

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 7.00pm Tuesday 7th April 2015 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

886. Councillors Present: Cllr Earp (Chair), Butler, Carroll, Carpenter, Hicklin (from 7:28pm), Hudson (from 7:15pm), Jackson (from 7:26pm), Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Stockill, Smith,

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Mrs Chilton, 1 member of the press from Village Voice, 5 members of the public. Also in attendance Mr Kevin Firth (DCC Education Officer).

887. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Collyer (work), Willmore (personal), Cllr Hewlett (health).

888. Declaration of Interests: No declarations were made.

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

890. Public Participation

The Chair welcomed to the meeting, Mr K Firth, the Education Officer from DCC. Mr Firth reported that the consultation period on the potential location for a new secondary school in south Derbyshire has just closed. The consultation has generated a large number of responses to be assessed but there is no time frame or immediate urgency for a new secondary school as the need depends upon the base population. Mr Firth explained that with the new developments occurring in the district, DCC concluded that another one, possibly two secondary schools were needed in the district. Four potential locations were considered; Stenson Fields, Bolton Moor, Findern and Melbourne; Melbourne was included because of the aspiration to have a secondary school. The proposals were scored and the recommendation was to look further at the sites at Stenson Fields and Bolton Moor.

Cllr Minifie countered the early comment made by Mr Firth that there was no immediate need and stated that the problems of short supply of spaces are occurring now and as such a solution is required now, not in the future. In response Mr Firth explained that DCC Education Dept will hold talks with Chellaston Academy about providing extra capacity as the Academy does have space to expand and still meet the DfE criteria and requirements. Mr Firth provided some information about the capacity of the Academy and the size of the site.

Mr Firth then added that from the responses received there was an acceptance on the criteria used in the consultation but concerns were raised in the responses about how the information gathered would be interpreted. Confirmation was given that there will be an objective methodology adopted and no subjective assessments are to be made. Challenges to the consultation also made reference to the mechanical approach used to assess the impact on secondary education by the Melbourne Primary Schools. As it is unlikely that Chellaston Academy will change its policy to exclude pupils from the Melbourne area, should a secondary school at Melbourne be constructed, then Melbourne pupils will fall within two catchment areas – Melbourne and Chellaston, which will have a negative impact on both secondary schools and on the existing education services.

Melbourne Parish Council

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



A member of the public sought information as to how DCC would build a school and about the number of years or forms that would be introduced. In response Mr Firth advised that only the site is for consideration at present. Once the location is decided then the structure and other details can be considered.

Cllr Smith raised concerns again about the catchment area and how any new development will impact on the infant school, which is already stretched. DCC has agreed to look at the expansion of the infant and junior schools and some expansion of the schools has already taken place.

Mr Firth added that there has been some difficulties in obtaining information from the Health Service, but this has now been provided. The numbers indicate that the numbers within Melbourne and South Derbyshire are dipping; thus DCC anticipates this will provide some time to allow the secondary education provision to be considered and reiterated that the immediate need has been removed.

The consultation recommendation is anticipated to be given to DCC Cabinet in May/June. Mr Firth was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 7.30pm.

Public Representations

A member of the public commented upon the number of potholes in the area and how the road surfaces in general continue to deteriorate.

The same member of the public commented that some street nameplates in the area are dirty and require cleaning. Details of these street nameplates will be provided to the Clerk.

Another member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the work carried out to stone public footpath 18 (alongside the allotments).

County Councillor report

Cllr Chilton reported that the legal documentation for the diversion of public footpath 8 is almost complete, the only outstanding piece is for the Church Commissioners to sign off the works.

Severn Trent has appointed a Senior Network Officer and agreement has been given to upgrade the hydraulics within Melbourne. This work has been set as a priority by ST. There is a backlog of potholes across the county awaiting repair. DCC has agreed to lease a jet patcher in order to address the backlog.

Cllr Chilton confirmed that The Crescent is not adopted by DCC but is owned by SDDC. Cllr Harrison has agreed to take this matter forward and to press for repairs, funded by SDDC.

District Councillor report

Cllr Harrison confirmed that he is pursuing the road condition at The Crescent.

SDDC has signed a contract with an organisation who will also address the problems of potholes in the district. No further details were given.

Cllr Harrison has made a plea to DCC to centre the BT box and he is awaiting a response.

Cllr Hewlett is pursuing the reported problems at the glass recycling centre.

891. To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 3rd March 2015

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 3rd March 2015 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

892. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 3rd March 2015.

Melbourne Parish Council

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



The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 3rd March 2015 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

893. To receive reports from Committees and working Parties

Highways Committee

No matters were raised.

Burials Committee

No matters were raised.

Telephone Kiosk Working Party

No meeting has been held but Cllr Earp informed that Persimmon Homes are content for their contractor to repair the pavement after the kiosk is removed. A meeting will be held to make arrangements to relocate the kiosk.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Cllr Carroll explained the process being made on the scoping exercises and thanked Barry Thomas for his help.

The members of the Working Party met with the Economic Development Team (SDDC) on 02.04.15 and were disappointed to learn that the housing which has already been built and agreed will not be countered towards Part 2 of the LDP (Local Development Plan); otherwise the meeting was constructive.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr Harrison to speak

Cllr Harrison advised that those planning applications which have already been granted have been used to count towards the targets required in Part 1 of the LDP. He expressed hope that now Melbourne has taken some allocation, it will not be taking any allocation in Part 2 of the LDP.

The Chair returned to Standing Orders.

894. To determine if any matters are to be taken with the Public excluded

No items were identified as being taken in the Exempt section.

895. Chair's Announcements

a) The Chair reported on her attendance on judging the Civic Society Awards; the results of which will be published soon.

896. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted. Included in the report was the recommendation for the installation of a CCTV system at the Chapel following the latest burglary. A discussion took place on the quality of the recording which can be expected from the proposed CCTV and this will be discussed further by the Burial Committee.

897. Reports from representatives on outside organisations

Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp reported that there has been no meeting; the next meeting will be at the end of May.

Infant School Governors – No meeting has taken place.

Safer Neighbourhood – No meeting has been taken place

Melbourne Parish Council

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



Education for Melbourne – No meeting has taken place.

Festival – A meeting will be held on 28th April 2015.

Sporting Partnership – Cllr Jackson reported that little progress has been made as the MSP is awaiting for the outcome of a meeting between SDDC and the funding bodies. No anticipated date has been given when the meeting or decisions from that meeting will be released.

Athenaeum – There is some confusion as to whether the Athenaeum has reopened. Cllr Butler will make some enquiries.

Melbourne Assembly Rooms (MARS) – Cllr Carpenter reported that the main issue with the Board is that there have been times when a quorum has not been reached and business has been difficult to conduct. Cllr Carpenter brought forward a proposal from the MARS Board which is to reduce the size of the Board and to reduce the Parish Council's representation from two to one.

Following a vote, it was RESOLVED to agree to the reduction to one Parish Council representative.

Donington Park Liaison Committee – Cllr Parker reported on his attendance at the last meeting at the end of March. The site has a full list of activities for the year. Feedback was requested on the Superbikes event held the previous weekend. Whilst the noise was loud, there were no problems with traffic congestions. Further details about the Download Festival will be provided at a later date.

898. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. MSP – A request was made seeking clarification of the funding position from the Parish Council to the MSP.
The Clerk has resent the Parish Council minute 798 from the Parish Council meeting held 4th November 2014, whereby funding was agreed by the Parish Council and the MSP
3. SDDC – Crime statistics for previous twelve months
4. Lisa Pritchard – Request to participate in the petition to save school crossing patrols
5. Gray's, Green's and Adcock's Charity – request to nominate a Trustee
RESOLVED as there is an election next month, this matter will be deferred to the May meeting, when the results of the election are known.
6. DCC – Inspection of the sunken brick sets around the area of the Natwest Bank confirm that they are depressed, but are not of concern and no action will be taken.
7. DCC – Statement that the grate outside the Butchers is a BT box.
The Clerk has replied back, informing again of the error of DCC and suggesting that the engineers attend the site and speak to the Butcher to ascertain the correct grate.
8. Mr D Bellis – concerns expressed over the collection times from the post box in Kings Newton
RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to send a letter of complaint to the Royal Mail

