

9th July 2019

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2019 7.30pm at the Country Club.

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

3097 Apologies for Absence

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford, it was AGREED to accept apologies for Cllr Smith, District Councillor Brown and County Councillor Aquarone.

3098 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2019

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox SECONDED by Cllr Crawford it was AGREED to accept the minutes of the meeting of 11th June as a true and accurate record.

3099 Declarations of Interest

None.

3100 Matters Arising from Last Minute

3087 – The skier will be repaired under warranty. A quote has been received for a replacement rope on the trim trail, at £600. The Clerk is obtaining a second quote. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Unsworth, SECONDED by Cllr Cox, it was AGREED that if the second quote is lower, the Clerk should go ahead and accept, otherwise she will accept the original quote.

3101 To adjourn the meeting for public participation

None.

3102 County & District Councillor reports

The District Councillor and County Councillor both emailed reports prior to the meeting, which were distributed and read out.

3103 Members' Reports

Churchyard: All looking tidy.

Southside: The vegetation affecting visibility display leaving Grove Road has been cleared. Concern was expressed that the area treated with herbicide last year has not recovered at all.

Bus shelter: Looking tidy.

Play area: The areas immediately surrounding the play equipment had not been cut back. The Clerk contacted the grass cutter to remind him that this needs to be done. Three or four fence panels and the picnic table were damaged at the weekend The Clerk will contact Joe to repair the fence, and remove the table, as it is considered irreparable.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Carter will make sure that the bin has been emptied, as it has been added to the rota. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the tree removal.

Northside: One property has a plant overgrowing the footpath completely. The Clerk will write to the owner to request it is cut back.

Allotments: The allotment inspection has taken place. A number of issues were raised, and the Clerk has written to the affected allotment holders. Half of an allotment plot has three very large trees on, which are obscuring the light to a number of plots. As it is a conservation area, the Clerk will apply to North Norfolk District Council for permission to remove them. The Clerk will obtain a quote to clear a number of overgrown plots. The disposal of asbestos on two plots is being arranged. The Clerk will ask the handyman if he can supply and install new plot numbers.

Streetlights: 2 PV units have been repaired.

- 3104 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 will remind Harrolds.

- 3105 To update on grass cutting

All cuts are up to date.

- 3106 To discuss the upcoming VE Day & VJ Day commemorations

The Clerk had forwarded an email from Bruno Peek regarding potential VE Day celebrations. It is uncertain how much support there would be from the Parish for an event, so the Clerk will put something in the newsletter to request volunteers to arrange. Cllr Meacock will discuss options with the Country Club committee and is happy to co-ordinate if volunteers can be found. It is considered more appropriate for a wreath laying to commemorate VJ Day.

The Parishioner left the meeting at 21:25

- 3107 Planning applications

PF/19/0633 7 Burgh Beck Road. A number of Councillors had been unable to view this application. The Clerk will reply to advise.

PF/19/0854 Lavender Cottage, Culpits Farm, Hindolveston Road. This property had a previous application to re-route the public footpath, and it is unclear in this application where the footpath route is as three or four of the plans show different routes. On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Cox, SECONDED by Cllr Crawford it was AGREED that Councillors have no objection to the application, providing the footpath is not re-routed from the south side of the farmhouse.

- 3108 Finances

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

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

102063	Paul Minns	Grass cutting – church, bus shelter etc. June	£350.00
102061	K Cotgrove	Clerk's July salary & expenses	£153.42
102062	HMRC	Clerk's July tax	£22.60
102065	Came & Co	Insurance balance	£25.99
102064	P Collins	Grass cutting – Rec & play area June	£196.00
102066	Westcotec	Lighting maintenance	£13.50
	E.on	Electricity monthly DD	£29.90
TOTAL			£791.41

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3109 Correspondence

Return of candidates' expenses – reminder – Councillors were reminded that these need to be completed and returned, even if there was a nil spend.

3110 Items for June agenda

Felbeck Trust. VE Day (November meeting).

3096 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 13th August 2019, 7:30pm.

20:42: Meeting Closed

Clerk Chair Dated