

Melbourne Parish Council

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



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.00pm Monday 7th December 2015 at the Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

Councillors Present: Cllr Earp (Chair), Carpenter, Carroll, Dunnicliff, Hicklin, Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Smith, Stockill.

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk)

1054. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Collyer (personal), Cllr Jackson (personal)

1055. Declaration of Interests: No declarations were made.

1056. Variation of Order of Business: There was no variation in the business of the meeting.

1057. Public Participation: No representations were made.

The Chair moved the following resolution - That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

1058. To consider the recommendations made by the Burial Committee

The Clerk had circulated the Burial Committee minutes from the meeting held 19th November 2015 and Cllr Hicklin (Chair of Burial Committee) gave a brief background to the proposals before the Parish Council relating to fees and who may be interred in the Packhorse Road Cemetery. The Parish Council considered

- the available space in the cemetery,
- the income generated by interments compared with fees levied elsewhere by other Burial Authorities,
- the recommended practise that the Cemetery should “break even” on its annual expenditure
- whether the “market” could withstand an increase in the fees levied at the cemetery
- how any increase in fees and restrictions on interment would affect the residents of Melbourne and Kings Newton
- Other Burial Authorities practises and policies on who can be interred

The Council accepted in principle, the proposals of the Burial Committee (19.11.15) but sought to provide greater clarity to the rules relating who could be interred in the Cemetery. The new fees and who can be interred will come into effect on 1st January 2016.

RESOLVED

- a) **To put in place a moratorium on the interment of non Melbourne and Kings Newton residents until a future burial ground is ready to be used. Non residents are those not on the electoral register for Melbourne and Kings Newton; the only exceptions being**
 - i) **if a resident has moved away for proven care needs and is no longer able to live at the family home.**
 - ii) **If there are special circumstances e.g if a resident has moved away from the family home to be a student or to be in the armed forces**
- b) **To levy a £50 fee and then £25 for each subsequent hour, to inspect the Registers at the Cemetery.**
- c) **There will be no pre purchasing of plots, and plots will be assigned by the Sexton. The Sexton will work with residents as to whether they would like to be interred in the consecrated or non consecrated sections of the Cemetery.**

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- d) **Anyone wishing to have double plots, or to be interred with a partner, can do so but this will be in a double depth grave in the bottom section of the Cemetery**
- e) **There will be an increase in fees for the purchase of plots and for interment, which will bring the fees more in line with other Burial Authorities and will cover the costs of running the cemetery.**
- f) **The proposed fees are**
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| Burial Plot = £1,000 | Burial interment = £500 |
| Ashes plot = £500 | Ashes interment = £200 |

All the recommendations will take effect from 1st January 2016.

1059. Future Burial land

CLRs expressed the view that there was a need to start the process of acquiring more land for burial purposes.

RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to contact Zoe Sewter and ascertain whether any progress has been made in the negotiations with the developers of land at the end of the Cemetery. If no response is received by the end of the week, the Parish Council will then talk directly to the developers.

RESOLVED in future instances of significant planning applications being received, the Parish Council will discuss with developers, landowners and planners; how future burial provisions can be included in any planning application.

RESOLVED Cllr Dunicliff was granted the Parish Council's permission to talk with Mrs M Hawsworth about the possibility of gifting of land to the Parish Council to increase the Cemetery at Packhorse Road.

1060. Chapel Refurbishment

The Clerk reported on a meeting with a lady who have a proven track record of obtaining grant funding for large projects. The lady has offered to undertake a scoping report at a cost of £500.00

RESOLVED not to accept the offer to prepare a scoping report; instead the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries with CVS and Ian Hey (Community Support Officer) for them to look to undertake the scoping report.

1061. Other Business

Cllr Hicklin reported on a situation whereby two Melbourne residents are seeking to obtain two plots in the Packhorse Road Cemetery in a specific location. One of the plots is too small due to a large shrub encroaching onto the plot, (the remaining space is sufficient for half a plot for the interring of ashes) and the residents have asked the Parish Council as to whether the Parish Council will fund the removal of the shrub.

RESOLVED not to remove the shrub. The residents will be offered the plots, one being a half plot; alternatively they can purchase two plots elsewhere.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.59pm.