

# **MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 13th May 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.

### **13/5/1 Minutes of 8/4/2008**

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

### **13/5/2 Matters arising**

Dog fouling on the allotments. The Clerk to post Parking & Dog Fouling notices.

The Clerk to purchase a book in which to record weekly play area inspections. Cllr.  
Mrs. Hayes kindly offered to undertake this task.

The Clerk to write to the Insurance Company for written clarification of risk  
options and time scale for repairs to be carried out.

### **13/5/3 Election of Officers for 2008-2009**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chair. Cllr. Mrs. Heal nominated Cllr.  
Loynes seconded by Cllr. Mrs Stocking.

Cllr. Mrs Bowes nominated Cllr. Mrs. Heal but Cllr. Mrs Heal said she was  
unwilling to stand for election.

There being no further nominations the first nomination was put to the vote and  
Cllr. Loynes was elected Chair with one abstention.

Cllr Loynes then took the Chair and immediately called for a vote of thanks for  
Cllr. Mrs. Heal who took the Chair during a difficult period for the Council and  
conducted the meetings admirably. This was unanimously given.

The Chair then called for nominations for vice Chair. Cllr Mrs Heal proposed Cllr.  
Unsworth this was seconded by the Chair and there being no other nominations Cllr.  
Unsworth was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

The Chair then called for nominations for RFO. Mr. Stocking was nominated by  
Cllr Loynes seconded by Cllr Unsworth and there being no further nominations Mr.  
Stocking was unanimously elected RFO.

### **13/5/4 Adoption of accounts for 2007-2008**

The Accounts for 2007-2008 were unanimously adopted by the Council on a  
proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes.

### **13/5/5 Report from District Cllr.**

Cllr. Robin Combe said that the Local Development Framework Site Specific  
Proposals soon to be discussed would not impinge upon Melton Constable to any  
great extent.

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There were boundary Commission Proposals in the pipeline which were very worrying since two options could see the abolition of the NNDC and the formation of a single authority for Norfolk.

Cllr. Combe welcomed the Litter picking day on June 8<sup>th</sup> and said that he would do his best to see that litter collected was picked up by the DC as soon as possible.

**13/5/6 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**

Is currently completely clear. Cllr. Heal and Mr. Cox had met the Highways Dept on site and we are now waiting for CC permission to go ahead with the works. Cllr. Combe will contact Cllr. Jacky Howe in connection with this.

**Recreation Field**

The Recreation field was looking good at present. but there were still several moles. There were no dead trees on the south side as previously reported. But there were 2 on the east side. The Clerk to ask NCS for a risk assessment on the trees and to ensure that the edges were cut back properly.

**North side / Allotments**

Dog fouling was still a problem at the western end and adjacent to the southern alleyway also car parking. The Clerk to chase notices from DC and make 'No Parking' notices.

**Play Area.**

The Clerk had removed the frayed ropes on the adventure trail and hoped to have these repaired as soon as possible. There had been no response from Playscape the original manufacturers. The Clerk would also get the extra bins in place as soon as he had made new bases for the same.

**13/5/7 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Bowes had recently contacted a Company who had previous experience and a proven record with Council installations and this looked promising. Funding options were still going ahead and there was one pending application. Another new source of funding had been identified however which could fund more than just the few lights the Council envisaged. Wareham PC may also be interested in making a joint application for such funding which could help in securing more money. Applications must be in by next month however.

Cllr. Bowes had heard that many other authorities were in a similar position to us with lighting coming to the end of its useful life.

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes asked if Cllrs. were happy for her to continue pursuing this . All agreed and thanked Cllr. Bowes for all her hard work to date.

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**13/5/8 Village / Allotment walk**

During the Allotment walk some problems were identified and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Unsworth and write to tenants of some plots to resolve these. There was a problem with car parking on the access ways and notices would be posted concerning this. This item to be agendered again for next meeting.

**13/5/9 Composting Plot**

There was a report given by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes on a visit to the Denton Composting Scheme by herself & Cllr. Unsworth. Cllr. Hayes said that they were very impressed by what Denton had achieved but the scheme did involve approx. 30 – 40 people on a regular basis collecting and processing garden waste. Denton was also a very different type of village to Melton Constable and it was uncertain if the same sort of commitment could be engendered here. This item to be agendered again for next month when it is hoped that Mandy Huntridge will be able to attend.

**13/5/10 Local Development Framework**

Chris Brown will come to the next PC meeting with Mark Ashwell. Clerk to formally invite these people.

**13/5/11 Plans**

There were plans before the Council for the conversion of the old Scout hut / Barns in Melton Park to holiday accommodation. The Council unanimously voted to offer no Objection / Comment to these plans on a proposition by Cllr. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes.

**13/5/12 Correspondence**

There was a letter to the District Cllr. copied to the clerk, concerning an exposed gas pipe in the alleyways to the rear of Briston Road and stating that this posed a trip hazard. The Chair explained that the alleyways were unadopted and as such no repairs could be carried out by the local authorities. The Chair & Clerk to compose a note for the Parish Magazines explaining the situation.

**13/5/13 Cheques for signature and / or approval**

CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101281	£677.38	Annual PC	Insurance Prem	Allianz Insurance
101282	£229.13	Dog Waste	Bin Emptying	NNDC
101283	£53.99	Street Lighting	Repair Contract	MHB Services
101284	£48.00	Play Area	Repairs	Mr. J. Velthaus

**Total      £1,008.50**

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

seconded by Cllr. Mrs Bowes.

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**Public Forum**

There was concern from the Play Area Warden that children were climbing the high fences around the Play area to retrieve balls rather than walking around through the gate. The Clerk will post additional notices stating that climbing the fences is prohibited by the Play Area Rules.

There was a question asking about the possibility of the Lomax amenity Land being built on if a village green application on the Grove Road land was successful. Cllr. Combe said that there should be no question of designated amenity land being built on.

There will be a litter picking day on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.00 p.m. Meet at the Old Gordon Road Play Area.

Clerk.....

Chairman.....