

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 9th September 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.

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

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

9/9/1 Minutes of 12/8/2008

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

9/9/2 Matters arising

1. Clerk to check with Ms Huntridge re composting site insurance.
2. Work on the Bus Shelter site was completed and the earth mound is now in place
Cllr. Mrs. Stocking thanked all those who helped and Cllr. Mrs Heal proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Stody Estates for the gift of daffodil bulbs.
3. There has been no word from Cathy Batchelor re funding for conservation projects.
4. Mr. Kendal will obtain a price for a weed membrane for the war memorial site..
5. Letters were sent to the Sec of State and the Boundary Committee re the Unitary Authority.
6. The Community Group will be holding their 'Fun Day' of the Rec rather than the Allotment site.

9/9/3 Report from District Cllr.

Cllr. Robin Combe said that the District Council was keen to replace and upgrade street signs where required. The Chair said that now the Astley Terrace sign had been replaced there were no other requirements as far as the Council was aware at this time.

Cllr. Combe expressed his thanks to Cllr. Mrs. Bowes for all the work she had done and was currently doing to get funding for the new street lighting.

9/9/4 Cllrs. Reports

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine although cutting had been hampered by the wet weather.

South Side

The Astley Terrace sign had now been replaced and there was little else to report.

Bus Shelter Site

The Earth Bund had now been completed and it was suggested that some pictorial signs be obtained to help prevent fly tipping. Clerk to contact D.C. Cllr. Combe said that he would also ask if these were available.

Recreation Field

The grass had just been cut and it was gratifying that there was now very little dog mess either on the Rec or the approaches to it.

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North side / Allotments

There is still an old fridge on Plot 49. Clerk has spoken to the tenant. There are some vacant plots and also a waiting list. It was decided to see what fell out from the allotment rents collection next month before deciding on new allocations.

9/9/5 Play Area ROSPA Report.

Members had looked at the site in the light of the report and the following items were considered in need of attention

1. Bins. It was decided to fix one bin by chaining it to the fence near to the entrance as an experiment to see if it remained unmolested . If so then consideration may be given to fixing the others.
2. Football pitch. The Clerk to contact NCS for advice on how to maintain the surface.
3. The Clerk would replace the Shackle bolts on the swings and tighten the loose bars on the Igloo
4. The tree inspection is due to take place on the 10th September.

Cllr. Mrs Hayes suggested a rolling repair & maintenance program This was considered a good suggestion but money was not currently available to do all the minor repairs. Cllr. Mrs. Hayes said that she may be able to get together a few people who might do jobs such as painting on a voluntary basis if the Council provided the correct materials.

9/9/6 Parish Plan Report

Members reported on the meeting some had had with Peter Smith from The Rural Community Council. It was agreed that the meeting had not been particularly useful. There had been some sensible ideas but members had strong reservations about the practicality of many of the schemes looked at and feared that expectations may be raised which were not affordable or practical for this Parish.

It was agreed that a future meeting should probably be held to see if a way forward could be found.

9/9/7 Planning Matters

Plan 20081222 PF Alteration of conditions of use for Chinese meal delivery service to take-away service.

The Council considered that nothing had changed since the applicants applied for a take-away service previously. Parking problems were the same, in fact since the yellow lines had been placed opposite Grove Road there was less room to park.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Heal seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowes that the Council object to this application on traffic and safety issues.

The voting was 6 for the motion and 1 against.

Plans 20081290 & 20081289 for conversion of Burgh Hall Barns to residential; accommodation.

Cllr. Mrs Heal declared an interest in this application and left the meeting whilst it was being discussed.

Cllrs. considered that the current plans differed from previous ones simply in terms of car parking provision and since the Council raised no objection to the previous plan it was proposed by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Unsworth that the Council offer no objection. This was agree unanimously.

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9/9/8 Correspondence

There was little of note this month save for the Precept request from the DC. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair meet as usual and draw up a budget and precept requirement for presentation / approval at the next meeting.

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

CHEQUES		FOR	SIGNATURE	&/OR APPROVAL
		09/09/2009		
CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101297	£74.00	Turf for	bottle Bank site	Turfland
101298	£300.00	Top Soil for	bottle Bank site	Gary Cooper Paving
101299	£84.12	Clerks	Expnses	Mr. J. Stocking
101300	£16.45	Clerk	Advertisment	RayCar Publishing
101301	£53.99	Street Lighting	Contract	MHB Services
101302	£35.25	Clerk	Advertisement	Fakenham Sun
101303	£478.93	General	Repairs	Mr. FJA Velthaus
101304	£220.00	Grass cutting	in Churchyard	Mr. Fish
Total	£1,262.74			

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

Public Forum

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

Other Business

The Chair reconvened the meeting for two items of other business.

1 Approval of job description for the Clerk. This was discussed and some small amendments were suggested. The Chair said he would redraft the document for approval at the October meeting.

2. There was a suggestion that yellow lines be placed opposite the Co-op shop this to be agendered for the next meeting.

Since the Chair and at least one other Cllr. Could not be present at the next scheduled meeting date it was agreed that the October Council meeting be brought forward by 1 week.

.....Clerk

.....Chairman