

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Members of public representing Melton Constable Community Trust.
Ms Mandy Huntridge.

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

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

12/2/1 Minutes of 8/1/2008

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

12/2/2 Matters arising

The Clerk reported that he had still not heard anything from Playscape re the 'Adventure Trail' on the Play Area.

12/2/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that he had little to report this meeting but passed the village improvement grant application forms to the Clerk.

12/2/4 Community Composting Scheme

The Chair then invited Ms Huntridge to outline her plans for the proposed 'Village Composting Scheme'

Ms. Huntridge told the Council of her plans to start a village composting scheme on the long disused plot adjacent to the farm on the west of the allotment area. Ms Huntridge first intended to tidy the plot and start some cultivation whilst assessing the level of interest for such a scheme in the village.

The Council agreed to allow Ms. Huntridge to go ahead and asked that they be kept informed of her progress.

12/2/5 Ideas for improving the western approach to the village

The Chair then allowed members of the newly formed Melton Constable Community Trust to outline various proposals for improving the look of the western approach to the village which may be eligible for a village improvement grant.

Four schemes were outlined and the Chair sincerely thanked all involved for their very professional efforts. After some questions it was decided that Cllrs. Should co-ordinate the ideas and put forward an application for grant aid which needed to be submitted before the end of the month.

12/2/6 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as looking fine but people still left non degradable rubbish such as plastic flowers & containers on the compost heap. The Clerk would mention this in the report to the Parish Mags.

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South Side

Nothing of note to report save for the Astley Terrace sign still not having been replaced. The Clerk said that he was assured that this was currently 'in hand'

Bus Shelter Site

Incidents of fly tipping were still frequent.

Recreation Field

The Recreation field was looking good at present. but there were still several moles. The Clerk had contacted the mole catcher with respect to this. Mr. Velthause showed members an example of the Finger posts he was making and the Council agreed that these were excellent.

North side / Allotments

These were reported as being fine at the moment but there were one or two 'rough' ones. A date for the Parish / Allotment walk would be set at the next meeting.

Play Area.

The Clerk had contacted Playscape again concerning the replacement of the ropes on the adventure trail and was still awaiting their report. Otherwise the area was OK. The Clerk reported that he had cut down and removed a dead tree which had been a victim of the recent high winds.

12/2/7 Street Lighting

The Council expressed disappointment that the grant application to the Area Partnership had failed this year. There were however still some 'irons in the fire' and lottery funding was a possibility. The Council agreed to re-apply for the grant next year.

It was agreed that a sincere vote of thank be accorded to Cllr. Mrs. Bowes and all the other people who had put so much hard work into the application.

It was suggested that high pressure sodium lamps be considered for replacements as they provided a 'softer' form of lighting. The Clerk said he would speak to the Council's Maintenance contractor to see if this was a viable proposition.

12/2/8 Post Office Closures

The clerk would write to the relevant authority in support of Melton Constable Post Office.

12/2/9 Planning matters

There were no plans for discussion this month

12/2/10 Correspondence

There was a letter from NCS complaining of moles on the Recreation Field. The Clerk had already contacted the mole catcher to remedy this.

12/2/11 Play Area Fencing

This item to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting.

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12/2/12 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101268	£125.00	Handyman	Duties	Mr J. Velthaus
101269	£158.63	Council	Audit	The Audit Commission
101270	£53.99	Lighting	Contract	MHB Services Ltd.
101271	£45.65	Safety	Surfacing	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd
101272	£293.75	Rec. Ground	Edge Clearance	Nfk Cty Services Ltd
Total	£677.02			

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

Public Forum

Nothing noted

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

