

11th August 2020

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 11th August 2020 7.30pm via Zoom (online).

Present: S Unsworth D Carter
S Meacock J Cox
A Crawford E Smith
S Aquarone (County Councillor) A Brown (District Councillor)
K Cotgrove (Clerk)
0 members of the public

3262 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

3263 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2020

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Smith SECONDED by Cllr Meacock it was AGREED, with one abstention to accept the minutes of the meeting of 14th July as a true and accurate record.

3264 Declarations of Interest

None.

3265 Matters Arising from Last Minutes, not covered on the agenda

The Clerk contacted the allotment tenant regarding vermin issues.

3266 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone updated Councillors on the County Council's Covid response. The rate in North Norfolk is very low. The importance of supporting local businesses was highlighted.

District Councillor Brown emailed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. The increase in tourists to North Norfolk was discussed. Two development sites in Briston were included into the Local Plan in June. The effects of the recent Government White Paper on the Local Plan were discussed. It was asked if NNDC would be able to provide more permanent Covid signs for playgrounds. District Councillor Brown will ask. And let the Clerk know.

County Councillor Aquarone left the meeting at 7:51pm

The lack of a planting plan for The Spinney were discussed, and District Councillor Brown will make enquiries. He will also look into the vehicles dumped behind the Telephone Exchange.

District Councillor Brown left the meeting at 8:05pm

3267 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of the public were present.

3268 Members' Reports

Churchyard: All looking good.

Southside: The Grove Road green area is being used. The Clerk confirmed that the grass cutter will carry out an additional cut in August.

Bus shelter: Fairly tidy, with a small amount of litter.

Play area: Cllr Meacock has replaced the fence panel, and will cut back the vegetation stopping the Mews gate from closing properly. There is paint flaking on the slide in the play area, so it was agreed that Cllr Meacock should purchase the paint and repaint.

Thanks were given to Cllr Meacock and his wife for renovating and replanting. the

Millennium Garden. They did a huge amount of work clearing ivy, pruning vegetation and removing rubbish. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Smith, it was AGREED to reimburse Cllr Meacock £93.30 for materials used to renovate the Millennium Garden, and £27.50 for the fence panel.

Recreation Ground: All ok, and the bins are being emptied. The Clerk is due to meet a contractor regarding the removal of the old slide.

Northside: Anglian Water attended to look at the hole opening behind Kitchener Road, and have conformed it is not due to a water leak or collapsed pipe. It was agreed to fill the hole in.

Allotments: Plot 9 is being vacated. Cllr Unsworth is showing people on the waiting list the available plots. Plot 51 is not being taken up by people being shown round, due to the large amount of work needed. The person who lives next door to this plot has expressed an interest on taking it on, so it was AGREED to offer him this plot. As there is a long waiting list currently, it was agreed to give priority to Melton Constable residents.

- 3269 To update on a license arrangement with the Felbeck Trust to create an allotment restoration project on allotments at present unsuitable for cultivation

The Clerk has chased the agent, who is still waiting to her from Mr. Harrold regarding a more recent tenancy agreement.

- 3270 To discuss the renovation of allotment plot one

Cllr Smith is investigating Pocket Park funding, and feels that this would qualify but would need matched funding. Cllr Unsworth has sourced a heras panel, and will fit it with Cllr Meacock. The Clerk will produce a 'No tipping' sign. There are two dead trees on the plot which will need removal or making safe.

- 3271 Planning

(i) to discuss planning application

None.

(ii) to ratify consultations between meetings

(a) PF/20/1140. Beck House, 158 Fakenham Road, Melton Constable. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

(iii) To update on PF/18/1546. The Spinney, 1 Grove Road, Melton Constable. Covered in District Councillor Brown's report.

- 3272 Finances

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

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

E.on	Electricity direct debit	£30.90
P Collins	July grass cutting	£202.00
P Minns	July grass cutting	£400.00
K Cotgrove	August salary & expenses	£216.12
S Meacock	Reimbursement for Millennium Garden & fence	£120.80
	TOTAL	£969.82

- 3273 To discuss possible commemoration for VJ75

It was decided, due to the current situation and lack of planning time, not to proceed with a commemoration.

- 3274 To discuss the possibility of faster broadband in the Village.

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Cllr Carter emailed an update prior to the meeting. He has spoken to Openreach, who have indicated that a full fibre option could be available if at least 100 people sign up. It was agreed that Cllr Carter will get further information for the next meeting.

3275 Items for September agenda

Plot one, Felbeck update, possibility of faster broadband to village, plot one renovations. Cllr Smith reported that the Allotment Association is folding. They have £390 in the bank and were wondering if this could be transferred to the Parish Council account and held for ongoing maintenance of the community orchard. The Clerk advised that as soon as the money is passed to the Parish Council, it becomes subject to their audit processes. Cllr Smith will investigate changing the name of the Allotment Association bank account to reflect its changed status.

3276 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2020, 7:30pm. Either via Zoom or in the Country Club.

20:57: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated

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