

Melbourne Parish Council

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



Highway Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee held at 7.30pm Monday 9th March 2015 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Smith (Chairman), Carroll, Earp, Parker, Sharp, Stockill

In attendance: Clerk

343. Apologies: No apologies were received.
344. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 9th February 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

345. There has been confusion as to which overhanging tree was blocking the light at the twitchell between Derby Road and Packhorse Road. Cllrs Carroll and Stockill will liaise and clarify which light is obscured.
346. The Crescent, off Station Road, is still in a poor condition. An update or progress report is awaited from Cllr Chilton.
347. A tree root which is coming up on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop has been identified by DCC as requiring work but no action has yet been carried out. The Clerk will make enquiries of DCC as to when the problem will be rectified. **(Action: Clerk).**
348. A large hole has appeared on the Ashby Road, close to the new development. This will be reported to DCC. **(Action: Clerk).**
349. At the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2015, mention was made of the condition of the garden of the BT depot on Chapel Street. A letter will be sent to BT, requesting that the area is tidied up. **(Action: Clerk).**
350. The pavement outside the Natwest Bank is sinking. Concern about the uneven brick sets being a potential trip hazard has previously been reported, but no action has been taken. The Clerk will report the matter again **(Action: Clerk).**
351. DCC sent out engineers to the reported loose grating outside of the Butchers, unfortunately the engineers were looking at the wrong grate. The Clerk will contact DCC and request that the grate is attended to as a matter of some urgency, as it is loose and there are fears that the grate may tip up and injury a pedestrian. **(Action: Clerk).**

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

352. The Clerk reported that SDDC has approved the design of a new bench at Jubilee Close. Once the bench is in situ the responsibility of the area should pass over to

Melbourne Parish Council



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

SDDC. There continues to be no further information on this matter. The Clerk will continue to pursue Zoe Sewter for a resolution to the matter. **(Action: Clerk)**

353. The Clerk will write to the Footpaths Group to advise that no action can be taken by the Parish Council on the street nameplates which are attached to property.
(Action: Clerk).

Other matters

354. The Clerk provided stickers to Cllrs to site on lampposts and telegraph poles. These stickers are advising that dog fouling is an offence for which criminal proceedings can result. Comments were made that the situation appears to be worsening but a solution is proving to be elusive, not just for Melbourne Parish Council, but for other Councils nationwide.
355. Cllr Stockill reported a sizable hole on North Street, this will be reported again.
(Action: Clerk).
356. Cllr Stockill reported that there is a deep gully between the pavement and road surface on Moira Street, where water runs down the gully and which has still not been attended to. The Clerk will be reported to DCC. **(Action: Clerk).**
357. At the last Committee meeting a suggestion was made of naming the roads after the nine Royal Engineers who were killed by a bomb which land on Melbourne 11th July 1940. Whilst SDDC accepted the suggestion, it proposed that the development of 66 dwellings was too small to use all the names and instead, two alternative lists were provided. One being the original names proposed by the Parish Council last month, the other list was of old field names.
AGREED that the names, Jackson, Paget, Cartwright and Marlpit were acceptable. The Clerk will advise SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting.
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.28pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman