

# Melbourne Parish Council

Mrs J Storer, Clerk to the Parish Council, 2 Mansfields Croft, Etwall, Derbyshire DE65 6NJ



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 8.05pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street ,Melbourne**

**868. Councillors Present:** Cllr Earp (Chair), Carroll, Collyer, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Stockill, Smith,

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Mrs Chilton, Cllr Hewlett, 1 member of the press from Village Voice, 3 members of the public.

**869. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Carpenter (work), Butler (work), Willmore (work).

**870. Declaration of Interests:** No declarations were made.

**871. Variation of Order of Business:** there were no declarations of interest made.

### **872. Public Participation**

A request was made for the Parish Council to make representations to BT regarding the condition of the area around the BT Depot on Chapel Street.

Clarification was sought as to the precept for 2015/16.

### County Councillor report

Cllr Chilton reported that she reports on the potholes in and around Melbourne.

Representations have been made to DCC that the missing coping stones on the Causeway are leaving the Causeway in a dangerous condition. Due to the dangerous condition, DCC can now carry out the repairs without prior authority from English Heritage.

DCC is holding a consultation about flooding and responses are required by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

A pop up store is being held in the INTU Centre, Derby on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, to address concerns about cyber security. Equipment can be taken and assessed if it is safe.

Melbourne Police Station is due to close in 2017/18. The Safer Neighbourhood Team is to be relocated and any suggestions for the relocation can be put forward to the local Inspector or to Cllr Chilton.

DCC will submit its concerns and comments on 6<sup>th</sup> March regarding the East Midlands Gateway planning application. No mention has been made about ensuring security in the area is maintained during construction work; Cllr Chilton has raised this with DCC and to the Planning Inspector.

Cllr Chilton read her lengthy comments in response to the Jawbone Lane planning application and provided a summary of DCC responses to the application. Generally, DCC supports the objections submitted by the Parish Council and local residents.

The consultation for secondary education in South Derbyshire is underway and an officer will be attending the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the subject.

A request was made for Cllr Chilton to resolve the matter of the repair to the concrete bollard at the Cross, Kings Newton. Cllr Chilton reported that previously DCC had carried out any repairs, but in times of austerity, the ownership of the Cross is to be established and the owner, to fund any repairs. DCC are making investigations as to ownership.

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The Adult Education Centre in Melbourne has asbestos and will be demolished. No time scale was provided for the demolition.

## District Councillor report

Cllr Hewlett reported that SDDC had frozen its precept again. A significant surplus has been identified in unearmarked reserves which have accumulated. SDDC will be providing a small refund of £6.20 in July to each household, subject to certain criteria being met.

A ban has been introduced on the launching of Chinese lanterns from SDDC land and a request was made for Parish Councils to also impose a ban on the launch from their land and areas of control.

A meeting was held on Monday regarding the BT box, which had been installed following consultation with DCC and which adheres to national guidance. It is hoped that a new location can be found.

South Derbyshire Day will be held at DCFC on 17<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate volunteering in South Derbyshire; tickets will be at a discount and only available from Swadlincote Tourist Centre. There are no plans to discontinue the waste freight.

Cllr Hewlett will report the overflowing glass recycling facilities in the carpark.

## **873. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following

Min 862 c) The figure publically announced was the precept figure for 2014/15, not the figure agreed for 2015/16. It was reconfirmed that the precept for 2015/16 is £63,026.

## **874. To receive reports from Committees and working Parties**

### Highways Committee

No matters were raised

### Telephone Kiosk Working Party

No meeting has been held but Cllr Earp raised an option of asking Persimmon (builders who have already started work on the new property development) to make good the pavement once the kiosk has been removed. This was considered to be an excellent idea and the Clerk will make enquiries with Persimmon.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Cllr Carroll reported that the Working Party had met on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and a request was made for the NDP Working Group to have its own Facebook page and twitter account in order to try to engage a larger and younger section of Melbourne population. RESOLVED to grant the request on the proviso that the facilitator/administrator was responsible, the sites were regularly monitored and items which are inappropriate and/or offensive are removed promptly.

Policy areas have been assigned to various volunteers and a start will be made on gathering of evidence for the NDP.

## **875. To determine if any matters are to be taken with the Public excluded**

RESOLVED to consider quotations for new equipment at the Cemetery under the exempt section.

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## 876. Chair's Announcements

a) Condition of BT area – The Clerk reported that this matter had been previously discussed and reported to SDDC, who were not prepared to take any action. A request was made for SDDC to take action if necessary. The Clerk also advised that a polite letter could be sent to BT asking for the site to be tidied, but as the Parish Council has no powers or duties regarding this matter, should BT refuse to take any action, there is nothing the Parish Council can do.

RESOLVED a letter will be sent to BT, but this action does not set a precedent for the Parish Council to become involved in other matters where it has no powers or duties. The street nameplates on properties within the Parish are the property of the householder and they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of any nameplate on their property. Cllr Hewlett offered to pursue the matter with SDDC to see if anything can be done on the matter.

b) The Chair reported on her attendance at the Planning Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 which provided information on the status of the Local Plan and touched briefly on the NDP. She also attended the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and Area Forum at which it was reported that Melbourne Police Station will be closing. The Chair will be judging the Civic Society awards.

## 877. To receive the Clerk's Report

1. The solicitor details have been sent to SDDC regarding the purchase of the toilets but nothing has been received from either SDDC or from the solicitor about the sale.

2. SDDC has sent a revised Management Agreement for the running the Cockshut Lane facilities once the lease has been agreed with SDDC. The solicitor advised that SDDC should pay any insurance costs and eventually SDDC has agreed that it will cover any additional insurance premium that may arise. A hard copy of the lease is still awaited and when it arrives it can be signed.