Melbourne Parish Council

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



9. The Civic Society – offer of donation of an Oak Tree with suggestion for planting near to Cenotaph
Concerns were raised about the future obligations relating from the type of tree and its location. RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to thank the Civic Society, to explain the Parish Council's concerns and to request for further locations to be suggested.
10. Mr R Barber – Firefighters response to the Fire Station proposals
11. Mr Ottewell – Proposal for the public toilets and for 26 Market Place
The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Wall and his agent, Mr Ottewell to speak on this matter.
Mr Ottewell explained that Mr Wall wishes to fund a replacement public toilet block (the Parish Council would not incur any financial contribution to this new block) and to resurrect the planning application for a house at the site of his garage. Initial enquiries were made to SDDC, but its officers have indicated that it has no dealings in this matter and directed Mr Wall towards the Parish Council; who will be the new owners.
A brief explanation of the proposal was provided to the meeting and confirmation was provided that an offer of £47,500 was made to SDDC to purchase the toilets, but the Community Asset listing status of the public toilets prevented any further progress via SDDC.
The Chair thanked Mr Wall and Mr Ottewell for attending the meeting and for clarifying some of the history to the current situation. She explained that at the present time, the toilets are still not in the ownership of the Parish Council, and until such time, a decision cannot be made about the future of the toilets. The matter however, will be brought back to the Parish Council for discussion and a decision when the toilets are in the ownership of the Parish Council.
The Clerk provided a brief report on the current situation as to the purchase of the public toilets. There has once again been a lack of response from the solicitor and so the Chair will make enquiries with the Partner of the law firm as to the current position regarding the lease for Cockshut Lane, the Management Agreement and the purchase of the public toilets.
The Chair returned to Standing Orders.
12. Emma Lawson – request for replacement fence between Union Street and the Allotments
RESOLVED this is a matter for the Allotment Society, the Clerk will pass on the details to the Secretary of the Allotment Society.
13. DCC – Order issued to stabilise the grate outside the butchers

899. Finance

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.

900. Consideration of Planning Applications

9 2015 0146 – The proposed extension (includes garage conversion) at 50 The Woodlands, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

Melbourne Parish Council

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



9 2015 0160 - The erection of an extension and alterations at 25 Packhorse Road, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2015 0168 – The extension/alterations (amended scheme to previous approved application 9/2014/0404) at The Gateway, Cockshut Lane, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2015 0199 – Proposed works to raise the height of the south boundary wall at 52 Blanchcroft, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2015 0258 – Notification of removal of conditions 1 and 2 of planning application 9/2014/0113 at Cross House Yard, Main Street, Kings Newton
NO OBJECTIONS

901. Consultation for consideration

a) Police & Crime Commissioner survey – 2nd April 2015

No comments

902. For information only

a) Cllr Parker reported a pothole at Woodhouse, close to the Brook. This and other potholes will be listed and discussed at the Highways Committee meeting.

b) Cllr Earp reported that some HGV satnavs are directing HGVs into Spinneyhill, where the HGVs are then unable to go further or to easily turn around. Cllr Chilton had at a previous Parish Council meeting, reported on the difficulties that some satnavs have generated and had brought the matter to the attention of DCC. Cllr Chilton will provide the contact details to the Clerk for her to report these latest experiences.

c) Cllr Jackson reported that work will start on 13th April on the netting around Lothian Gardens.

903. Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on MONDAY 11th MAY 2015 at 7.00pm in the Assembly Rooms, Melbourne.

The Committee meetings are as follows

Burial Committee	Thursday 16 th April 2015	2.00pm
Highways Committee	Tuesday 14 th April 2015	8.00pm
Facilities Committee	Tuesday 14 th April 2015	7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.56pm.