

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th July 2010, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

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

 K.Uglow Clerk

Also present J Wedderburn from Holt SNT, L Williamson from HAP and 16 members of the public

1198 To Consider Apologies for Absence
No apologies

1199 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June, 15th June and 8th July 2010
Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings as listed above as a true and accurate record of the meeting

1200 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
Cllr J Heal declared a prejudicial interest in Item 7 of the agenda – Farmyard Footpath Application

1201 Matters for Report

- a) Gate – rear of Burgh Beck Road – ongoing
- b) Railway Project – reported that W Beeson of Preva was keen to help with the restoration of the arch and had suggested moving the arch to a more prominent position within the village – Preva would rebuild the brick peers and sandblast the arch

Action:- Cllr J Heal or Cllr P Stocking to contact Highways

- c) Reported that the village BBQ had been returned clean and tidy
- d) Holt Road – reported that street name sign in hand
- e) Tree Stumps on Country Club land – reported that they had been removed
- f) Allotment inspection – reported that letters to tenants had been done

1202 Clerk to The Council

The Chair informed the meeting that the Clerk had resigned the post but would remain in position until a new Clerk was appointed. Adverts had been placed. Thanks were given to the Clerk for all his work for the Council

1203 Public Participation

Resolved to suspend the meeting to allow the public to inform the meeting

Holt SNT reported on the recent crimes in the area – theft from a vehicle and 2 of damage to the same vehicle – Calls received included suspicious circumstances, criminal damage, civil disputes, domestic, burglary and alcohol related in respect of littering – The Multi Agency Leaflet would need to be approved by the Council and would include a number for the Independent Police Commission – A Drop-in facility for migrant workers with problems was difficult to justify at present due to a lack of complaints received – Holt Police now have a speed gun to use wherever needed – Anti social alcohol related behaviour was still a priority in the village – Leaflets on the Norfolk Constabulary Policing Plan were distributed at the meeting – the Police open surgery had been poorly attended

The question of walking through the farmyard was raised with comments raised on what evidence would be needed to further any claim that a footpath existed and the ownership of land linking footpaths together

A report was given that the lane down to the Recreation field was not suitable for the YESU bus due to overhanging trees and would cause damage to the bus

It was suggested that the young people wanted to bring football back onto the Play area

Questions were raised on the village website in regard to minutes posted

1204 Members Reports

Churchyard – looking fine

South Side – reported that Preva would like the village beacon removed from their property – Council to retain

Bus Shelter Site – looking fine

Recreation Field – reported that the moles had returned – dog mess problem much less thanks to the responsible dog walkers who had also removed glass from around the goalposts – ongoing problems with drinking – one area behind the goalposts was quite bare due to use, only 1 goalpost being used due to blackthorn behind the other one

North Side – reports of dog mess on alleyway south of the allotments

Holt SNT – 1st September meeting to be held at Melton Constable

Holt Area Partnership – T-Shirts available “I’m a vocal local”

Solar Lighting Project

Reported that Solartech would fit extra sensors to one light as an experiment and if successful it had been agreed that extra sensors would be fitted at no extra expense to the Council and then the account with Solartech would be finalized.

The lights on Melton Street would be discussed pending the outcome of the fitting of the extra sensors on the other poles

Reported that 1 box on a solar light had been smashed – MHB Services would be looking into this – possibility that box not fitted at correct height and smashed by a lorry

Reported that the conventional lights were working

Allotment Inspection

Reported that most of the allotments were in good order but 12 letters had been sent regarding various matters

Play Area Report

The work day on the 4th July had been a success and the Council expressed their very grateful thanks to all the volunteers who had turned up and painted and repaired the equipment

Basketball hoop being repaired

Wobbly Log – possible to repair

Roundabout – the ROSPA inspector had turned up whilst work was continuing whilst repair work was being carried out on this item of equipment

Fence around small children area – some of this had been smashed again.

Fence against farmyard – quotes to be obtained to replace

Trees – being dealt with

Drains Millennium Garden – still a concern

Weeds on re-seeded patch – Norse to be asked to quote for spraying

Handyman – after illness would be back to work soon

Norfolk Games Event – 12th September

Future plans for the Play Area and Recreation Field well received in general with a number of volunteers coming forward to undertake fund raising and work required – comment was made that allotment space could not be taken away without providing in another location

Resolved to put 5-a-side goals back on Play Area on a temporary basis with a view to moving to the outer play area within 6 months or as funds allowed
Resolved to mark a jogging track on the Recreation Field

Migrant Workers Working Party

Reported that at present not enough calls / problems and therefore resources would not be made available

Farmyard Footpath Application

Cllr J Heal having declared a prejudicial interest in the item left the meeting
Resolved to place on a future agenda to consider support or otherwise once information presented

1205 Play Area use – YESU Bus

Resolved that the YESU Bus could use the Play Area 4 times this year (to the end of December) with 1 permission being reserved if need by another organization

1206 Planning Applications

PF/09/0621 – Hastings Arms, Briston Road

Resolved to support

PF/09/0503 – Land at Burgh Beck Road

Resolved to object as design did not fit in with existing dwellings and the access and frontage had still not been specified to the satisfaction of the Council

PF/10/0567 – Cart Lodge, Old Dairy

Resolved no objection

A pre-planning application consultation document had been received in respect of a Grain Store for G W Harrold and Partners

Resolved to ask the applicant's agent, Ben Burgess, to attend the next meeting to address in particular the concerns over noise pollution from the proposed development

1207 Financial

Resolved to approve the financial statement to 30th June 2010

Resolved to approve the following payments

Cheque No	Payee	Item	Amount
101412	Melton Constable Country Club	Hall Hire	95.00
101413	EDF Energy	Disconnection of Street Lighting	3438.50
101414	MHB Services	Lighting Maintenance	53.99
101415	J Fish	Churchyard Maintenance	220.00
101416	NNDC	Dog Bin Contract	247.46
101417	J Hayes	Materials Play Area repairs	206.06
		Total	4261.01

1208 Items for Information

Resolved no action

1209 Items for next agenda

Railway Arch
Village Beacon
Farmyard drainage

1210 Date of next meeting

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on the 10th August 2010 7.30pm at the Country Club

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Clerk

Chair

Dated