3. A resident rang on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to report that the bins on the play area at Sweet Leys had not been emptied and rubbish was strewn over the area. The developer had been contacted and had advised that SDDC had adopted the majority of the play area on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014. SDDC was requested to clean up the area but SDDC denied that area was adopted. The engineer at Davison's informed of a solicitor's email advising of the adoption; that the forms had been signed by both parties and it was for SDDC to register the transfer with the Land Registry. SDDC again denied it was adopted but later confirmed it had been and arrangements have been made for the area to be cleaned the next day and for the future.

## 878. Reports from representatives on outside organisations

Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp reported that no lease is yet available and that the coffee mornings are to recommence.

Infant School Governors – Lobbying of DCC has taken place about increasing the physical size of the school. Surveys are being undertaken to increase the size of the school and to improve the facilities. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chilton for her support.

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Safer Neighbourhood – Cllrs Earp and Sharp attended the meeting when it was concluded to maintain the current priorities of speeding and combating ASB.

Education for Melbourne – A meeting is arranged for next week.

Festival – There was no report provided.

Sporting Partnership – There was no report provided but the latest set of minutes of the MSP meetings, have been circulated to Cllrs. The MSP is anxious to proceed with the project; 250 trees have been planted by volunteers at the weekend on the bank. No bowling green is provided for in the plans although an area has been left for one. Funding provisions are in place for tennis courts.

Athenaeum – Cllr Butler had previously advised the Clerk that there was no report

Assembly Rooms – No meeting had taken place

Donington Park Liaison Committee – Cllr Parker reported that there had been no meeting.

## 879. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. Kings Newton Residents Association – Email expressing disappointment over the recommendation of street names re the new development of 69 houses.
3. DCC – Acknowledging that the grate outside the Butchers requires attention and the matter will be attended to.
4. Wendy Robinson – Requests made for street light to be included in the “switch off” programme between midnight and 5am.
5. Wendy Robinson – Report of graffiti at small passage Victoria Street to Cockshut Lane
6. DCC – Confirmation that the gully at Moira Street will be repaired.
7. SDDC – Names for the development off Kings Newton Lane; suggested names will be used for any larger developments in the parish.

Correspondence items 2 + 7 provide alternative names for the roads on the new development of 66 dwellings.

RESOLVED to accept the list of names in correspondence item 2, which are the names proposed by the Parish Council and Kings Newton Resident Association.

## 880. To consider the proposal for new play equipment at Lothian Gardens

Cllr Minifie reported that residents have over a number of years, requested for swings to be installed for the older children. The proposed scheme at Lothian Gardens incorporates new swings for the older children.

RESOLVED to proceed with the scheme for new play equipment at Lothian Gardens and for Streetscape to make a grant application on behalf of the Parish Council to fund the new play equipment.

## 881. Finance

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a) RESOLVED the accounts for payment as per attached sheet were approved and payments were authorised.

b) Risk assessments

There were no amendments to the risk assessment.

c) To set the rate of payment for the Wakes (5-13 October 2015)

The Clerk explained what is charged and paid for by Castle Donington Parish Council for the Annual Wakes.

RESOLVED unanimously not to increase the fee, but to keep it at £205 as it was considered important for the Wakes to continue to come to Melbourne and to keep the tradition going.

## 882. Consideration of Planning Applications

9 2014 1215 – The erection of one dwelling on land at SK3824 3395 west of Lambert House, Ashby Road, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2015 0057 - the erection of non-illuminated hoarding signage on land at sk3826 4705 Kings Newton Lane, Melbourne

NO OBJECTION

9 2015 0119 - the erection of 24 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaped open space on land at sk3925 1974 station road melbourne derby  
*OBJECTIONS on the grounds of access being unsuitable, the affect upon the capacity of the cemetery. The infrastructure is unable to cope with a large development and the development is perceived to have a detrimental impact upon the provision of education provision within Melbourne.*

## 883. Consultation for consideration

a) DCC – b\_line for Young People

b) DCC – Secondary Education provision in South Derbyshire

Cllr Minifie will draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council, which will be circulated prior to the Clerk submitting the response for Melbourne Parish Council.

## 884. For information only

a) Graffiti was reported on the Cockshut Lane sign and on a speed sign. The Clerk will report these matters.

b) Comments were raised about the noise from the hirer in the adjoining room during the Parish Council meeting. The Facilities Committee will make investigations into alternative venues.

c) Cllr Hicklin reported that the lengthsman had found a syringe in the car park at the back of The Lamb and enquired as to the procedures in place for these circumstances. The Clerk will make investigations and report back to the lengthsman.

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d) Recent incidents of inconsiderate parking on Derby Road meant that a wheelchair user had to leave the pavement and instead travel along the road as vehicles had blocked the entire width of the pavement. Should any further instances be noted, the vehicle registration numbers should be reported to the police.

e) The tree at The Grange is still blocking the street light and the situation will be worse when the tree is in leaf. A letter has already been sent to the property owner and a polite reminder will be sent. The next step will be to report the matter formally to DCC for it to take action.

9.30pm Cllr Earp had to leave the meeting for personal reasons. Cllr Parker took the Chair.

## **885. Date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms, Melbourne.

The Committee meetings are as follows

Burial Committee	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	7.00pm
Highways Committee	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	7.45pm
Personel Committee	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	8.30pm

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9:32pm and moved to the confidential section.

## CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

The Clerk has received quotations for a new mower for the Sexton and for a billy goat. RESOLVED to purchase the billy goat during the summer, in readiness for the autumn leaves. The mower will be purchased now and the old mower can be retained as a spare or for use at the Old Burial Ground.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9:36pm.