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**MINUTES** of the Melton Constable Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth Chair  
A Crawford  
John Cox  
K Cotgrove Clerk  
Four members of the public

- 1 To consider accepting apologies for absence  
On a PROPOSAL by Cllr A Crawford SECONDED by Cllr S Unsworth it was AGREED to accept apologies for Cllr M Hayes, Cllr J Hayes and Cllr J Tosney.
- 2 To receive declaration of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct  
Cllr J Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest in the allotments, should the Felbeck Trust initiative be discussed.
- 3 To resolve whether to pursue a lease with G W Harrold for the allotment land, and if necessary to agree terms  
The history of the tenancy between the Parish Council and G W Harrold was discussed at length. The potential consequence of the loss of funding for two projects, should the lease not be agreed, was discussed and noted. Although the resolution to discuss a lease has not included individual plots of land as yet, it will do during negotiations. A parcel of the land included in the 1958 lease is not recorded with the Land Registry as belonging to G W Harrold, and it was agreed that the Parish Council have occupied and maintained the land for over 50 years, and it was questioned whether the Council can register the land with the Land Registry.  
It was PROPOSED by Cllr J Cox that before proceeding with any representations, the Parish Council should ask Eastlaw to investigate and advise the Council on such rights it might have acquired in its occupation of the land without clear evidence of title found to the land to the north of the playground and west of the allotment gardens, SECONDED by Cllr S Unsworth, all AGREED.
- 4 To consider costs and terms relating to a new lease with G W Harrold for the allotment land  
It was AGREED to defer this item to the February full council meeting, when further advice from Eastlaw should be available.
- 5 To close the meeting  
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

Clerk ..... Chair .....

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