

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES** of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 7.30pm via Zoom (online).

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

3277 Apologies for Absence

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

3278 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox SECONDED by Cllr Smith it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> August as a true and accurate record.

3279 Declarations of Interest

None.

3280 Matters Arising from Last Minutes, not covered on the agenda

3266. It was noted that the cars behind the telephone exchange have been reported to Planning Enforcement, but there is no update yet.

3268. The contractor is due to remove the swing and slide soon.

3281 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone emailed a report prior to the meeting.

District Councillor Brown emailed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. The upcoming white paper on devolution was discussed, along with the current white paper regarding planning changes. The need to engage with Parish Councils to explain the planning changes was discussed, as the effect will be great. NNDC have confirmed they can provide Covid 19 signs for playgrounds, but there will be a cost to Parishes for this. The Spinney development was discussed, and it was noted that the new tree plan does not need to be in place until the first building is completed. A planting plan has been submitted to NNDC, but is not on the website. District Councillor Brown has asked for a copy and will forward it to the Clerk once received.

3282 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of the public were present.

3283 Members' Reports

Churchyard: All looking good.

Southside: It was noted that the Astley Terrace hedge is in need of cutting as it is obscuring the footpath. The Clerk will contact Highways to see if they can cut it. A property on Briston Road has vegetation obscuring the path. The Clerk will write to the homeowner to ask them to cut vegetation back.

Bus shelter: A coffee table appeared one day last week, but has disappeared. Someone is still keeping the shelter very tidy. Thanks were expressed to whomever this is.

Play area: Cllr Meacock emailed a report prior to the meeting.

Recreation Ground: All looks good.

Northside: In the past, the handyman has weeded around the war memorial, but the PC does not currently have anyone to do this. Cllrs Unsworth and Crawford will look to weed the area.

Allotments: A number of plots have new tenants, and the remaining two and a half will hopefully be taken soon. Thanks were given to Cllrs Unsworth and Carter for helping to sort the rubbish for the contractor to collect. The three plots which had a lot of rubbish o are now cleared.

3284 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.

3285 To discuss the renovation of allotment plot one

A quote has been received to fell trees and to tidy overgrown perimeter trees, at £400. It was agreed that Councillors will meet at the plot first to be clear on what needs to be removed and what should remain. A date will be arranged at the October meeting.

3286 Planning

(i) to discuss planning application

None.

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

3297 Finances

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

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

E.on	Electricity direct debit	£30.90
P Collins	August grass cutting	£202.00
P Minns	August grass cutting	£460.00
K Cotgrove	September salary	£170.00
K Cotgrove	Reimbursement of website costs	£124.21
Westcotec	Monthly lighting maintenance	£13.25
W Lomas	Allotment waste removal	£725.00
	TOTAL	£1725.36

3298 To discuss the possibility of faster broadband in the Village.

Cllr Carter is speaking to someone at Openreach, who has suggested there may be a possibility of fibre to the premises for people in Melton Constable through the rural voucher scheme. The contact has gone away to look into it and will get back to Cllr Carter.

3299 To approve the return of unspent Covid 19 grant money.

NNDC have contacted Parishes who received funding to ask them to return unspent money. It was AGREED the Clerk can raise a cheque for £395.10.

3300 Items for October agenda

Plot one, Felbeck update, possibility of faster broadband to village, plot one renovations. Cllr Unsworth asked if an advert can be put into the newsletter to ask for a new handyman, and to advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council.

3301 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7:30pm. Either via Zoom or in the Country Club.

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

20:40: Meeting Closed

Clerk ..... Chair ..... Dated .....