MELTON CONSTABLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 5th May 2026

7.30pm at the Melton Constable Country Club

6 Briston Road Melton Constable

PRESENT:

5 Parish Council members:
Parish Clerk
0 residents

To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2025
On a PROPOSAL by J Cox, SECONDED by E Goode it was agreed to accept the minutes of the APM meeting held on 6th May 2025 as a true & accurate record.

Chairman's Address

PARISH YEAR 2025/26

It has been a busy year and some surprises! As indicated last year we have replaced the defibrillator and reduced the large conifer near play area posing a risk.

New contractors have improved the Rec space and so far generally positive feedback.

We took up the unexpected opportunity by a local resident to replace signage on the Beacon and Village signs next to bus stop. The results have met with broad favour from residents and the Park Farm nearby.

We just need to ensure for the next Beacon burn we take down the painted shield!

We did make use of £2,000 from reserves, as the signage and defibrillator stretched the actual budget a little together with an unexpected repair to play area walkalong beam.

The credit from reserves will be recovered over the next two or three years to smooth out these payments than resort to increasing the precept far higher for one year.

However, the operating precept for 2026/27 was increased generally by £3,000 (16%) due to higher costs from contractors, NNDC services in respect to public and dog bin collections and contract inflation. Precept was last increased to £18,000 in 2024/25.

In terms of broad cash via the bank through the year: £40,600

- £28593 Deposit and Cash Account
- £10500 Second instalment from NNDC precept (due around October)
- £1500 Allotment Rents

Activities for 2026/27

- Continue to maintain all areas as usual – hopefully a higher standard
- Review lighting equipment and consider alternative configurations with costs
- No current / specific projects during 2026/27 at present
- Introduce a new Allotment Contract for new plot holders