

12th February 2019

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2019 7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth
A Crawford
J Tosney
E Smith
D Carter
K Cotgrove Clerk
P Butikofer (North Norfolk District Councillor)
2 members of the public

3014 Apologies for Absence

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Crawford SECONDED by Cllr Smith it was AGREED to accept apologies for County Cllr Aquarone, Cllr Cox and Cllr Meacock.

3015 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2019

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Carter SECONDED by Cllr Smith it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 15th January as a true and accurate record.

3016 Declarations of Interest

None.

3017 Matters Arising from Last Minutes

3000 – No quotes obtained yet for the damage to the Rec.

3002 – The plasterboard etc. has been removed from the plot which was complained about.

3003 – Quotes for a bollard are being obtained.

3007 – Cllr Tosney has obtained an A3 map of the parish, and will pass it to Cllr Cox. Cllr has passed a link to an Ordnance Survey site for Local Authorities to obtain maps. It is not clear if there is a cost. The Clerk will ask the Clerk to Briston Parish Council, who use the service.

3009 – District Cllr Butikofer is addressing the planning concern with the officer. It has been suggested that before and after photos of elevations are not a requirement.

3018 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone sent apologies, and had emailed a report, which was read by the Clerk. The Clerk will email County Cllr Aquarone to ask if an image of a train could be on the village gates instead of the coat of arms the Highways suggested.

District Cllr Butikofer reported that there will be a workshop in Cromer on 12th March to encourage small businesses to take on apprentices. The Egmore report has been completed and will be published for the public with financial information redacted. Philip High, who was a Holt Town Councillor and was a District Councillor from 2006-2017 died last week. The Wetherspoons Chairman has said there are no plans to open more pubs in Norfolk, but this goes against local company reps. There has been a successful

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prosecution for fly tipping in North Norfolk, with the perpetrator being fined £1500 + costs. The budget for NNDC has been announced, with a raise in Council tax of 2.99%. The council tax for NCC & the police will be raising too. A dress down day at the NNDC offices raised £3600 for local charities recently.

3019 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

A Brown raised that he recently reported the large amount of litter in the village to NNDC cleansing department, who came out and conducted a litter pick. He advised that Parishioners can take action to enforce the Council to clear rubbish.

3020 Members' Reports

Churchyard: All tidy. There has been fly tipping past the church on the road to Briningham. It is thought this is Harrold's land. The Clerk will contact Bruce to see if it is, and to draw their attention to it.

Southside: No report.

Bus shelter: All tidy.

Play area: No report. Cllr Smith noted that an electric lawnmower has been dumped in the play area. She will take it to the Recycling Centre.

Recreation Ground: There is currently no monitor for the Rec, but people are walking it regularly and all fine.

Northside: There is lots of litter around currently, and Cllr Crawford cleared a large amount of litter from the phone box. There is again a lot of electrical rubbish at the rear of a property on Burgh Beck Road, and outside a business on the main road. The Clerk will write to ask them to clear.

Allotments There are currently two vacant plots. One of the plots has a trailer with a fridge in it, which is thought belong to the neighbouring tenant. The Clerk will write to him to ask him to remove it. Cllr Meacock has been keeping a diary to see when the chickens on the plot which was an issue last month are being fed. Cllr Unsworth has also been keeping an eye, along with one of the Parishioners. This will continue to be monitored.

Streetlights: The light at the end of Gordon Road has only worked sporadically over the winter. Cllr Cox had reported it, but it has not yet been repaired. The Clerk will contact Westcotec.

3021 To update on a license arrangement with the Felbeck Trust to create an allotment restoration project on allotments unsuitable for cultivation

The agent has requested a plan of proposed works. Cllr Tosney will send one to the Clerk to forward to them.

3022 To consider grass cutting quotations

Cllr Smith left the room at 20:07.

A quote has been received to cut all areas apart from the play area and Rec. The Clerk contacted one of the previous quote providers who can still fit in the Rec and play area. Cllr Smith has provided a quote for the Churchyard. It was agreed that the administration of three contracts would be too time consuming, so on a PROPOSAL by Cllr Crawford, SECONDED by Cllr Tosney, it was AGREED to accept the quotes from Paul Minns (Churchyard, Grove Road, bus shelter and Marriotts Way) and AM Cultivating (Rec & play area).

Cllr Smith returned at 20:19

3023 To discuss village gates

Deferred to next month.

3024 To consider NNDC Your Priorities

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The PC have no issues. The Clerk advised that if individuals would like to submit something, they can do so via the NNDC website.

3025 Planning applications

None.

3026 Finances

(i) On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Crawford, SECONDED by Cllr Tosney, the monthly statement was approved

(ii) On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Tosney SECONDED by Cllr Carter it was AGREED to approve the following payments:

102030	K Cotgrove	Salary	£147.40	
102029	HMRC	Clerk's Tax	£22.60	
DD	E.On	Electricity	£27.11	
102031	Mallets	Asbestos removal on allotment plot	£924.00	
102032	Westcotec	Lighting maintenance	£13.25	
			TOTAL	£1134.36

3027 Correspondence

(i) Upcoming road closure – Concern was raised that local resident haven't been told of this closure, starting on 18th February, which will prevent access to most of the roads in the village, and the doctor's surgery. The Clerk will forward details to Cllr Unsworth, and check with Highways.

(ii) NNDC election guidance – this was forwarded to Councillors and paper nomination forms were given out. Councillors were told that there is a briefing evening for candidates on 4th March at 6pm at the NNDC offices.

3028 Items for March agenda

Parish map, village gates, Felbeck Trust.

3029 Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

20:34: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated