

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th August 2010, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

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

 K.Uglow Clerk

Also present 2 officers from Holt SNT, I.Pritty from Ben Burgess & Co and 8 members of the public

1211 To Consider Apologies for Absence
Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr J Heal and Cllr C.Velthaus – prior engagements

1212 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2010
Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2010 as a true and accurate record of the meeting

1213 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
No declarations of interest were received

1214 Matters for Report

- a) Gate – rear of Burgh Beck Road – ongoing
- b) Trees on Play Area – permission had been received to fell the trees
- c) Weeds on Play Area – awaiting quotations
- d) New Clerk and retiring Clerk working towards a smooth changeover

1215 Public Participation
Resolved to suspend the meeting to allow the public to inform the meeting

I.Pritty of Ben Burgess & Co informed the meeting in respect of a planning application PF/10/0738 for G W Harrold and Partners for a general purpose agricultural building – he explained the noise survey that had been completed and that the proposed development would lead to less traffic through the village. He was questioned on the size of the building, the question of drainage and whether the building would be for the applicant's

use or for other farmers as well – he replied that all there would be no foul water going into the drains as all water would be put into soakaways and the proposed development was for use by the applicant. Councillors commented on the visual aspect of the building as it would detract from the water towers

1216 Planning application PF/10/0738 – Land off Melton Road, Melton Constable – G W Harrold & Partners

Resolved to object to the application as the size of the building was not in keeping and would infringe on the visual aspect of the village from the west – the noise impact on the village could not be resolved until a site visit to Snoring to see a similar unit

1217 Public Participation on other matters

R.Combe informed the meeting of a forum on the 11th September at Sheringham concerned with the over 70's

Holt SNT reported on crimes within the area, the number of calls made to the Police and that the next Street Surgery would be held in the village on the 15th August

A.Jones informed the meeting that the gate from the old Play Area through to the farmyard would be blocked immediately due to increased damage and trespass

1218 Members Reports

Churchyard – no report available

South Side – reported that there would not be a Remembrance Service in the Country Club this year

Bus Shelter Site – looking fine

Recreation Field – being used well, no immediate problems

North Side – no problems

Allotments – some replies received from letters sent – send reminder to those who had not replied and also a letter of thanks to D.Ward for the good job done on his allotment, acknowledging the work done so far and extending the deadline.

Play Area – reported that the handyman was back to work, the area was looking good, the YESU Play Bus had been successful, the 5-a-side goalposts were ongoing as were quotes for the fence against the farmyard

Holt SNT – reported that the next meeting would be on the 1st September at the Country Club – **Resolved the Parish Council would provide refreshments**

Solar Lighting Project

The Chair reported that the installation of a second sensor had not been very successful but GMB were trying to sort the problem out

An impasse had been reached with the contractor Solartech and the Chair had taken legal advice from Hayes and Store who advised that mediation would be the cheapest option but that the Council would have to compromise and litigation would be expensive.

It was agreed that it was more important to get the lights working and that if the sensors currently fitted did not work Solartech would be asked to provide sensors that did work or the Council would obtain them from a different company and deduct the cost from the outstanding invoice with Solartech

It was resolved that any further correspondence between the Council and Solartech would be checked with Hayes and Store and that a budget of £500 be allocated for legal fees

Railway Arch Project

Reported that the matter was with NNDC Conservation Department – no problems envisaged – **Resolved to submit a planning application**

Village Beacon

Quote to be obtained for a new post to put it on – no need to move immediately – agenda for next meeting

Farmyard Drainage

Reported that a manhole cover had collapsed due to material being dumped on it over a number of years – attempts to find it have failed – to try and find would involve a digger driving onto the community composting allotment – M Huntridge to be contacted

1219 Request for donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service
Resolved to make a donation of £50

1220 Financial
Resolved to approve the financial statement to 31st July 2010

Resolved to approve the following payments

Cheque No	Payee	Item	Amount
101418	C Longhorn	Internal Audit Fee	50.00
101419	A Hubbard	Handyman Duties	48.75
101420	MHB Services	Lighting Contract	53.99
101421	Norfolk Accident Rescue Service	Donation	50.00
		Total	202.74

1221 Items for Information
Resolved no action

1222 Items for next agenda

Railway Arch
Village Beacon
Website

1223 Date of next meeting

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on the 14th September 2010 7.30pm at the Country Club

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Clerk

Chair

Dated