that the council must have all insured play equipment

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inspected annually and must complete any required repairs within 60 days. The Clerk was asked to contact the insurance company to ask what levels of risk were required to be repaired in this 60 day period.

There was a letter from an allotment holder complaining of rats coming onto his plot from neighbouring plots which had livestock on them. The Council said that they would look at the problem during the allotment inspection and deal with it as necessary.

There was a letter from the Briston Play Group asking for a donation to running costs.

It was unanimously agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Loynes that £100.00 be donated to this cause.

8/4/7 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101276	£120.63	NCATPC	Annual Sub	NCATPC
101277	£53.99	Lighting	Contract	MHB Seviles Ltd.
101278	£20.00	NPFA	Annual Sub	NPFA
101279	£15.00	NRCC	Annual Sub	NRCC
101280	£342.50	1/2 yr. Allotment	Rent	G.W. Harrold
Total	£552.12			

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

Public Forum

It was reported that the bus shelter had again been vandalised and that there was no bus timetable on the southern side.

There was a question asking about a possible linking of the Lomax Development to Grove Road. Councillors said that they were unaware of any plans to do this and Cllr. Combe said that he had not heard of any such proposals either, save possibly for a pedestrian access.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

