

8th October 2019

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2019 7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth A Crawford
S Meacock J Cox
E Smith K Cotgrove (Clerk)
0 members of the public

3143 Apologies for Absence

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Meacock, it was AGREED to accept apologies for Cllr Carter.

3144 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2019

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox SECONDED by Cllr Meacock it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 10th September as a true and accurate record.

3145 Declarations of Interest

None.

3146 Matters Arising from Last Minute

3134. The Clerk is still waiting for quotes from the handyman.

3134. Highways have reported that no action is required on the loose concrete on Fakenham Road. As the PC feel it is dangerous, it was AGREED that the Clerk will report again to Highways, along with a lifted drain near the bus stop.

3134. The tenant has removed some more of the waste on the problem plot, but some still remains. The Clerk will contact him again.

3147 County & District Councillor reports

None.

3148 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of public were in attendance.

3149 Members' Reports

Churchyard: Looking good

Southside: Cllr Cox attended the Parish Paths meeting, and will arrange for members to walk the Melton Constable footpath. Cllr Smith will attend too. A vehicle appears to have been abandoned on Grove Road. The Clerk will see if it is taxed, and report as necessary

Bus shelter: A volunteer is still picking up rubbish from the bus shelter. There is quite a lot of rubbish at the bus stop across the road. Cllr Cox will have a look.

Play area: A group of youths have been burning the play equipment. There is a lot of rubbish in the Millennium Garden.

Recreation Ground: Kier advised that they have not been asked to empty the bin on the far side of the Rec, despite doing it for a month or so. The Clerk will chase NNDC again.

Northside: A resident witnessed a man drug dealing in the Play Area. She reported it to the Police, who were not interested. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact the Police and raise concerns at the lack of attendance.

Allotments: Rent collection is on 10th October. Cllr Unsworth will assess the rubbish on plots, to arrange removal. One tenant has dumped a fridge / freezer and other items on their plot, and is using an empty plot to park his car. Concerns were also raised that he is spraying weed killer on other tenant's plots. Cllr Unsworth will have a look, and report back to the Clerk to write a letter.

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Streetlights. All working well.

3150 To update on a license arrangement with the Felbeck Trust to create an allotment restoration project on allotments at present unsuitable for cultivation, and to agree Solicitor's costs

Cox An estimate of £175 + VAT has been received for Mr. Harrold's solicitor's costs. Cllr will forward an updated plan of the allotments. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Crawford, SECONDED by Cllr Smith, it was AGREED that the Clerk will accept the estimate and send the updated plan to the Agents.

3151 To update on grass cutting

Cllr Cox PROPOSED an additional cut on Grove Road, to see it through the winter. All AGREED.

3152 To approve the purchase from Ordnance Survey of 1:2500 sheet, showing area including allotments at the east end of the Village

Agreed not to pursue for now.

3153 Planning applications

PF/19/1357. Barns at, Greens Farm, Hindolveston Road, Melton Constable. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED to OBJECT to this application, as the proposed housing is not suitable for family housing, the vehicle access and parking is insufficient, and there is a lack of outdoor provision.

3154 Finances

(i) Financial Statement - On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Meacock, SECONDED by Cllr Cox, the monthly statement and budget update was approved

(ii) Payments - On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Meacock it was AGREED to approve the following payments:

102080	K Cotgrove	Clerk's October salary	£147.40
102081	HMRC	Clerk's October tax	£22.60
102082	Paul Minns	Grass cutting – September	£350.00
102083	P Collins	Grass cutting rec and play area - September	£196.00
102084	Melton Constable Country Club	Hall Hire May - Sept	£126.00
102085	Westcotec	Lighting maintenance	£13.25
102086	G W Harrold	6 monthly rent – allotment land	£400.00
	E.on	Electricity monthly DD	£29.90
		TOTAL	£1285.15

3155 Correspondence

(i) East Anglian Air Ambulance free community CPR/AED sessions – It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Air Ambulance to try and arrange a training session.

3156 Items for November agenda

Felbeck Trust, budget, VE Day, Country Club update.

3157 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 12th November 2019, 7:30pm.

20:18: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated