



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor GK Butterwick

MPC(07)M10

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council on Thursday 11th October 2007 commencing at 19:00 in The Lindos Centre Main Hall Saddlemakers Lane Melton Woodbridge IP12 1PP.

Present:

Cllr Mrs BK Abbott
Cllr Mrs ME Addington
Cllr Mr GK Butterwick [Chairman]
Cllr Mr MN Bond
Cllr Mr PJ Brockett
Cllr Miss DE Dann
Cllr Mr AG Dunford [Vice Chairman]

Cllr Mrs J Eckersley
Cllr Mrs PD Ferguson
Cllr Mrs EJG Hilson
Cllr Miss LS Leonard
Cllr Mr MW Sherwen
Cllr Mr KR Tester

In Attendance:

Mrs B Guy - Elector

Mr MJ Green – Clerk to the Council

07.143 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

07.143.01 Cllr Mrs CE Aitchison

07.143.02 Cllr Mr J Bidwell – District Councillor

Council received and noted these absences.

07.144 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE REGISTER

There were none

07.145 STANDING ORDER 24 - WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

Standing orders were lifted at 19:04

07.146 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS

07.146.01 Hope Crescent Grit Bin

The meeting was advised that this matter had been considered by the Village Plan Committee and a recommendation for the provision of the grit bin passed to the Finance & Risk Management Committee for funding.

07.146.02 Possible development of Girdlestons Site

The meeting was advised that currently there was no official plan for the site but that the Planning Committee was keeping a watching brief on possible applications for planning permission.

07.147 TO DISCUSS VILLAGE MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

07.147.01 Street Cleaning

Concern was expressed by councillors about the procedure to be followed and the debris that had been left at the roadside following a recent traffic accident involving a school bus. It was agreed that Cllr Dann would refer the matter to the Safer Neighbourhood Team to determine what the procedure was and the clerk would contact Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd to determine the procedure for clearing up after an accident.

The clerk was also asked to contact Suffolk County Council Highways to obtain recent traffic throughput statistics.

07.147.02 Bredfield Road

The problem of drainage in Bredfield Road due to the state of the footpaths was raised by the District Councillor on behalf of the Residents. The clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways to ascertain when improvement work to rectify the problem can be expected.

07.148 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The County Councillor was not in attendance but had provided the following report.

One point I would like you to raise on my behalf please is possible funding from Melton Parish Council to help surface the part of Love Lane from the New School to Wilkinson Way. This has been raised a few times over the years and a great number of people use this short cut to Pytches Road and with the wet weather upon us would welcome it surfaced.

SCC Highways has indicated that the cost would be in the region of £10k and that various financial support could be made available if the Parish Council could provide in the region of £2k towards the cost."

Council agreed to pass this matter to the Recreation Committee for discussion but with the proviso that consideration to the longer term maintenance and the wildlife habitat be included in the deliberations.

07.149 TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Bond referred to a brochure he had received setting out the vision for the major redevelopment of part of the BT site at Adastral Park providing in the region of 2-3000 homes.

Council agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Committee to keep a watching brief on developments.

Standing orders were reinstated at 19:37

07.150 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2007

07.150.01 Amendments Item 07.135.01 Burness Parish Room Management Committee

Should read John Bell not John Bull

With this amendment Minutes MPC(07)M9 of the meeting held on 13th September 2007 previously circulated were received and noted.

Proposed that the minutes be signed by the chairman as a correct record:

Proposed by: Cllr Ferguson

Seconded by: Cllr Addington

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

07.151 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

07.151.01 Village Plan Committee 17th September 2007

Proposed that Minutes VPL(07)M3 previously circulated be received and noted:

Proposed by: Cllr Bond

Seconded by: Cllr Addington

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be received and noted

07.151.02 Planning Committee 24th September 2007

The Chairman of the Planning Committee advised council that a extension to the consultation period for the Water Works site had been granted to enable a site visit to take place. A late application for the redevelopment of the Old Granary in The Street had been received and this would be considered at the Planning Committee Meeting on October 29th.

Proposed that Minutes PLA(07)M4 previously circulated be received and noted.

Proposed by: Cllr Abbott

Seconded by: Cllr Bond

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be received and noted

07.151.03 Recreation Committee 1st October 2007

The Chairman of the Recreation Committee expressed regret that applications for funding for the refurbishment of tennis courts had been declined. She added that the large cost for the replacement of the tiles beneath some of the play equipment was as a direct consequence of not dealing with this matter when the new play equipment was installed in 2005. The Chairman of the Council advised members that at the recent meeting with East Anglian Practical Classics, council endorsed its previous approval in principal for the rally to be held on the Playing Field at no charge, subject to guarantees being provided regarding the football pitches.

Proposed that Minutes REC(07)M3 previously circulated be received and noted

Proposed by: Cllr Addington

Seconded by: Cllr Eckersley

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be received and noted

07.152 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

07.152.01 Burness Parish Room Management Committee

It was reported to Council that the significant improvement to the

facilities was encouraging greater use of the hall.

07.152.02 Greenprint Environmental Forum

Noted that the next meeting of the forum is on 22nd October.

07.152.03 Melton Trust

Cllr Dann reported that she had made contact with the charity correspondent and would continue to follow up the work of the charity.

07.152.04 Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2007 MPC(07)P152.04 previously circulated were received and noted.

07.152.05 Suffolk Association of Local Councils

Minutes of last meeting waited

07.152.06 Suffolk Coastal Rural Communities Development Partnership

No meeting

07.152.07 Transport

Paper MPC(07)P152.07 previously circulated was received and noted.

07.152.08 Woodbridge & Melton Riverside Action Group

No meeting

07.153 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE CONTAINED IN THE WEEKLY REPORTS CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS

07.153.01 Bus Timetable

The Clerk had taken up with SCC Transport the concern of councillors that the time of the last bus from Ipswich has been brought earlier.

07.153.02 Care for the Elderly Consultation

A copy of the draft response was tabled, Comments to the Clerk before 16th October.

07.154 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

07.154.01 Naming of Streets in Melton Grange Development

The Clerk reported that just before the meeting he had received a response to the naming of the streets issue. It was agreed to circulate the letter with these minutes.

07.155 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ORDER THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

There have been none.

07.156 TO APPROVE FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPENDITURE FROM RESERVES

Noted that these will be presented at the next meeting of council following the meeting of the Finance & Risk Management Committee in October.

07.157 PROPOSED BUDGET 2008/2009

07.157.01 To consider additional items for inclusion in the budget from individual Councillors

It was suggested that the issue of a Street Cleaner be revisited in the light of the use of the Pavement Sweeping Machine provided in Woodbridge by the Woodbridge Society.

In response to a question from members the Chairman confirmed that a 44 space car park funded jointly by SCC, SCDC, MPC, Rock Barracks and the railway industry was now being considered.

07.158 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

07.159 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th November 2007 19:00 in the Lindos Centre Main Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.54

Signed: _____ Date: _____
[Chairman]