

Misterton with Walcote Parish Council

Minutes of proceedings at the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council
held on Monday 10 March 2008 at 8.00 p.m. in Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors: S. Green (Chairman), C. Bach and B Gilbert
J. King, clerk to the Council

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from P Jackson. Apologies were also received from J Everett, district councillor and G Hart, county councillor.

2 Declarations of interest from councillors

Councillors Green and Bach made declarations of interest in item 5.1. Both declarations were thought to be prejudicial.

Declarations signed

3 Minutes of the meeting of 28 January 2008

Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

4 Comments or questions from members of the public

There had been no comments from members of the public.

5 Planning matters

5.1 Application ref: 08/00273/FUL - 18 Chapel Lane - erection of porch and first floor rear extension

See item 2 above. The Council was unable to consider this application due to 2 councillors declaring prejudicial interests and there not being a quorum left for discussion to take place.

6 Statement of Finances and payment of invoices

6.1 Statement of finances to 10 March 2008

	Current Account	Reserve Account	Capital Account	Totals
Balances 23 January 2008	£300.00	£7,519.26	£2,075.62	£9,894.88
 <u>Payments</u>				
	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Date</u>		
Veolia - Grass cutting 2007 season	910	17-Dec-07		£449.42
J King - Salary January	STO	28-Jan-08		£391.75
HDC - Election 2007 Expenses	913	28-Jan-08		£1,288.61
J King – Internet Security software	915	28-Jan-08		£33.49
J King - Computer maintenance	916	28-Jan-08		£53.96
J King - Salary February	STO	28-Feb-08		£373.64
				£2,590.87
	Current Account	Reserve Account	Capital Account	Totals
Balances 10 March 2008	£300.00	£4,928.39	£2,075.62	£7,304.01
 split between these budget accounts				
		Playgrounds Project	General Account	Totals
		£3,750.00	£3,554.01	£7,304.01

Approved & signed..... Date..... Minutes 10.03.08

6.2 Resolved: to renew of membership of the Rural Community Council at a subscription cost of £35.00.

6.3 Resolved: to renew of membership of the Playing Fields Association at a subscription cost of £10.00.

6.4 Resolved: to renew of membership of the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils at £142.10.

7 Internal Audit System

The Council considered the report from the internal auditor on the last audited year of 2006/7. The auditor had raised no matters of concern and the Council considered the standard of audit to be effective and sufficient for the risks involved.

8 Appointment of the internal auditor

Resolved to appoint John Burton as independent internal auditor for the year 2007/8

9 Documents and publications received

9.1 Appointment of external auditors Clement Keys

The Audit Commission had appointed the firm, Clement Keys, as external auditors to the Council. The Council was not aware of any connection with the company and therefore any reason why the company should not act in this way.

Noted the appointment of Clement Keys as external auditors

9.2 Community Forum 'Have Your Say' for Rural West 15 April 2008 7.00 pm at Broughton Astley Parish Council

Noted

9.3 LRALC training sessions for councillors and clerks

Noted

9.4 Skateboard ramp

A group of young people wished to set themselves up as a group to raise funds to improve the skateboard ramp. The Council noted this and asked the clerk to suggest to the group that if properly set up they would be eligible to apply to the Council for assistance according to the Council's grant policy adopted on 10 September 2007.

9.5 Village summer fete

The Misterton with Walcote Community Trust requested the Council's permission to use the playing field for the village fete on Saturday 14th June 2008. It was suggested that the Community Trust ask the Community Beat Bus to attend on the day

Approved

9.6 Litter and poor appearance on entrances to the village

A letter had been received from a resident asking if the Council had considered any voluntary activity to clear the litter that spoiled the entrances to the village along the main road. The Council felt that because of concerns about safety along what was a very busy road, it would be unwise to encourage volunteers to undertake this kind of activity. The Council would pass the request on to the District Council

Noted

9.7 Motor cross Circuit

The Council received a copy of a letter sent to the planning enforcement department at the District Council from Andrew Robathan, MP asking, on behalf of concerned residents, that the motor cross circuit be closed as soon as possible following the refusal of planning permission for this activity.

Noted

10 Any other items for notification only

10.1 Local Council Review

10.2 The Clerk magazine

11 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st April at 8.00 p.m. in Walcote Memorial Hall, Franks Lane, Walcote.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.