

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on 12th October 2010, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

Present: S.Unsworth Chair
M.Hayes
J. Heal

J. Carr Clerk

Also present Robin Combe (District Councillor) and 4 members of the public

1238 Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Chairman Loynes and Cllr Bowes, due to holidays, and Cllrs Stocking and Velthaus due to illness.

1239 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2010

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2010 as a true and accurate record of the meeting

1240 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

1241 Public Participation

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

R Combes informed the meeting that NNDC is negotiating a new waste contract with the aim of achieving significant savings. However, food waste is too expensive to be collected separately and will not be on the agenda.

Community Support Officer Guy Slade gave apologies for PC Jamie Wedderburn's absence and presented the following report of recent crimes:

- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle from Grove Road
 - 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle on Colville Road
 - 2 x Interference with motor vehicles (linked to above theft)
 - 1 x Assault ABH
 - 1 x Attempt theft
- and calls to the Police:
- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle
 - 1 x Concern for safety
 - 1 x Road Traffic Collision

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1 x Rowdy Nuisance Behaviour
1 x Vehicle Nuisance
1 x Suspicious Circumstances
1 x Road Related Offence
1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle
1 x Theft other

HOLT SNT Priorities remain the same both of which relate to Anti Social behaviour and Anti Social Vehicle use in Melton Constable and Briston.

The Homewatch scheme was explained in more detail with the recommendation for those interested in becoming Coordinators to access the police website (www.norfolk.police.uk) and follow the link to Homewatch.

The lack of advertising for the candidacy scheme for Parish and District Councillor recruitment was raised and Cllr Combes will respond by sending posters for the notice board.

A question regarding the lighting issues was raised. Improved sensors have been sourced and Council is in liaison and negotiation with the suppliers. The non solar lights are to be repaired by MHB.

1242 To consider proposed revisions to the allotment contract

It has come to the Council's attention that some plots are being worked by those that are not named on the tenancy agreement. This was not identified in time to clarify the current agreement before the start of the year. Therefore it was proposed that a revision to the contract should be an agenda item for the May or June Council meeting. This will give sufficient time for the new contract to be implemented in time for the tenancy year commencing October 2011.

1243 Members Reports

Churchyard – No problems. James Fish is doing a good job.

Bus Shelter – There is broken glass by the bottle dump but otherwise the area is generally satisfactory.

Recreation Ground - Running track distance markers have been damaged, possibly caused by the grass cutter.

Allotments – the gate at the Burgh Beck road entrance has been erected and thanks are due to Kevin Uglov and Quentin Brown for their help with this task.

Play Area – is in fine condition with emptied litter bins. The pigeon guards in the inner play area have been removed again and a decision was taken not to have these replaced.

Solar Lighting – Chairman Adrian Loynes is in negotiation with EEDA regarding funding for remedial work and he will report at the next meeting.

Village Beacon – Negotiations with the Harrold estate manager are ongoing with the possibility that placement next to Melton Hill is a viable option. This is to be an agenda item for the November meeting.

Parish Website – due to the absence of Cllr Bowes, this is postponed to the November agenda.

- 1244 To consider reply from North Norfolk District Council re Grass Verge Cutting
Their reply shows that a small area in Marriott Way is cut by NNDC on behalf of NCC. A revised contract will mean that the additional 10 cuts previously conducted by NNDC will cease, leaving the 5 'safety' cuts which NCC is obliged to provide. It was agreed that no further cutting will be necessary for this small area.
- 1245 To consider Planning Applications
- a) PF/10/1085 – Resolved to reply with no objection: Proposed Cllr Hayes, seconded Cllr Heal
 - b) PF/10/1121 – Resolved to reply with no objection and Planning Decisions
 - c) PF/09/0621 - it was noted that the work has to start by 8th January 2011
 - d) C/1/2010/1004 – it was noted that the recommendation is for planning permission to be granted subject to conditions
 - e) PF/10/0738 – amended plans were received too late for this meeting. A request for an extension of the time will be made to allow for this to be on the agenda for the November meeting.
- 1246 To consider updating the car mileage payment for Councillors and Clerk
The mileage reimbursement has been set at 24 pence per mile for many years. It was proposed that an increase to 40 pence per mile is necessary in order to bring this in line with other public sector car mileage payments. This was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Heal.
- 1247 To consider the requests for financial support from CAB and Vitalise
CAB – under LGA Section 142 the Parish Council can support and a sum of £100 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Hayes; Seconded by Cllr Heal.
Vitalise – does not comply with LGA Section 137 and therefore the request was refused.
- 1248 To consider membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks
Membership would cost £66 for the first year. It was agreed to trial membership for a year. Proposed by Cllr Heal; seconded Cllr Hayes.

- 1249 Financial
Resolved to approve the financial statement dated 4th October 2010
Resolved to approve the following payments
Proposed: Cllr Heal ; Seconded: Cllr Unsworth

101430	G W Harrold & Ptnrs	Allotment rent	342.5
101431	Mr J Hayes	running track lines	20.66
101432	Norse Commercial Services Ltd	Playing fields maintenance	882.77
101433	A Hubbard	maintenance	27.63
101434	K Uglow	Salary and expenses	311.67
101435	MHB Services	street lighting maintenance	53.99
101436	A Loynes	petrol - NALC meeting Narborough	12.55
awaiting chq/bk	HMRC	Clerk's tax	65.9
		Total	1717.67

1250 Items for Information
Resolved no action

1251 Items for next agenda
Resolved no items

1252 Date of next meeting
Resolved that the next meeting would be held on the 9th November at 7.30pm at the Country Club

The meeting closed at 20.15

Clerk

Chair

Dated