

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 11th March 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

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe.

Several members of public were present.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. M. Hayes.

The Chair asked that item 4 on the agenda, be brought forward as there were several people present who wished to comment on this. This was agreed.

### **11/3/1 Minutes of 12/2/2008**

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

### **11/3/2 Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that he would write to the Post Office when and if he ascertained if Melton Constable Post Office was scheduled for closure. This should be known prior to the consultation period for Norfolk which commences on March 26<sup>th</sup>

### **11/3/3 Report from District Cllr.**

Cllr. Robin Combe said that the planning application 20080329 which was before the Council this evening would go before the District Council in May and that there would be site meeting sometime in April.

### **11/3/4 Planning Matters**

Cllr. Loynes declared an interest in the planning application 20080329 before the Council and said that he would retire from the meeting after outlining the proposal during the adjournment for public comment.

The Chair then formally adjourned the meeting and invited members of the public and representatives of Brown & Co. to comment and answer questions on planning application 20080329.

There followed a short presentation by the proposers of the plan after which Cllr. Loynes retired from the meeting and members of the public present gave their comments on the plan and asked questions of the representatives of Messers Brown & Co. the agents for the planning application, and of members of the Council.

The Chair then formally reconvened the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Loynes and members put their own questions to the representatives of Messers Brown & Co. There followed a short discussion on the application 20080329 after which a vote was called for and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes seconded by Cllr. Unsworth that no objection / comment be offered. There were no further proposals or amendments. A ballot was called for and agreed and papers were passed to the clerk.

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The result was 4 votes for the motion and 1 against. The motion was thus carried.

The majority of members of the public present left the meeting at this juncture

**11/3/5 Cllrs. Reports**

**Churchyard.**

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine despite having recently been invaded by sheep

**South Side**

No report since Cllr. Loynes was not present.

**Bus Shelter Site**

Fly tipping was still an ongoing issue. The Bus stop sign and the guttering on the shelter had been vandalised. The Clerk to contact the Bus Company and the handyman to rectify this. There was no news yet on the grant application to improve the area. District Cllr. Combe said he hoped to have some news very shortly.

**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present. but there were still several moles. The Clerk had again contacted the mole catcher. There was currently no visible dog mess and NCS had made a very good job of clearing the perimeter of the field.

**North side / Allotments**

There were still one or two plots looking unattended and some dog fouling was reported at the western end.

**Play Area.**

Some repairs were still required and there was a small amount of litter.

**11/3/6 Village / Allotment walk**

It was agreed to defer setting a date for this until the next meeting

**11/3/7 Area around slide on Recreation field**

Members had looked at the area and agreed that it was very muddy. It was agreed that this could possibly be solved fairly cheaply by laying bark chippings. It was also suggested that the slide could perhaps be moved onto the recreation field proper where the problem should not occur. The Clerk to ask for quotes to do this so that the Council could decide if this latter was cost effective.

**11/3/8 Play Area Fencing**

The Handyman had given the Clerk quotes for the replacement of the fence to the western edge which had been reported damaged. Members had looked at this and it was decided that the damage could be repaired without replacing the entire fence. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Handyman to this end.

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**11/3/9 Correspondence**

There was a letter from Mr. Fish requesting a small increase in his remuneration for cutting the grass in the Churchyard. The Council considered this and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that a £30 increase be granted this was carried unanimously.

**11/3/10 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

<b>CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE &amp;/OR APPROVAL 11/03/2008</b>				
CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101273	£584.69	4 months Sal.	& expenses	Mr. J. Stocking
101274	£135.00	Handyman	Repairs etc.	Mr J. Velthaus
101275	£53.99	Lighting	Contract	MHB Services Ltd.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£773.68</b>			

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

**Public Forum**

There were questions on the Stewardship of the village green which was being proposed by some members of the community. The answers to which were not known at this time. The chief concern in this respect was the question of whether parking would be allowed. Members thought that this was unlikely.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....

