



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

REC(20)M02

Recreation Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Melton Parish Council Recreation Committee held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 commencing at 19:00 at 17 Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, IP12 1QT.

Present:

Cllr Mr S Ashworth
Cllr Mr M Holmes
Cllr Miss K S Martin
Cllr Mr C W Taylor (Chair)
Mrs C McBurney (Co-optee)
Cllr Mr A Porter
Cllr Mrs C Gradwell

Absent:

Mrs E Ashford (Co-optee)

In Attendance:

Mrs P Alder *Assistant Clerk & Management Officer to Melton Parish Council*
Four members of the public

	Part One - Open to the Public
20.17	To receive apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E Ashford
20.18	Declarations of Interest There were none
20.18.01	To receive Amendments to the Register There were none
20.18.02	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda There were none
20.18.03	To receive Declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda There were none
20.18.04	To consider Full/Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared It was noted there had been no requests for dispensations
20.19	Open Forum for Members of the Public to talk to Councillors Four members of the public were present. It was RESOLVED to take the following Items out of order
20.22	Melton Fete 2020
20.22.01	To discuss the Melton Fete and the involvement of Melton Parish Council. Two members of the public explained how a group of residents were willing to run the fete this year on the 18 th July from 12noon to 6pm. They have been in

	<p>correspondence with Cllr Gradwell regarding their plans. An outside caterer will be providing the bar and all food, there will be a strongest man/woman competition overseen by the World's Strongest Woman, plus several stalls and attractions. The named charity would be the National Brain Appeal. There was some uncertainty about the donations to the traditional three beneficiaries (Primary School, St Andrew's and Burness Parish Rooms) It is hoped that the extended hours will attract a larger audience and bring in fresh ideas and people.</p> <p>Councillors expressed concern at the extended hours and how this would make it an extremely long day for stallholders, as they would not be able to pack up until after 6. A member of the public representing St Andrew's expressed concern that the extended hours would be difficult to support and pointed out that it was their major fundraiser of the year but perhaps it wouldn't be with these new plans. The residents were willing to consider having separate areas for stallholders who wished to pack up earlier than 6. One resident felt that the Council was not supportive of their plans and left the meeting.</p> <p>The Asst Clerk pointed out that the fete could only be covered by the Council's insurance if the event is run by the Council. The Councillors stated that they are not able to run the fete this year. It was suggested that the residents could run the fete in the same way as the Car Boot Sales; the Council would lease the field to the residents and they would run the fete. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED that the Fete will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on the 18th March, with the proposal that Melton Parish Council supports the fete but does not own it and the fete is run by the community. Cllr Gradwell will contact the residents to invite them to bring their proposal to Full Council on the 18th March.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Martin Secoded by: Cllr Gradwell</p>
20.27	<p>Request for dog bins</p> <p>A resident requested two dog poo bins to be installed in the parish. One in the New Quay Lane/Deben Mill/Old Maltings area and the other on Wilford Bridge Road, near the bridge where the river footpath crosses over the road to Brick Kiln Lane. It was RESOLVED that at least one bin would be purchased, the priority being the New Quay Lane area, and two if there are sufficient funds.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Gradwell Secoded by: Cllr Taylor</p>
	<p>It was RESOLVED to revert to the order of the Agenda</p>
20.20	<p>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on 8th January 2020 (REC(20)M01 previously distributed).</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Ashworth Secoded by: Cllr Porter</p>
20.21	<p>Melton Playing Field</p>
20.21.01	<p>The Councillors discussed the contents of the Playing Field report (REC(20)21.01). It was NOTED that there were some areas near the tennis courts that may need remedial work as they are waterlogged after the wet winter. It was RESOLVED that remedial work on the lower field will be carried out if there are enough funds.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Porter Secoded by: Cllr Martin</p>
20.23	<p>Melton Woods</p>
20.23.01	<p>Tree safety works</p> <p>The Asst Clerk reported on some tree safety works that were carried out in February after the high winds. Two trees were cut down to make them safe. It was NOTED that such minimal damage during these high winds shows there has been good investment in tree maintenance in recent years.</p>

