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MINUTES of the meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on 8th November 2011, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

Present: M.Hayes Chair
F. Bruce
I. Bruce
A.Carr
J. Cox
P. Stocking

J. Carr Clerk

No members of the public or police were present

1458 To Consider Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Heal (holiday) and County Cllr Wright

1459 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2011

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2011 as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED: Cllr P Stocking, **SECONDED,** Cllr F Bruce

1460 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Carr –Item 8 – husband of Clerk

Cllr Stocking –Item 7 – husband is a trustee

Cllr F Bruce –Item 14 – allotment holder

1461 Matters Arising from the last Minutes

BT phone box: A letter to be sent to BT requesting the box be repaired and the usage then monitored for a period of time before final decision is taken. **Clerk to action.**

Village Leaflet: volunteers have been recruited for each street and will take responsibility to distribute leaflets. The Yesu centre also has copies for distribution. The leaflet can only be updated by reference to the original graphic design company and NCC. It is unlikely that further funding for this will be available.

Village sign: Due to additional work load this has not yet been actioned – ongoing.

1462 Public Participation

No public present

1463 Members Reports

South Side: the lorry remains though it does not appear to be derelict. It is thought to belong to the occupier of 15 Melton Street and contact will be attempted to request information on the owner of the rubbish that has accumulated. Failing that then Environmental Health will be contacted.

Bus Shelter: Looking reasonable though some graffiti has returned. The bottle dump is tidy and regularly emptied by Kier.

Discussion arose around the offer by TalkTalk to provide, free of charge, a notice board for Council to use as they wish. The bus shelter area would be considered a good site, subject to planning permission from Highways being granted. One Councillor voiced dissent over the perceived endorsement by a statutory body of a specific company (in this case TalkTalk) that provision of this board might cause and no agreement over whether or not to accept the offer was reached. It was agreed that NALC should be contacted for advice on this issue and the subject postponed to the December meeting.

North Side: fine

Play Area: fine

Recreation Ground: a review of suppliers and costings for mole elimination is being carried out but it is recognised that no long term solution to keep moles away can be found. Users of the recreation ground are encouraged to stamp down mole hills when they see them. The mounds present a potential hazard and difficulties in mowing the grass.

A site visit is planned for both the probation service and another grounds maintenance supplier with the objective of finding an alternative, cheaper supplier than the current provider. Their advice on mole removal will also be sought. A report will be presented at the December meeting.

Allotments: All but two tenants have paid their rents for the forthcoming year. There are three cultivatable plots available for letting.

1464 To consider further the Country Club meeting and ways forward

Options and suggestions following the meeting had been circulated to members. Discussion arose around the probable lack of support that might be gained for any action and the huge undertaking it would be, particularly with regard to finance. NRCC had been approached for advice and replied that funding would be unlikely without considerable local support and difficult with it for some of the options.

It was **RESOLVED** to reply to the Club's committee that the proposals made had been considered but that Council were unable to take this further at the present time. Council will be willing to consider options in future should the opportunity arise.

PROPOSED: Chair Hayes, **SECONDED:** Cllr Carr, 5 in favour, 1 abstention

Chair to draft and forward to members for feedback prior to sending.

1465 To consider Clerk's hours of working

It was **RESOLVED** to increase Clerk's hours from four to six per week. **PROPOSED:** Chair Hayes, **SECONDED:** Cllr Stocking, 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

1466 To consider the budget and approve the precept for 2012 - 2013

Council were presented with the proposed budget for next year and, after going through each item, agreed that an increase in precept would be required in order to cover the costs and build a small reserve. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to increase the precept to £10,000.

PROPOSED: Cllr Cox, **SECONDED:** Cllr F Bruce.

1467 To consider Grit Bins

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to order the green grit bin sourced from Start Traffic Management at a cost of £90 + delivery charge and VAT. **PROPOSED:** Cllr Carr, **SECONDED:** Cllr I Bruce. **Clerk to action.**

1468 To consider re-siting the dog waste bin

This has now been moved around the post which provides less of an obstruction to vehicles. To be monitored.

1469 To consider the waste bin outside the fish and chip shop.

There have been complaints that this has frequently been too full. Councillors were asked to observe the bin when they were passing and to let Chair Hayes know if it is overfull. Chair will approach the owners to enquire if more frequent emptying can be done.

1470 To consider Briston Road flooding problem

Members discussed the history and reasons for the flooding that has occurred. Though Anglian Water have been attempting to address the problem it was felt that the underlying cause has not been sufficiently addressed to adequately resolve the problem long term.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to write to Anglian Water, copying in NCC Highways Dept., outlining the Council's grave concerns at their apparent lack of attention to this flooding problem and requesting a final solution be found.

PROPOSED: Chair Hayes, **SECONDED:** Cllr Carr. **Clerk to action.**

1471 To consider Allotment Policy

It was **RESOLVED** not to issue a second or additional plot to an existing allotment tenant if there is a waiting list. The policy could be reviewed at any time if the number of plots available exceeded the waiting list. **PROPOSED:** Cllr Cox, **SECONDED:** Cllr Stocking, carried with 1 abstention

It was **RESOLVED** that Council will not countenance any future request for a garage to be placed onto an allotment site. **PROPOSED:** Cllr Cox, **SECONDED:** Cllr Stocking, carried with 1 abstention.

1472 To consider B1354 speed limit

After discussion and review of historical results of requests and financial implications it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to take no further action. **PROPOSED:** Chair Hayes, **SECONDED:** Cllr Carr.

1473 To consider Planning Application

Planning application PF/11/1249 – Erection of extension to cartshed to form annexe, Lark Rise, Craymere Road, NR24 2LS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reply 'no objection, no comment'. **PROPOSED:** Chair Hayes, **SECONDED:** Cllr Stocking

Decision Notices:

Land off Melton Rd, MC: Erection of extensions to agricultural buildings: permitted with conditions

Culpits Farm, Hindolveston Rd, MC: Erection of three bay garage: permitted with conditions

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the statement to October 2011.

PROPOSED: Cllr Carr, **SECONDED** : Cllr F Bruce.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

PROPOSED: Cllr F Bruce, **SECONDED:** Cllr Carr, carried with 1 abstention

101533	Norfolk Accident Rescue Service	Donation	£50.00
101534	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00
101535	J Hayes	grounds maintenance repairs	£13.00
101536	I Snell	annual churchyard grass cutting	£500.00
101537	MHB Services Ltd	lighting maintenance contract	£55.14
101538	A Hubbard	handyman-play area/war mem.	£47.13
		TOTAL	£715.27

1475 Items for next agenda

Delivering local highway improvements (NCC proposal and bid request)

BT Phone Box

Lighting

SLCC and NPFA Subscriptions

Bus shelter Plaque

Notice Boards

Pavement waste and parked van in Melton St.

2012 meeting times

1476 To consider start time for meetings in 2012

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders be amended to allow for an earlier start time of 7pm. **PROPOSED:** Cllr Cox, **SECONDED:** Cllr Carr. **Clerk to action**

1477 Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13th December, 7.30pm at the Country Club

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Clerk

Chair

Dated