

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 12th August 2008

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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Members of the Village Green Campaign & Melton Constable Community Trust were also present.

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

12/8/1 Minutes of 1/7/2008

The minutes of the July meeting were passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded Cllr. Mrs. Hayes

12/8/2 Matters arising

1. Cllr. Mrs Bowes said that she was now in the process of putting in a business plan for the Street Lighting funding. The Council needed to prove that it in fact owned the street lights and there must be an undertaking that the PC will continue to do so. It is suggested that the PC go for the full £50K funding.
2. Clerk to check with Ms Huntridge re composting site insurance.
3. Work on the Bus Shelter site will commence on 20th August a Cllr must be present at all times.
4. Mr. Kendal will now be able to do all the jobs that the handyman Mr. Velthaus is now unable to do for the same remuneration.
5. Cllr. Mrs Stocking said that she had contacted Cathy Batchelor at the DC re funding for Conservation area projects.
6. It was suggested that a membrane be placed under the shingle on the war memorial to inhibit weed growth. This to be costed.

12/8/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that he hoped the PC would take the same view on the proposed Unitary Authority for Norfolk as the District Council. He also said that there was no immediate pressure to complete the Bus Shelter site before the deadline.

12/8/4 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine.

South Side

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

Bus Shelter Site

Is currently clear but there is still ongoing fly tipping. The District Council was commended on the way they clear fly tipped rubbish regularly

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present.

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North side / Allotments

There is still an old fridge on Plot 49. Clerk to contact tenant.

Play Area.

Separately agendered

12/8/5 Village Green Application

The Chair declared a prejudicial interest in this item and said he would leave the meeting whilst it was discussed. He also declared a personal interest on behalf of Cllr. Mrs. Stocking, Cllr. Unsworth, & Cllr. Mrs. Velthaus.

The Chairman then left the meeting and the Chair was taken by the Vice Chair Cllr. Unsworth.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk submit a factual report on the history of the site as taken from PC minutes & records over the years. Cllrs expressed some concern that if the application was granted the maintenance of the 'village green' might ultimately fall on the PC who already currently maintained three large recreational areas.

The Chairman Cllr. Loynes then retook the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

12/8/6 ROSPA Report on Play Area

This was discussed in detail and items were identified that required attention. There were no item identified as 'High Risk' Members were asked to look at the site in the light of the report and return to the next meeting with their views on what needed to be done.

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said she would see about getting a report on the trees completed.

12/8/7 Unitary Authority

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Bowes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal that letters to be written to the Sec of State and the Boundary Committee opposing the formation of a Unitary Authority for Norfolk. This was unanimously agreed.

The Chair reported that no-one at the recent meeting at the DC where some 84 PCs were represented was seemingly in favour of the Unitary proposal.

12/8/8 Clerks Retirement

It was agreed that there was a need to seek a replacement for Mr. Stocking as soon as possible. There should be notices in the Parish News letters and on the notice board also inform the NATPC and the Holt Chronicle & Fakenham Times.

12/8/9 Planning Matters

There were no plans to discuss this month.

!2/8/10 Fun Day

Ms Mackenzie-Dodds asked for permission to hold a fun day. On the Community Allotment / Play area site This is was agreed should be no problem provided a member of the PC was present to comply with insurance requirements. It was suggested that perhaps a better venue might be the Recreation Ground down Meadow lane. Ms. Mackenzie -Dodds said she would consider this.

1/7/11 Correspondence

There was little of note this month.

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12/8/12 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUES		FOR		SIGNATURE &/OR APPROVAL	
		01/07/2008			
CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee	
101294	£220.00	Churchyard	Grass Cutting	Mr. Fish	
101295	£109.28	Play Area	Inspection	Playsafety Ltd.	
101296	£53.99	Lighting Repair	Contract	MHB Services	
Total	£383.27				

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

Public Forum

A member of the village Green Campaign asked if the letter re the village green application would be available to view. The Chair said that all such documents would be copied to all interested parties by the County Legal Dept.

Ms Mackenzie-Dodds asked if the PC would support a young people's Council. There was no objection in principle to this.

Other Business

The Chair proposed that the PC would in Principle continue to maintain the street lighting which may be forthcoming as a result of the current funding application this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs Heal and all were in favour.

Parish Plan

The Chair suggested that Ms Mackenzie-Dodds and some Cllrs. attend a meeting with Peter Smith of NRCC at the Country Club on August 26th at 7.30

It was agreed that the Chair could authorise spending of £74 for Tuft and £300 for topsoil as agreed for the Bus Shelter site.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

