14th January 2025

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL
The Junction
6 Briston Road, Melton Constable NR24 2DA

Minutes of Melton Constable Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllr S Unsworth (SU)
Cllr J Cox (JC)
Cllr T Jarman (TJ)
Cllr K Mayne (KM)

Cllr Andrew Brown

2025/1 To consider accepting apologies for absence – Cllr Dave Carter, Cllr Elizabeth Goode – apologies accepted

2025/2 To consider the co-option of a new Councillor to fill a vacancy - none

2025/3To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda - none

2025/4To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024 – PROPOSED JC, SECONDED SU. ALL AGREED

2025/5 To consider matters arising from the last minutes (not on the agenda) for information only – none

2025/6 To adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation - none

2025/7 To receive County and District Councillor reports – Report received from MP Steffan Aquarone on 20th December, & Cllr Andrew Brown on 13th January (refer to website for more details). Cllr A Brown will chase the broken road sign. It was mentioned that all trees that are 7.5 diameter at 1.5 meters above the ground need to checked with NNDC before any works are to be carried out. These can be reported online. Clerk to create a poster for the Notice Board.

2025/8 To receive members' reports:

Churchyard; Nothing to report

Southside; Clerk to continue to report cars parked on land.

Bus Shelter; Timetable has been removed, presumably for repair

Recreation Ground; Grass cutting, see below

Northside; Nothing to report

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2025/9 Play Area – The new beam has been fitted on the activity trail and Sovereign are to be paid. Grasscutting – The current grasscutter for the play area and the rec has resigned. It was decided to go ahead with Ben Catt who is more expensive than the previous contractor but will include strimming the path to the rec and the play area and therefore a better service. Proposed SU, seconded by TJ, ALL AGREED

2025/10 Streetlights – Quote received from Cozens, it was agreed to go ahead, Clerk to request if there can be a warm end spectrum but not blue. To be paid from contingency fund. ALL AGREED

2025/11 Allotments: Everyone has now paid, clearing the allotments is underway, clerk to chase contractor. Clerk to contact shed clearance contractor as there is a shed that needs clearing. ALL AGREED

2025/12 To consider Planning Application(s) –

2025/13 Finances

(i) To approve financial statement (Cash book, bank statement & Bank reconciliation) PROPOSED TJ, SECONDED SU, ALL AGREED

(ii) To agree payments & receipts (circulated by the Clerk)

Payments

04/11/2024	P Minns	Grass Cutting	£400.00
04/11/2024	P Collins	Grass Cutting	£382.00
19/11/2024	Npower	October	£63.35
28/11/2024	Melton Constable Country Club	Storage & Hall hire	£45.83
28/11/2024	A Yacoubian	November salary	£487.37
30/11/2024	Unity Trust	service charge	£6.00
02/12/2024	Cozens	Street Lighting	£36.00
18/12/2024	Npower	Street Lighting	£72.46
27/12/2024	A Yacoubian	December salary	£450.70
30/12/2024	Melton Constable Country Club	Storage & Hall hire	£45.83
30/12/2024	Cozens	Street Lighting	£36.00
31/12/2024	Unity Trust	service charge	£6.00

Receipts

28/10-01/01/2025	Allotment rents	£359.00

PROPOSED Cllr DC, SECONDED Cllr SU, ALL AGREED

2025/14 Clerk report

Invoices/contract for Hall Hire & Storage for audit purposes – Clerk to contact SM.

Grit bins – Further to a complaint about the pathways being icy it has been confirmed that the bins contain salt for use.

Training - KM will be attending some training courses later this month

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HE grant and champing – MH invited to attend the next meeting,

2025/15 Arrangement for defib –Clerk to look into this as the person who currently looks after it has resigned.

2025/16 VE Day Thursday 8th May 2025

2025/17 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting: 4th March 2025

2025/18 Meeting closed at 8.29 pm

Signed Chair.....

Dated.....