

# Melbourne Parish Council

Mrs J Storer - Parish Clerk, 2 Mansfields Croft, Etwall, Derbyshire DE65 6NJ



## Burial Committee Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Grounds Committee held at 7.00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Hicklin (Chairman), Stockill, Sharp,  
In attendance - Clerk

Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Carpenter.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved by Council were signed by the Chairman as a true record

248. The documentation of the procedures at the Burial Ground is in hand. **(Action Cllr Carpenter, Cllr Hicklin and Sexton).**
249. Planning permission is still awaited from SDDC to fell the Cherry Tree in the Old Burial Ground. Once this is granted, the tree will be removed as quickly as possible.
250. The Five Year Plan is to remain; the Committee expressed the desire to start to carry out some of the plans contained within the Plan, possibly from 2016 onwards.
251. At the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, it was agreed that a new mower can be purchased for the Sexton. **(Action: Clerk)**
252. Work has taken place at the Old Burial Ground by the Community Payback Team. The work carried out has been positive and appreciated.
253. Cllr Carpenter has gathered a large amount of evidence about Mrs Hall's sister's grave and a meeting was held with Mrs Hall in February. Mrs Hall has all the information to consider and the Burial Committee and Parish Council now await her comments and observations. Cllr Carpenter has requested photographs of the old Cemetery House to complete the evidence set.
254. At the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014, concern was raised that should the proposed developments occur, about the number of available plots and the length of time before the Packhorse Road Cemetery is full. The Sexton has prepared an analysis of the plots (used and available) and the numbers were provided to the Committee meeting. After consideration of the audit carried out by the Sexton, it was considered that there will be sufficient plots available for at least 15 years, given current numbers, but consideration needs to be given to identifying future burial grounds as the process of identifying suitable sites, negotiating a purchase, raising the necessary funds, completing all legalities and preparing the site, could take a significant number of years. **(Full Parish Council)**
255. The Sexton had made a request that consideration be given to preventing the purchase of burial plots before death. It was acknowledged to be a controversial area and one to be considered by the Full Parish Council.

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256. The Clerk informed that as the demographics of Melbourne is changing, there is the need to have procedures in place, as to how to carry out internments for people of differing faiths and cultures and how the Parish Council can meet these requirements as far as possible, with respect. Initial investigations are to be carried out as to what provisions can be made. **(Action: Clerk and Sexton)**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Date of next meeting: to be advised

Burial Committee -Cllr S Hicklin Chairman