

12th March 2019

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2019 7.30pm at the Country Club.

Present: S Unsworth
A Crawford
J Cox
S Meacock
D Carter
K Cotgrove Clerk
S Aquarone (Norfolk County Councillor)
1 member of the public

3029 Apologies for Absence

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth SECONDED by Cllr Cox it was AGREED to accept apologies for District Cllr Butikofer, Cllr Tosney & Cllr Smith.

3030 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February 2019

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

3031 Declarations of Interest

None.

3032 Matters Arising from Last Minutes

3017. The new grass cutting contractor will repair the ruts on the Rec.

3017. The handyman is looking into options for bollards.

3017. Briston Parish Council do not subscribe to the OS maps service, although they have ordered a map in the past.

3020. Two properties with rubbish outside were written to.

3033 County & District Councillor reports

County Cllr Aquarone reported that the work to the entrance to the village will commence soon. The February budget meeting took place, with the added pressure of the complete removal of central Government funding in 2021/22. Children's and Adult services have already been cut to the statutory minimum. All suggested amendments were rejected. If people feel they are received less assistance than the legal minimum threshold, please let County Cllr Aquarone know to take up their case. Cllr Cox asked if there was the possibility of a kit to test fumes and pollution at the bottom of the hill in the village, due to vehicles waiting then accelerating away. County Cllr Aquarone recommended contacting the Environmental Protection team at North Norfolk District Council for a mobile testing kit.

County Cllr Aquarone left the meeting at 7:46pm.

District Cllr Butikofer Had sent apologies, but Andrew Brown was in attendance and reported that on the 27th February 2019 at full council, the budget was approved for 2019/20. An additional £33K is to be allocated to the community transport fund, £130K is

to be allocated to a new business development fund including the creation of a new full-time post to support small business startups and related initiatives, £30K to fund the opening of all public conveniences through the year with the exception of the facility at Mundesley promenade. £20K is to be allocated to support Norfolk Constabulary's Operation Moonshot for automatic number plate recognition cameras to protect our communities from criminal activity, £4K grant funding to Cromer museum provided match funding is forthcoming from Cromer town council, and £2 million pounds to establish a property investment company for the purpose of helping address local housing need and to create a property portfolio to provide a revenue stream for the council to address the financial deficit in future years.

A riding establishment near Tunstead has been fined for taking payment for hiring horses in contravention of the Riding Establishment Act 1964.

There were successful North Norfolk business awards with two dozen of district's business winning plaudits for success. Oyster Yachts won the chairman's award.

The landscaping award has been signed. This the placement of 1.8 million cubic metres of sand off the Bacton gas terminal. It was awarded to the Dutch company Team Van Ord. NNDC became the first authority in Norfolk to sign the Couthold Commitment 2025. It is a voluntary agreement which aims to make food and drink production and consumption more sustainable. It does not commit NNDC to any additional expense.

Six bigot goat kids were born as a part of the district's goat breeding programme. These goats are classed as vulnerable by the Rare Breed Survival Trust. They have helped to keep the cliffs at Cromer clear but now Norfolk wildlife Trust and Suffolk Wildlife Trust have bought and borrowed some of the herd for habitat management.

3034 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of the public participated.

3035 Members' Reports

Churchyard: No report.

Southside: There has been an increase in motor noise on the Industrial Estate, earlier than previous years. This will be monitored.

Bus shelter: No report.

Play area: There is a lot of litter around the millennium garden, which is looking very tatty. This will be discussed next month, with a consideration of opening up allotment one too. A group of youths have been gathering in an unused section of the play area. Cllr Meacock suggested a shelter of some sort for them. The Clerk will pass details of companies to Cllr Meacock. A piece of gym equipment is broken. The Clerk will arrange repair.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Carter offered to look after the Rec. The grass cutting is due to start soon.

Northside: Nothing to report.

Allotments: There is only one vacant plot now. There is a lot of rubbish on plot 57 and more has been uncovered on plot 41, so it was agreed to arrange another skip. There will be a formal opening of the community orchard in May. The poultry care on a plot seems to be improving and will continue to be monitored. A lot of full dog poo bags are being left on a number of plots. This will be investigated further.

Streetlights: Units 13 & 29 are not working and have been reported to Westcotec for repair.

3036 To update on a license arrangement with the Felbeck Trust to create an allotment restoration project on allotments at present unsuitable for cultivation

Defer to next month.

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3037 To update on grass cutting
Cutting will start in the next week or so.

3038 To discuss village gates
Already covered in Members Reports.

3039 Planning applications
PF/19/0247. Melton Park, Hindolveston Road. Conversion and extension of 2 redundant agricultural barns to form 8 dwellings. Following discussion, on a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED with one abstention to OBJECT to this application, as there is not sufficient provision for wildlife following the inevitable loss of the bat colony, and there is insufficient space to create a mixed community dwelling.

PF/19/0243. Building plot at rear of 148 Fakenham Road, Briston. Erection of a two storey detached dwelling. Following discussion, on a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED to OBJECT to this application, as the proposed dwelling is out of scale to the size of the plot and surrounding properties. Councillors suggested a reduction in size.

3040 Finances

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

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

102033	K Cotgrove	Salary & expenses	£160.94
102034	HMRC	Clerk's Tax	£22.60
102035	NPT&S	Subscription renewal	£130.05
102036	Westcotec	Lighting maintenance	£13.25
TOTAL			£326.84

3041 Correspondence

(i) A Parishioner has emailed to advise that the bench on the Rec has a loose arm and there is also a tree branch down. The Clerk will arrange repair

3042 Items for April agenda

Felbeck Trust, grass cutting.

3043 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2019. The Clerk will confirm the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

20:54: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated