

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Country Club at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 10th March 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, Cllr. Mrs.
Bowes.

District Cllr. R. Combe

Several members of the public were also present.

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

10/3/1 Minutes of 10/2/2009

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously passed as a true record on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Velthaus seconded Cllr. Mrs. Hayes

10/3/2 Matters arising

1. Mole clearance. The moles had now been cleared from the recreation field.
2. There had been 3 volunteers come forward to help with the refurbishment of the play equipment.
3. Cllr.Mrs. Heal said that there may be some funds available for the Railway arch project from the Transport Trust or 'RedWheel' but would require a briefing letter.
4. The Clerk had received a quote for work on the trees on the Play area. It was agreed to seek further quotes to bring to the next meeting.

10/2/3 Minutes of Special meeting of 3rd March 2009

The minutes of the Special Meeting of 3rd March 2009 were unanimously approved on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Unsworth.

10/3/4 Matters Arising

The letter containing this Council's comments on the Stody Plans had been posted to the County Council and a copy would be placed on the Parish Notice board.

Councillors Reports.

District Cllr. Robin Combe said in relation to the Stody Reservoir application, that the District Council is not the determining authority and neither did it transmit representations made to it to the County Council. He therefore urged anyone with representations to make about the application to write directly to the County Council who were the determining authority.

Cllr. Combe also said that he would represent all valid planning concerns this Council had over the Burgh Beck Road application to the District Council but that individual objectors should attend the planning meeting in person or put their objections in writing.

Churchyard.

The Churchyard was again reported as still looking fine.

South Side

There was again little of note to report.

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Bus Shelter Site

This was looking good at the moment and the daffodil bulbs were now starting to bloom. The graffiti had been painted out in the shelter and the multi lingual notices had been placed on the bottle banks. It was sad to note however that fly tipping was still a major problem.

Recreation Field

There had now been no new mole hills on the field for a week or more so it was hoped that the problem was contained for a while. The mole catcher had put in his bill which included the cost of traps which had been stolen.

North side / Allotments

These were now all let and most were now coming into cultivation as the spring approached. It was agreed that there would be an inspection on a date to be agreed.

Play Area

The repairs to the safety matting under the swings had been completed and the football area is due to be levelled and re-seeded soon. During the time the new grass takes to become established the football area would be fenced off. The Council maintains a full sized football pitch on the recreation field at the bottom of Meadow Lane and it was hoped that people would use this in the meantime.

10/3/5 Parish Website

The Chair & Cllr. Unsworth had progressed this further and it was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs Stocking seconded by Cllr. Mrs Bowes that the Council go ahead with the latest quote received.

10/3/6 Planning Matters

There were no plans before the Council this meeting

10/3/7 Correspondence

There was an invitation from ROSPA to carry out a playground inspection this year

It was agreed on a proposition by Cllr. Mrs. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Heal that the Council go ahead with this.

10/3/8 Cheques for signature and / or approval

CHEQUES		FOR	SIGNATURE	&/OR APPROVAL
CHEQUE No.	Amount	10/03/2009 item	item	payee
101330	£100.00	Mole	Control	Mr. S. Drewell
101331	£37.50	Hire of	Hall	MCCC
101332	£52.84	Street light	contract	MHB services
101333	£709.08	Clerks Salary	& expns March	Mr. J. Stocking
Total	£899.42			

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

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10/3/9 Public Forum

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.10 p.m. to allow members of the public present to put questions to the Council.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.15 p.m.

10/3/10 Other Business

Cllr. Mrs. Heal asked that the Council consider the purchase of litter pickers for the litter picking group. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr. Unsworth that the Council purchase 10 of these at a cost of approx. £85.00. all were in favour.

Cllr. Mrs. Bowes said that she had been assured that the funding for the solar street lamps was still available.

The Chair said that he and the new Clerk would review the bank mandate and cheque signatories.

10/3/11 Clerks Contract

The Chair invited the Clerk in waiting Mr. Kevin Uglow to sign his contract of employment. This he did, witnessed by the meeting.

10/3/12 Presentation to retiring Clerk

The Chair gave a short address to the meeting thanking the retiring Clerk Mr. John Stocking for all his work and help over the past 13 years as Clerk, and several years as both Cllr. and Chairman. He said that all members had contributed to a gift to mark the Clerk's retirement and presented Mr. Stocking with a framed rural print.

Mr. Stocking then thanked the Council for the gift and said that he would now at last be able to revert to an ordinary member of the public and have his say at future Council meetings. He and Mrs. Stocking then invited all members for a Celebratory drink in the Country Club bar after the meeting

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

.....Clerk

.....Chair

