

10th December 2019

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2019 7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth D Carter
E Smith
A Brown (District Cllr) K Cotgrove (Clerk)
0 members of the public

3174 Apologies for Absence

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

3175 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2019

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Carter SECONDED by Cllr Smith it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 12th November as a true and accurate record.

3176 Declarations of Interest

None.

3177 Matters Arising from Last Minute

3165. All but five allotment holders have renewed.

3169 No planning applications have been made for the new business on the Industrial Estate. The Clerk reported to Planning Enforcement, who have confirmed that they will look into it.

3178 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone emailed apologies and a report, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

District Cllr Brown reported that the District Council have conducted a review of brownfield sites, and 10 sites have been identified as suitable for potential development. The Grove Road site is not included. The first consultation on the new Local Plan resulted in 900 comments. A new document to deal with rough sleeping and homelessness has been put in place, to try and work with people before they become homeless. The District Council re working with Broadland Housing to complete more houses in North Norfolk. Anna Clarke is working with Parishes on Community Led Housing.

3179 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

None.

3180 Members' Reports

Churchyard: looking good.

Southside: no report.

Bus shelter: all tidy. Someone continues to keep this very clean, and thanks were given to the volunteer.

Play area: no report.

Recreation Ground: The bin at the far side of the Rec is not being emptied again. The Clerk will chase. Mole hills are a problem again.

Northside: no report.

Allotments: allotments are largely tidy. An invoice has been received for the plot markers, so Cllr Unsworth will check and see if they are installed before a cheque is raised. The handyman has been asked to cut the Meadow Lane hedge.

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Streetlights: Two lights are flickering. Cllr Cox has reported one, and the Clerk will pass him the details of the other one.

3181 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

Still nothing has been heard. The Clerk will continue to chase.

2182 To update on vermin problems in the village

A cheque has been sent, so work should commence soon. The Clerk will ask the contractors for a quote to fill in the holes.

3183 Planning applications

None.

3184 Finances

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

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

102094	Millennium Pest Control	Vermin removal	£420.00
102095	K Cotgrove	Clerk's December salary	£147.40
102096	HMRC	Clerk's December tax	£22.60
102097	NNDC	Uncontested election charge	£127.39
102098	Westcotec	Lighting maintenance x 2	£26.50
102099	Royal British Legion	S137 donation for wreath	£52.00
102100	J Morrison	Plot markers and Rec gate repair	£311.00
		TOTAL	£1106.89

(iii) Receipts: Allotment rent receipts were noted

3185 Correspondence

(i) Steve Jackman, the website administrator, has emailed regarding new accessibility rules coming in next year. He can conduct a review and carry our necessary work for £45. All AGREED to carry out this work.

(ii) Speeding deterrents. The Police Inspector emailed information about a scheme used elsewhere in the Country, where cut out models of a policeman and carton images of children have been places. This appears to have had an effect in slowing traffic. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Briston Parish Council to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost for one, and to see if they have contacted Astley Primary School regarding buying one.

(iii) Anna Clarke from NNDC has been in contact to see if the Parish Council would like her to attend a meeting to talk about Community Led Housing. Following discussion, it was agreed to invite her to the February or march meeting.

3186 Items for January agenda

Railway Institute leaflet. Felbeck. Vermin problems

3187 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2020, 7:30pm.

20:13: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated