

13th November 2018

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2018
7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth
S Meacock
A Crawford
J Cox
E Smith
K Cotgrove Clerk
S Aquarone (Norfolk County Councillor)
P Butikofer (North Norfolk District Councillor)
0 members of the public

2961 (i) to elect a chair

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Crawford, SECONDED by Cllr Meacock, Cllr Unsworth agreed to stand as chair. There were no other nominations. The declaration of office was signed.

(i) to elect a vice chair

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Smith, Cllr Crawford agreed to stand as chair. There were no other nominations. The declaration of office was signed.

2962 Apologies for Absence

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox SECONDED by Cllr Crawford it was AGREED to Accept apologies for Cllr Tosney.

2963 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2018

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox SECONDED by Cllr Meacock, it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 9th October as a true and accurate record.

2964 Declarations of Interest

None.

2965 Matters Arising from Last Minutes

2948. The Mattresses have been removed from the Grove Road property.

2948. Cllr Unsworth hasn't had opportunity to meet with Cllr Tosney to discuss removal of the Japanese Knotweed. Cllr Crawford sent the Clerk information regarding a mesh, but it was thought it would be very expensive. Cllr Unsworth will speak to Cllr Tosney.

2952. The signage on the North side of the B1354 has been removed, but the signs attached to the fence on the South side remain. It is thought that the signs remain as they are on a fence and not Highways land or furniture. It was queried If these signs need planning permission. There is also a shellfish van parked on the verge to advertise. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the estate manager to ask if they are aware of the van and signs, and chase NNDC planning department to ask re planning on the signs.

2966 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone reported that the mobile library campaign was successful, and the only stops withdrawn are the ones which weren't used. He will pass some advertising material to the Clerk to display in the noticeboard. The cuts and closures to children's centres are likely to go ahead. Opposition parties are continuing to fight this. County Cllr Aquarone wrote to householders in Melton Constable regarding the speed gates and received a handful of replies. All but one chose the same option, of a gate with the speed limit and village sign on. It was confirmed that the County Council will move the speed limit, so the gates can be sited at the far side of Holt Road, but it will have to wait until next year, as it will be expensive and require two years funding. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED (with one objection) to go ahead with the gates the public preferred, and to move the speed limit.

County Cllr Aquarone left the meeting at 20:03.

District Cllr Butikofer reported that developers had withdrawn their appeal to build 200 new homes in Sculthorpe. NNDC felt that the development was not sustainable, in the wrong place and harmful to nearby heritage sites. Enabling work for services has started at the Splash site in Sheringham. The lease for a tennis hub in Cromer has not yet been signed. NNDC are looking into putting empty properties back into use, with 127 houses empty for more than two years. A proposed new industrial zone in Egmore was considered for investment of £2.1 million, but it was considered not to bring in the jobs first thought. The deal was passed to overview and scrutiny, who requested an independent scrutiny. This was voted for by full council, but the cabinet instead decided to go ahead with the project. This has caused another Conservative resignation and there will be a vote of no confidence next Wednesday.

2967 To update on the proposed village gates

Already dealt with in County Cllr's report.

2968 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

2969 Members' Reports

Churchyard: All looking good.

Bus shelter: The grass on the mound is very bald. It is thought that this is due to the daffodils. It will be re-seeded in the spring.

Southside: The Marriot Way grass and Grove Road grass has finally been cut. The hedge between Astley Terrace and the Industrial Estate is looking sparse. Consideration will be given to this in the spring.

Play area: The bench is still broken, and the fence is damaged. There are two large pieces of wood behind the shed. The Clerk will ask Jim Hayes if it was kept for any reason. A tractor tyre has also appeared on the play area. The Clerk will contact Reepham High School to see if they would like it for their allotment.

Northside: All good.

Allotments: All ok.

Streetlights: The electrics in one light have stopped working and half the light is broken in another. Cllr Cox will report to Westcotec.

2970 To agree a quotation for the Meadow Lane hedge

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford it was AGREED to accept the quote of £295. The Clerk will ask the handyman to cut lower, to 1 metre.

2971 To agree a license arrangement with the Felbeck Trust to create an allotment restoration project on allotments unsuitable for cultivation

The Clerk will chase again, as nothing has been heard from the agent.

2972 To update on grass cutting

Two quotes have been received, both substantially higher than the current contract. The Clerk will obtain further quotes.

2973 To consider a 1:1250 map of the Parish and maintained areas

Cllr Cox has contacted NNDC IT department who are unable to supply a map as the Parish Council 'are not a client'. He will email details to District Cllr Butikofer who will see what he can do.

District Cllr Butikofer left the meeting at 20:36.

2974 To consider co-option of a Parish Councillor

There is currently one vacancy. Cllr Unsworth will speak to someone, and the Clerk will advertise in the noticeboard.

2975 Planning applications

PF/18/2042.Owl Barn, 5 Burgh Parva Barns, Holt Road, Melton Constable. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED that the Parish Council has no objection to this application. Cllr Cox abstained as was unable to open the documents.

2976 Finances

(i) On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Meacock, SECONDED by Cllr Cox, the monthly statement was approved

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

102018	K Cotgrove	Salary & expenses	£187.72
SO	CGM	Grass cutting	£138.49
102019	HMRC	Clerk's tax	£22.80
102020	Westcotec	Monthly lighting maintenance	£13.25
TOTAL			£362.26

(iii) The following receipts were noted:

Allotment rent	£92.80
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(iv) to agree the 2019-20 Budget

The budget was discussed. The column for grass cutting reduced. And the column for allotments was increased to allow for asbestos removal. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED to approve the budget.

(v) To agree the 2019-20 precept

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Smith, it was AGREED to increase the budget by 2% to £13,005.00.

2977 Correspondence

(i) Response from Brown & Co reference land off Grove Road. The letter was read, and it was agreed that the Clerk will respond to request clarification of what weed killer was used.

(ii) NNDC Polling District & Places review. The Clerk reported that this does not affect Melton Constable.

2978 Items for December agenda

Felbeck Trust lease, co-option, Parish map, grass cutting.

2979 Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

21:12: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated