

# Melbourne Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 8.15pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr J Carroll (Chair), Butler, Collyer, Earp, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Smith, Stockill, Wilmore

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Storer (Clerk). Cllr Mrs Chilton, 1 member of the press, Cllr Hewlett, Cllr Harrison (to 8.55pm), 3 Parishioners, PCSO Guest (to 8.40 pm).

**628. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson and Cllr Carpenter.

**629. Declaration of Interests:** No declarations were received.

**630. To grant any dispensation resulting from declarations of interest:** No dispensations were necessary.

**631. Variation of Order of business:** There were no variations to the order of business.

### **632. Public speaking:**

Jessica Long spoke on behalf of the Kings Newton Residents Association (KNRA) and requested the support of the Parish Council against the development of Kings Newton, adding a request for to maintain the principle of Kings Newton as a separate settlement within Melbourne Parish. The three main reasons for maintaining two separate settlements were given as Community differentials, history and physical characteristics and these were expanded upon. Jessica Long concluded that a response was not requested at the meeting today but sought to formally request the Parish Council's support to resist all planning applications that infringe on the distinction between the two settlements.

### **633. Police matters:**

PCSO Guest informed the meeting that the Parish has suffered a spate of non-dwelling burglaries. The police are considering a response to the problem, which may include additional patrols. Residents were urged to take proper precautions and to report any suspicious behaviour. PCSO Guest was asked to clarify the reported problem of police access to the CCTV system. PCSO Guest explained that the police are sympathetic to the concerns surrounding access to the Assembly Rooms but considered should a key be provided, a better response by the police maybe generated plus it would lessen the reliance on the Manager of the Assembly Rooms to be available to allow access for the Police. Cllr Howard agreed to make a request to the MARS Board on behalf of the police for a key. Cllr Stockill reported that a victim of a burglary was left confused as how to go about notifying the various bodies of the burglary, eg the theft of a passport, credit cards. PCSO Guest informed that all victims are provided with a victim pack but should a victim require additional support, the police will provide this; but a request for the support needs to be made.

8:40pm There were no further questions for PCSO Guest and she left the meeting.

### **634. District and County Councillors**

#### County Council

Cllr Chilton reported on the additional funding provided by Central Government to English Local Authorities to extend the superfast broadband coverage. DCC has been allocated £2.19m which is in addition to the £27.67m contract with BT.

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The Melbourne Clerk's evaluation of the results of the Mobile Library consultation. Details will be prepared for the next stage (Apr – Jun 14). A further evaluation will take place in July and August with final responses going to Cabinet in September.

No contact has been received about outstanding highways matters. Cllr Chilton has made an application under her Leadership Grant Scheme for £1000 for the Parish Council. This is £350 for a plaque for WW1 commemorations and £650 towards a defibrillator.

## District Council

Cllr Harrison reported that SDDC is carrying out a survey of all the jitties in the District, seeking whether any improvements are necessary. He made an appeal that all the jitties are inspected and to provide him with a report and recommendations of their conditions, preferably within 2 months. He added that he was pleased that the Beech tree was infected as this vindicated the Parish Council's decision to fell it.

SDDC held a Budget meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 and it was reported that the District Council's precept has been frozen; services have not been reduced but costs have been cut.

Cllr Hewlett reported that the map of the Local Development Plan (LDP) reflected those landowners who are prepared to have building taking place on their land, but not all of these are preferred sites and thus they will go no further in the LDP. The final consultation on Phase 1 of the LDP will start shortly; with Phase 2 starting in June/July. This Phase will be for areas which will have housing developments of less than 100 homes.

9:46pm Cllr Butler temporarily left the meeting.

### **635. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 4th February 2014.**

The Minutes of the meeting held 4th February 2014 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **636. To receive reports from Committees**

#### Facilities Committee – held 10th February 2014

No comments were raised

#### Highways Committee, meeting of 10th February 2014

Cllr Carroll took the meeting through the minutes. The meeting with the traffic consultant will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> April, in order to allow sufficient publicity for the meeting. The public meeting will commence at 7.30pm, with Cllrs meeting the traffic consultant prior to this. Cllr Jackson will liaise with the consultant to arrange a suitable time and will circulate this (**Action: Cllr Jackson**). Cllr Carroll further reported that closures of Fire Stations will not be the first course of action taken by the Fire & Rescue Service in an attempt to reduce their costs. Whilst the news was welcomed, the Group campaigning against the closure of the Fire Station will continue to monitor the situation and if necessary will continue the campaign.

The Clerk was asked if it was known who would pay for the cutting back of the trees on Robinsons Hill; the landowner or DCC. The Clerk was unable to answer this question.

8.55 Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

#### Burials Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Cllr Hicklin explained that the Burial Committee had been asked to consider when single or triple fees are implemented and the recommendation of the Burial Committee was given and explained. She added that it had been difficult to base this on a time frame as there would always be a case

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when someone would miss the cut off point. A discussion took place and Cllr Collyer proposed that the matter be reconsidered by the Burial Committee.

Cllr Parker made an amendment to the proposal by requesting that the matter is considered by Full Council.

9.03pm Cllr Butler returned.

On the amendment (being the matter is considered by the Full Council not by the Burial Committee); this was passed unanimously. Cllr Collyer then withdrew his original proposal. The Clerk requested that some guidance is provided before the next meeting as to what might be an acceptable system. Cllr Collyer agreed to circulate his thoughts and proposals prior to the next Parish Council meeting. **(Action: Cllr Collyer)**

## **637. To determine if any matters are to be taken with the Public excluded**

Cllr Carroll requested that two matters are taken in the exempt section. This was agreed.

## **638. Chair's Announcements**

The Chair had nothing further to report.

## **639. To receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was previously circulated and agreed. The Clerk sought clarification as to the ownership of the litter bins at Thomas Cook Gardens. It was established that the Parish Council was the owner and the Clerk made a request for assistance in the relocation process and the identification of a suitable site at Sweet Leys. This matter will be discussed at the Highways Committee meeting.

## **640. Reports from representatives on outside organisations**

Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp reported that the Centre is well used. The lease for the Centre expires next year but currently the Centre's management is unsure whether the lease can be renewed.

Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith had nothing to report.

Safer Neighbourhood – Cllr Parker provided a report on the meeting. Action is being taken shortly regarding parking on the zig zag lines outside the school. In addition, enforcement cameras are to be fitted to Swarkestone Bridge.

Education for Melbourne – Cllr Minifie had nothing to report.

Festival – Cllr Carroll had nothing to report

Sporting Partnership – Cllr Jackson has nothing to report

Athenaeum – Cllr Butler reported that a meeting is to take place on 18.03.14. The Methodist Church made a request for shows to be put on around the Bus Shelter in the Market Place on Easter Sunday. Permission was granted.

Promote Melbourne – Cllr Hicklin had nothing to report

Assembly Rooms – Cllr Howard reported on the MARs Board meeting held 27.02.14. The prime news was the start of a long bidding period to obtain Heritage Lottery funding to develop the interior of the Assembly Rooms. Philip Heath had sent an email asking if the Parish Council would wish to nominate a representative to sit on the Heritage Lottery Panel.

AGREED: to have a nominee on the Heritage Lottery Panel.

AGREED: the Parish Council nomination is Cllr Carroll

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~~EM@MelbourneCouncil.com~~ – Cllr Collyer reported that there has been no meeting.

Donington Park Liaison Committee – Cllr Parker reported that there is nothing to report.

## 641. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. Pinders Circus – Request to come to the village 19-22 June 2014  
Cllr Jackson reported that the Circus will bring their own water supply but wish to use the electricity from the Pavilion. This request was granted but the Circus will be politely reminded to remove all the posters after the event.
3. Charles Church – Land off Main Street; draft proposal for planning development
4. DCC – email to update on reported highways matters
5. Kings Newton Bowls Club – request for the disused bus shelter to be removed  
AGREED: to make representations to DCC for the bus shelter to be removed on the grounds of crime prevention. **(Action: Clerk)**
6. SDDC – email advising on legality of CCTV & Dog Fouling prosecutions  
This email informed that according to the Investigatory Powers Act, the CCTV system cannot be used to bring prosecutions for dog fouling. Parish Councillors expressed their frustration regarding the cost of installing a system that cannot be used to bring a remedy to a particularly prevalent problem. The same email also stated that a stencil advising against allowing dogs to foul cannot be used on land owned by DCC. Cllr Chilton was requested to seek permission to allow stencils to be used on DCC land, particularly in the jitties.

## 642. Finance

a) RESOLVED the accounts for payment as circulated were approved and payments were authorised.

b) Budget appraisal/risk assessment

Currently there are no amendments to the risk assessment. The actual v budget figures for the year to end of February 2014 were accepted.

## 643. Consideration of Planning Applications

9 2014 0113 – The change of use from leisure (Radio control car racetrack) to warehousing/storage units  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2014 0109 – Various tree works including felling of trees at plot adjacent to BT Buildings, Chapel Street, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2014 0061 – The conversion of former public house and restaurant to a single dwelling and the erection of four dwellings on land at 92 Ashby Road, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2014 0136 – The display of illuminated and non illuminated signage at 50 Amalfi White, Derby Road, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

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9 2014 0105 – The retrospective application for change of use from B1 and B8 to B2 at  
Dunelm Development Site Business Park, The Common, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2014 0139 – The pruning and felling of trees at Pool Cottage Residential Home, Pool  
Road, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2014 0197 – The felling of a silver birch tree at 4 Victoria Mews, Derby Road,  
Melbourne  
NO OBJECTIONS

## **644. For information only**

No Councillor had information to impart. A request was made for the adoption of the Guards to be an agenda item for the April meeting and this was accepted.

## **645 Date of committee meetings**

The Highways Committee will meet at the Assembly Rooms on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm. It was agreed that there was no requirement for the Burial Committee or the Facilities Committee to meet during March.

## **646. Date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Shone Lounge. There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40pm and moved to the Confidential section of the meeting.