

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th April 2009, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

Present: A.Loynes Chair
 S.Unsworth Vice Chair
 H.Bowes
 M.Hayes
 J.Heal
 P.Stocking

 K.Uglow Clerk

Also present the District Councillor and 4 members of the public.

1001 To Consider Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from C.Velthaus – unwell

1002 Minutes of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on 10th March 2009

Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

1003 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No interests were declared

1004 Matters for Report

a) It was reported that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2009 under 10/2/7 described the property subject to a planning consideration as Belle View Tower Briningham when it should have been Mill Lodge Briningham

b) Cllr Hayes reported very few volunteers to help with minor repairs in the Play Area

c) Cllrs Stocking and Heal reported on the Railway Project – some areas cleared to reveal steps, the paving in front of the archway and much of the original brickwork. They had met with the MGM Society and would have a report in that publication. They would ask for more volunteers to help with clearing in the Parish Magazine. Decisions would be needed on the gates.

d) The Clerk would obtain more quotes for tree work required

Action: Clerk

e) The reseeded part of the Play Area will need to be kept out of use for some time to allow the grass to root properly.

f) The RoSPA inspection of the play equipment will take place in June

1005 Public Participation

Resolved to suspend the meeting to allow the District Councillor and the public opportunity to inform the meeting

- Cllr Coombe congratulated the Parish on how good the Bus Shelter site was looking. He reported that the person at NNDC who had been helping with the Solar Lights project had left NNDC. He suggested that NNDC might be able to help with signs for the Railway Project.
- A parishioner reported cars for sale being parked on the Bus Shelter site
- A parishioner informed the meeting that a public enquiry would be organized in October to consider the village green application off Grove Road
- A parishioner asked the Council to send a copy of the Councils' letter re Stody Estate gravel extraction and reservoir application to Norman Lamb MP

Action: Clerk

1006 Members Reports

Churchyard

Cllr Heal reported that the grass was looking good. There are problems with the disposal of wreaths and flowers due to the amount and some had been thrown into neighbouring fields.

Bus Shelter Site

Cllr Stocking reported further graffiti had appeared. The District Council had cleared the fly tipping rubbish but within hours more had been dumped. Cars for sale had appeared on the site. Some vehicles were exiting the area onto Burgh Pava Road which was dangerous.

Resolved to ask the District Councillor to enquire what enforcement was available from NNDC re fly tipping. Chair to telephone numbers on cars for sale and ask for removal. Clerk to contact NCC Highways.

Action: Chair & Clerk

Recreation Field

It was reported that the moles have returned and that the dog bins are full. Cllr Bowes reported on the large numbers of young people enjoying the facility over the Easter weekend

Action: Clerk

Allotments

Cllr Unsworth reported that dog mess was becoming more of a problem. The hedge on the northern boundary had been severely cut back. It was not known who had done this.

Litter Pick 29th March 2009

Cllr Heal reported that the litter pick had been very successful, the new litter grabbers being much appreciated. A bed, computer and fridge amongst other items had been tipped in Burgh Beck and many bags of dog mess had been found in the hedges. 17 bags of rubbish had been picked which had been removed efficiently by NNDC. Another litter pick in July. The Chair thanked Cllr Heal for organizing this.

Annual Allotment Inspection

Proposed date Sunday 10th May 2009 at 10am – meet by compost allotment

Village Handyman

Reported that the current handyman was unable to continue his work including the War Memorial, Millennium Garden, Play Area entrance and Notice Board.

Resolved to advertise in Parish magazine and if nobody forthcoming to seek quotes from Norfolk County Services.

Action: Chair & Clerk

It was noted that the Millennium seat had not been mended and a piece of safety rubber matting at the roundabout was missing

May Day Bank Holiday Fair

Resolved to approve with Cllrs Heal and Hayes undertaking risk assessment for the event

Action: Cllr Heal

1007 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Resolved to hold both meetings on Tuesday 12th May 2009 – Annual Parish Meeting to begin at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to advertise the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting

Action: Clerk

1008 Review of Standing Orders

Resolved to approve changes to Standing Orders as circulated by majority vote of 5 For and 1 Abstention

1009 Planning Determinations

01/20090005/PF Mr & Mrs Sherwood – Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with garage court at land at Burgh Beck Road, Melton Constable. Permission Refused 02/04/09.

Noted the determination in line with Parish Council recommendations

1010 Correspondence from Elizabeth Smith NNDC Legal Services

Resolved to invite Elizabeth Smith to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th June 2009

1011 Melton Constable Parish Council Website

Resolved to approve draft format and the Chair to ensure website functioning for receipt of information

Action: Chair

1012 Donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

Noted the help of the above in recent times in the village

Resolved to make a donation of £50 under S137

1013 Finance

a) Monthly Financial Statement to 31/03/2009 – copied to all Councillors

Resolved to approve Monthly Financial Statement

b) Accounts for payment

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Payee	Details	Chq.No	Amount
NRCC	Associate Membership	101335	£ 15.00
G W Harrold	½ Year Allotment Rent	101336	£342.50
Norfolk County Serv	Safety Matting Swings	101337	£287.50
NALC	Annual Membership	101338	£124.49
MHB Services	Lighting Contract	101339	£ 52.84
NPFA	Annual Membership	101340	£ 20.00

Action: Clerk

c) Signatories on Parish Council Bank Accounts

Resolved to approve Cllr Loynes, Cllr Unsworth and the Clerk as signatories on all Bank Accounts – 2 of 3 signatures required on all cheques

Action: Clerk

1014 Items for Information

List circulated to all Councillors

Planning Portal Meeting 28th April at Sheringham – **Cllr Heal and Clerk to attend**

1015 Items for next agenda

Briston & Melton Constable W.I – application for funding

Cllr Stocking – consider apology for absence

1016 **Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th May 2009 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Clerk

Chair.....

Dated