

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 13th January 2009

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,

Members of the Melton Constable community trust, the Village Green campaign & Briston Parish Council were present.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Bowes

13/1/1 Minutes of 9/12/2009

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

13/1/2 Matters arising

1. Ms Mandy Huntridge was not present to comment on the success of the Christmas tree shredding plan.
2. It was agreed that since the mole situation on the Rec. had not improved that the Clerk contact a new mole irradiator..
3. The Clerk To contact NCS for an update on the play area.

13/1/3 Railway Gala

The Chair invited Mr.Geoff Gowing of the North Norfolk Railway Company to outline the plans for the forthcoming Railway Gala event to commemorate 50 years since the closure of most of the railway network in Norfolk under the Beeching plan.

The Gala would take place over the period 27th February to 1st March 2009 with contingency dates of 7th to 8th of March in case of extreme weather on the former.

There would be 8 engines in steam at Sheringham and a visit of an engine to Melton Constable on approx. 12th February, with coach trips via Melton over the two days. Full details will be published on the North Norfolk Railway website - <http://www.nnrailway.co.uk/specialevents.htm>. ...Melton Constable PC hope to arrange an exhibition to coincide with these events.

13/1/4 Stody Estate Plans

Mr Ross Haddow, Estate Manager for Stody Estates, was present to answer questions concerning the proposed gravel extraction / reservoir project. After clarifying that the determining Authority for the planning application was to be the County Council with the District Council a statutory Consultee, the main concern of Cllrs. was the impact of the lorry traffic on the village. Mr. Haddow said that his advisors had indicated that only 20% of traffic would go east through Melton Constable but agreed that if the market for sand & gravel changed then the volume of traffic and its direction could also change.

Mr. Haddow went on to explain the background to the application, the reasons why the reservoirs were needed, and the fact that the scheme could not be justified financially without funding from the sale of minerals.

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The meeting was then adjourned at 8.00 for members of the public present to put their questions to Mr. Haddow

The meeting was reconvened at 8.15 when Cty. Cllr. Jacky Howe stated that she has agreed to Chair a public meeting on the issue when Stody Estates has completed its work on the application. She also said that as a School Governor she was looking at the traffic impact on the School. The Council agreed to await the formal consultation papers before it commented further.

13/1/5 Cllrs. Reports

District Cllr. Robin Combe said that he had looked at the proposed development sites in & around Briston for housing under the LDF.

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine.

South Side

There was again little of note to report.

Bus Shelter Site

There was still great concern over fly tipping and the Chair asked that the subject be formally agendered for the next meeting and that a representative from the DC be invited to attend to see if a solution could be found to the problem. Members of the public were asked to write to the DC expressing any concerns they may have over the problem.

Recreation Field

There was still mole activity and the Clerk was asked to contact a new mole catcher.

North side / Allotments

There was nothing of note to report save that the area was improved from previous years.

Play Area

The repairs to the damaged seat & fence were in hand and Cllr. Mrs. Hayes was to organise a working party to paint & renovate some of the equipment. She would report back to the next meeting

13/1/6 Parish Website

Cllr. Mrs Stocking had researched the setting up of a site and it was agreed that the Chair and Cllr. Unsworth should meet with the gentleman who had been nominated to construct the site.

13/1/7 Planning Matters

There were no plans before the Council this month.

13/1/8 Railway Entrance Arch project

Cllr. Mrs. Stocking and Cllr. Mrs Heal have done some initial work on this and Cllr. Mrs Stocking asked that interested community members get in touch with her with a view to helping to clear the site and making a heritage feature of it, one of the few remaining railway structures.

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District Cllr. Combe suggested that if enough evidence / pressure was put to the District Council Conservation Dept. Money may be forthcoming to help with this. Cllr. Mrs Stocking agreed to write to the Conservation Dept and ask if they would be able to make a donation.

The Clerk was asked to keep this item on the agenda.

13/1/9 Report on Trees

The Chair explained the report to the meeting and suggested that the best way forward would be for Cllrs. to tour the area and assess what could be done in the light of the report. It was agreed that Cllrs would meet on the Recreation Ground at 10.30 on 24th January. And report back to the next meeting

13/1/10 Correspondence

There was a great deal of correspondence most of which was in the form of unnecessary information and 'inclusion' documents The Chair said that he hoped that the initiative recently muted by the District Council to sieve much of this documentation would mean less unnecessary paperwork coming to the Council.

13/1/11 Cheques for signature and / or approval

	CHEQUES	FOR	SIGNATURE	&/OR APPROVAL
		13/01/2009		
CHEQUE No.	Amount	item	item	payee
101323	£60.00	Tree	Survey	Mr. J. Whitehead
101324	£52.84	Street Light	Maint Contract	MHB Services
101325	£61.00	SLCC	Annual sub	SLCC
Total	£173.84			

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

Public Forum

The Chair adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to allow members of the public present to put questions to the Council.

9/12/12 Other Business

The meeting was reconvened at 8.44 and the Chair said that he had obtained a draft Contract for the Clerk elect which he would finalise before the handover at the end of March.

Due to disruptive comments by one member of the public the Chair closed the meeting at 8.48 p.m.

.....Clerk

.....Chairman