20.23.02	<p>Tree Warden Report</p> <p>Councillors considered the Tree Warden’s latest report (REC(20)23.02). They were pleased to learn that so many saplings along the ditch have survived and that the Tree Warden is happy to continue in post for at least the next 12 months. In addition, the Asst Clerk showed pictures of the fence going up along Footpath 19 (Turnpike to Leeks Hill) and it is set quite far back from the path meaning there is space for hedge replanting there and along Turnpike Lane.</p>
20.23.03	<p>Request to carry out metal detecting</p> <p>The Asst Clerk reported that a resident has enquired about carrying out some metal detecting in Melton Woods. Previous requests for the playing field have been turned down. The Councillors felt that allowing people to go off the paths into the woods would harm the conservation work that is being carried out. Allowing it on the paths would be too dangerous. It was decided that permission would not be granted for Melton Woods but Cllr Gradwell is happy for them to detect on her land. The Asst Clerk will notify the resident.</p>
20.24	<p>Village Handyperson</p> <p>The Asst Clerk reported on the work that the Village Handyperson has carried out since the previous meeting. He has added some handrails and rubber matting on the footpath between Leeks Hill and Fernhill Close. The mower has been serviced and the ditch by Jenners Close has been cleared in addition to his usual tasks. There have also been fewer incidents of vomit and drug paraphernalia to clear up in recent months. Cllr Gradwell offered some woodchip and it was NOTED that it could be used to fill in the ruts going into the field from the car park. It was RESOLVED to recommend to FERM Committee that the Village Handyperson no longer needs to complete weekly timesheets unless he does overtime.</p> <p><i>Proposed by:</i> Cllr Martin <i>Secoded by:</i> Cllr Gradwell</p>
20.25	<p>To consider CIL and Grant Funded Projects</p>
20.25.01	<p>The Committee considered the paper relating to CIL and Grant Funded Projects (REC(20)25.01). After discussion it was RESOLVED that the committee would recommend consideration of any project with over 30% support. All Recreation projects will need to be costed out to see what can be afforded with agreement from Full Council. It was NOTED that public toilets as part of the Pavilion rebuild would be a priority.</p> <p><i>Proposed by:</i> Cllr Gradwell <i>Secoded by:</i> Cllr Porter</p>
20.26	<p>Request for a memorial tree</p> <p>The Asst Clerk reported that a resident has requested a memorial tree, ideally planted somewhere along the river. The only stretch of riverbank that will belong to the Council after the East Suffolk land divestment will not be suitable for tree planting. It was suggested that the resident is put in touch with the tree warden to see if he can suggest a suitable location for a memorial tree. It was NOTED that the Council is still to plant two memorial trees and that a memorial/reflective area could be created at the playing fields.</p>
20.28	<p>ASB</p> <p>Cllr Holmes reported that the latest ASB minutes have been circulated to all Councillors. He stressed that people are encouraged to report all incidents of crime, however minor, so the police are aware and there is a realistic record. Currently if crimes aren’t recorded then it looks like we live in a crime free area. There have also been fewer incidents of flyposting at the crossroads in recent months since Cllr Holmes took action.</p>

20.29	Committee Chairman's Urgent Business
20.29.01	To receive a report on urgent business not otherwise on the agenda Nothing to report.
20.30	To agree items for inclusion in the Melton Messenger Reporting all incidents of crime
20.31	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is likely to take place on Wednesday 1st July 2020 (date tbc) commencing at 19:00 at 17 Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, IP12 1QT After discussion of the confidential item and there being no further business the meeting closed at 20:57.
	PART TWO - CONFIDENTIAL
	Exempt / Confidential Items. It is recommended that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds of its confidential nature.