

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday
7th October 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, Cllr. Mrs.
Bowes

Dist. Cllr. R. Combe, Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Jacky Howe.

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

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

7/10/1 Minutes of 9/9/2008

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

7/10/2 Matters arising

1. Cllr. Combe to inquire about insurance for the Christmas Tree Shredding
Machine.
2. There had been no contact from Cathy Batchelor re funding for Railway Heritage
Projects. Cllr. Combe said funding may be available and will enquire at NNDC.
3. Mr. Kendal had not yet obtained a price for a weed suppressing membrane for
the War Memorial site.
4. It was agreed that the fence around the earth bund at the Bus Shelter site should
remain for as long as possible to allow the grass to become firmly established..

7/10/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that the proposed gravel extraction project at Stody would
probably entail a great deal of lorry traffic through the village and that the Council
should consider talking to Stody Estates with a view to limiting lorry traffic during
school drop of & pick up times. Although it was not obligatory to formally comment
at this stage Cllr. Combe would convey the Councils thoughts to the D.C. The
Council would study developments and comment formally when a formal planning
application was lodged.

7/10/4 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine.

South Side

There was little of note to report.

Bus Shelter Site

There was currently little fly tipping and the earth bund was becoming established.

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Recreation Field

There were a few moles and the Clerk would contact Mr. Wegg concerning these. There was also some evidence of a few people not clearing up after their dogs. Cllr. Mrs. Bowes will contact the Tree expert for opinions on the trees surrounding the Rec. and also the play area. The area around the slide needs strimming.

North side / Allotments

There is still an old fridge on Plot 49 despite the tenant having been spoken to about this. There had also been a complaint to the Council regarding plot 47. The Clerk had look at this plot and considered it in acceptable condition.

7/10/5 Play Area

1. Bin needed fixing to fence.
2. Shackle bolts for the swings had been purchased and would be fitted asap.
3. Football pitch. Wear and tear continued to be a problem and the Clerk would push NCS for prices for repairs / solution to this problem.
4. The area was looking fairly tidy at present

7/10/6 Budget Report and setting of Precept

The Chair explained the budget report and how it had been arrived at. There was some discussion on this and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that the precept for 2009/2010 should remain the same as for the current year this was carried unanimously.

7/10/7 Traffic congestion at bottom of village

Cllr. Mrs Stocking said that the Council should consider placing yellow lines opposite the shops between the Melton Constable sign and the corner of Grove Road as if vehicles parked here it caused an impasse to traffic flow particularly if people ignored the current yellow lines opposite Grove Road. This would be exacerbated by any increase in traffic flow arising from the proposed gravel extraction at Stody.

There was some discussion on this and Cty Cllr. Jacky Howe said that she would speak to the Highway Dept. concerning this and report back to the next meeting.

7/10/8 Planning Matters

There were no planning applications before the Council this month.

7/10/9 Clerks Job Description

The Draft Job description had been circulated and read by Cllrs. It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Loynes, seconded by Cllr. Unsworth that this be adopted.

There had been two written applications for the position of Clerk. It was agreed that the subject be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss salary levels and the suitability of candidates.

It was also agree that the Council should approach the Country Club with the view to establishing a 'Parish Office'. The Chair would arrange this.

7/10/10 Email communications

The Chair asked if members were happy with the current system of email communications between Clerk & Cllrs. All members agreed that this was the fastest and most efficient method.

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9/9/8 Correspondence

The Chair had spoken to the Community Police Officer regarding the proposed youth drop-in centre at Briston It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that the Council write in support of this venture such that the organisers were able to use this letter of support when applying for funding.

9/9/9 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUES		FOR	SIGNATURE	&/OR APPROVAL
		07/10/2008		
CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101305	£805.50	Grounds Maint	1/2 year charge	NCS
101306	£53.99	Street Lighting	Contract	MHB Services
101307	£342.50	Allotment	Rent	G.W.Harrold & Part.
Total	£1,201.99			

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

Public Forum

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to put comments /questions to the Council.

Other Business

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9.00 p.m. for two items of other business.

1. Report on the LDF meeting. This would be agendered for the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour.
2. Adoption of the Freedom of Information act 2000

.....Clerk

.....Chairman