

# Melbourne Parish Council

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



## Minutes of the Facilities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities Committee held at 7.34pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Shorne Room, Melbourne

Present: Cllr Jackson (Chairman), Collyer, Hicklin, Minifie, Parker, Smith, the Clerk.  
In attendance : Cllr Sharp, Cllr Earp (from 7:45 pm)

71. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson.

72. Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

73. Late Night Shopping – The first meeting to consider the event will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at MARS.

74. Opening and closing of public toilets and Lothian Gardens - Cllr Jackson reported on his enquiries, which are still ongoing. Cllr Jackson will report back. **(Action: Cllr Jackson)**

75. Maintenance of Lothian Gardens – The Clerk reported that some of the repairs have been carried out, with the remainder to be completed by the end of the month. The Clerk has made enquiries with the Insurance Company (Came & Co) and the annual inspection will be carried out when the repairs have been completed. Cllr Minifie will prepare a check sheet for the monthly inspections.

76. Jawbones – Cllr Collyer informed that he has a copy of the will which bequeaths the jaw bones and the land; he will scan this and send to the Clerk.  
7:45pm Cllr Earp arrived.

The Committee discussed whether the land belongs to the Parish Council and if so, what implications the Parish Council may face. The Committee also considered possible future long term options for the land.

AGREED: to recommend to Full Council to take no action as to the ownership of the land. This includes maintenance of the land and the making of enquiries about ownership.

77. Cllr Jackson reported that he had investigated the costs of refurbishing the kiosk and quoted the costs to be in the region of £1700. Cllr Hicklin raised the question as to whether the Parish Council could relinquish ownership of the kiosk and suggested that it is gifted to another organisation. Both the Clerk and Cllr Earp stated that a Working Party has been established to consider all possible options relating to the kiosk and these options will be brought back to the Parish Council for a decision.

78. The Clerk has obtained a quote from SDDC to survey and map trees under the control of the Parish Council. The cost is £250 per day. Initially there was a query as to why any survey of trees was required; the Clerk advising that surveys of trees were necessary to comply with insurance requirements and to take action to prevent possible incidents of injury. Cllrs expressed concern about the cost of carrying out surveys.

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AGREED: to carry out the minimum necessary requirements regarding the survey of the condition of trees under Melbourne Parish Council control. The survey offered by SDDC will not be pursued.

79. The Clerk reported on her attempts to arrange a meeting with SDDC to discuss the future of the toilets. A discussion took place about whether the Parish Council should take control of the public toilets; why the public toilets are important and the expectations of the public regarding the future of the toilets.

Cllr Smith will raise the matter of a meeting regarding the public toilets with Mr Frank McArdle (SDDC; CEO) at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm

Cllr Jackson– Chairman