

MELTON CONSTABLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11th May 2022

7.30pm at the RAILWAY INSTITUTE

6 Briston Road Melton Constable

PRESENT:

Parish Council members: 4
Parish Council Clerk
1 resident, confirmed elector of Melton Constable

Apologies

1 Council member.

2021 Minutes

There were none in attendance, so the meeting was closed.

Chairman's Address

Finances have kept within budget and thus the new 2022/23 precept was the same in value. Looking forward to the following year inflation and expense issues may trigger an increase.

It has been a difficult year on Allotments as some holders were requested to adjust poultry levels in order to help reduce rats. Thank you to residents that helped with this matter.

We have had some turnover of Clerks but now we have secured a new Clerk local to our area. We are currently scanning all historical documents to help share information within the Council and used funds for the months we did not pay for a Clerk to secure a new Laptop, introduce a Parish Council Database to manage allotments and finance (as used by Briston and Blakeney), to help better manage facilities. The Railway Institute, 6 Briston Road, Melton Constable, NR24 2DA is again the registered office.

Funding from Felbeck Trust to restore wild areas on Allotments remains stalled due to insurance issues. We were rejected by The Lottery to improve the gardens next to play areas partly due to land ownership and evidence of need. We need to rectify lease matters this year.

Open forum

- Parishioner has suffered a recent theft on the allotment of several plants, requesting we have some notices regarding theft. **Committee agreed to monitor the situation.**
- Summary of Minutes should be sent to the Briston & District News
- Bench has been dismantled on the recreation field however this may have just crumbled over a period of time. **The Council is working on replacing the bench.**
- A discussion ensued over more participation in village events. Whilst we have not planned events similar to Briston for Jubilee **we will light the Beacon** on 2nd June.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.