

Melbourne Parish Council

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



Planning and Strategy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Strategy Committee held at 7.50pm on Wednesday 15th July 2015 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllr Dunicliff, Minifie, Parker

In Attendance : Cllrs Sharp, Stockill, Mrs J Storer (Clerk)

1. Election of Chair.

RESOLVED: Cllr Minifie was elected as Chair of the Committee.

2. Election of Vice Chair

RESOLVED: Cllr Dunicliff was elected as Vice Chair

3. To adopt the Tree Policy as previously circulated

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft tree policy, which was based upon the same policy from SDDC. The policy was considered and agreed to be relevant only to the trees which were under the Parish Council's control.

RESOLVED: Cllr Minifie will consider the policy and make suggested amendments. These amendments will be circulated by the Clerk to the Committee members. The amended policy will be brought before the same Committee for consideration and adoption. **(Action: Cllr Minifie).**

4. The Great British High Street Competition

The details of this competition had previously been circulated to all Cllrs. The closing date for this year's competition is 17th July and following a brief explanation of the criteria of which judgments are made, it was agreed that there was insufficient time to prepare a proper application for the current year. It was further agreed that the idea to enter into the competition next year should be considered.

RESOLVED to make enquiries via the Village Voice as to whether any business owners would be interested in participating in this competition. **(Action: Clerk).**

5. To consider a long term strategy for Melbourne

5.1 Relocation of the jawbones

The Clerk had received an email proposing the relocation of the jawbones. This matter was deferred to be considered by the Full Parish Council in September.

5.2 Young Parish Council

The Clerk and Cllr Minifie had previously discussed the possibility of establishing a youth section of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: enquiries are to be made as to the practicalities and governance of such an arrangement. **(Action: Clerk)**

5.3 Traffic calming

This matter was not discussed; instead it was viewed to be a matter for the Highways Committee.

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5.4 Quality Status

The Quality Parish Council scheme was discontinued last year and a new scheme has been introduced. The Clerk has registered the Parish Council at the Foundation Stage until further details are made available for the Parish Council to make an informed decision. The Clerk is to attend a course on 21st July to obtain further details. **(Action: Clerk).**

5.5 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

It was noted that the NDP is a working party of this committee and as such committee members should attend as many of the NDP meetings as possible. It was agreed that the working party meetings are open but the timing of the meetings (in the afternoon) prevents some people from attending.

RESOLVED that the working party meetings should alternate between afternoon and evening meetings so that more residents can attend if they so wish. **(Action: Clerk and Cllr Carroll)**

6. Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED to meet on a quarterly basis unless any matters require the Committee to meet earlier. The Committee will meet in October, January, April and July.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Planning and Strategy Committee - Cllr R Minifie – Chairman