

Melbourne Parish Council



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

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.30pm Tuesday 5th November 2013 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

541. Councillors Present: Cllr J Carroll (Chair), Butler, Carpenter, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Parker, Smith, Stockill

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk). Cllr Mrs Chilton, 1 member of the press, Cllr Harrison, PC Buckley

542. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Collyer (work), Cllr Earp (personal), Cllr Hudson (personal), Cllr Sharp (personal), Cllr Wilmore (work).

543. Declaration of Interests: no declarations of interests were received.

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

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

546. Public speaking:

No members of the public were present.

547. Police matters

PC Buckley informed that there were few reported crimes during October. Arrests have been made in relation to the criminal damage at Lothian Gardens, with Restorative Justice (RJ) being the route preferred by the Police. This will involve the culprits making payment to the value of the repairs and participating in a scheme called "Repay" as part of the punishment element. It was further reported that the young people who have caused trouble at Lothian Gardens are now aware of how good the CCTV is and have relocated away from the Gardens, towards Browns Field.

The Wakes went well and without incident

The CCTV has provided four suspects for the criminal damage to the Florist shop window and this matter is in hand.

There was a burglary in Blanchcroft on Saturday night/Sunday morning. Whilst no identification has yet been made, the results of the forensics are awaited.

PC Buckley clarified how the financial payment of the RJ will operate and a time scale of approximately a fortnight was given for the payment to be made to the Parish Council.

548. District and County Councillors

County Council

Cllr Mrs Chilton informed that £487,000 has been spent on road repairs this month by the County Council, but very little has been spent within South Derbyshire and nothing has been spent within Melbourne.

A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of the Fire Authority seeking additional information relating to the recent consultation on the restructuring of the Fire Authority. Any response will be reported back at the next Council meeting.

Cllr Jackson made an enquiry that if residents funded a street nameplate for a private road in Kings Newton, could the County Council erect the sign. Cllr Mrs Chilton agreed to put forward the suggestion.

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District Council

Cllr Harrison stated that the introduction of the green bin scheme has produced significant results in reducing the tonnage of waste going to landfill.

The Local Plan exhibition was well attended; with education being the main area of concern. A previous request for the banks of Cockshut Lane playing field to be grassed is unlikely to be granted. Cllr Harrison added that the height of the banks is so insignificant that they do not represent any danger.

The meeting held last night relating to the possible closure of Melbourne Fire Station was well attended. Cllr Harrison added that the Fire Service is to hold a meeting on 6th November about how to respond to the increasing number of request for presentations on the proposals for the Fire Service. Cllr Harrison proposed that priority should be given to those communities who may lose a fire station. Cllr Harrison also proposed that a sub committee is established and suggested its composition is two Parish Councillors, a fire fighter, one member of the public and an elected member.

Cllr Harrison added that the analysis provided by the Fire Authority was based on an additional 6500 houses being built in the district by 2028, but the real figure is for an additional 13500 houses, which will significantly increase risk of incidents.

Cllr Carroll replied that the Parish Council is willing to have a small meeting to make a response and felt that a wider public response was also required, possibly via another public meeting. Following discussions as to a possible venue and date; it was agreed that a meeting should be held at the Assembly Rooms and that Cllr Carroll will make the arrangements; with the assistance of Cllr Harrison. Cllr Stockill and Cllr Collyer will be involved to formulate the Parish Council response; any responses will be presented to Full Council for ratification before being submitted.

Cllr Carroll enquired about the public meeting for the proposed one way system. Cllr Harrison gave a brief resume of the history of the scheme adding that the scheme was suspended until it was known if DCC were willing to proceed with it. Cllr Mrs Chilton commented that she did not know how DCC will view the scheme in light of the cutbacks. It was agreed that the matter will be discussed at the Highways Committee and Cllr Chilton will be advised of the decision.

549. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2013.

The Minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2013 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

550. To approve the Minutes of the Committees

Burial Committee, meeting of 21st October 2013 – approved

Clarification was sought about the additional cost of the bin collection and enquiries made as to whether the Parish Council could compost the waste as an alternative. The Burial Committee had considered several options including composting but the location and odour of composting were considered to be a problem. A recommendation was made for the option of composting to be reconsidered. This was agreed and the Burial Committee will meet on 11th November to consider the possible options for composting.

Cllr Parker and Cllr Smith will arrange to move the safe. **(Action: Cllrs Parker & Smith)**

Concerns were raised about the amount of money that the Parish Council spends on the Old Burial Ground and it was queried whether the Church should be asked to contribute towards the revenue costs. The Old Burial Ground would also benefit from a general tidy, particularly the trees and shrubs. This matter will be considered in the new financial year.

Recreation Committee, meeting of 7th October 2013 – approved

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It was reported that the attendance figures for the summer sports programme had increased on last year's, in part due to the better weather.

Cllr Jackson provided a report on the latest MSP meeting and reported that the MSP will fund the cost of the re-leases, at a cost of £2000. Each user club is being asked to provide £1000 to cover the initial costs. The MSP has also requested a meeting to be held with the Parish Council as to its on-going commitment. This meeting will take place in December.

Cllr Carroll expressed some surprise that the MSP was funding the lease changes as the view was SDDC would benefit from the changes, ie the VAT refund.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders

Cllr Harrison informed that the costings for the sports facilities excluded VAT and the changes to the parties to the lease will mean that SDDC does not become liable for the VAT. The Clerk was requested to contact the District Council's solicitor regarding the lease arrangements. **(Action: Clerk)**

A meeting is to be held with SDDC and MARS regarding the public toilets. This is scheduled for 18th November. Cllrs Carroll, Collyer, Minifie and Jackson will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

A discussion then took place about whether this Parish Council should continue to discuss the matter as a confidential item or whether it should be a matter for open discussion.

Cllr Harrison addressed the meeting informing that this is a matter to be discussed in an exempt section of a meeting as it has a contractual nature, meaning that the Parish Councillors will not be able to discuss the matter in public. He added that SDDC has no intention of removing the public toilets from the centre of Melbourne.

The member of the press informed that he has been asked to report back to SDDC about the responses given by the Parish Council on this subject. He was advised to report that SDDC should contact the Clerk or the elected member for the information it requires.

The Chair returned to Standing Orders.

Personnel Committee, meeting of 7th October 2013 - approved

A person is now in post to lock the public toilets and Lothian Gardens

Highways Committee, meeting of 7th October 2013 – approved

The Clerk was requested to report a bent sign outside Blatch's.

There are a number of issues relating to trees on Jubilee Close which will be brought to the next Highways Committee meeting.

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

There was one item on the agenda that is to be taken with the public excluded.

552. Chair's Announcements -The Chair reported on the attendance at the launch of Walkers are Welcome event; adding that Lord Ralph has given permission for the walkers' map to be erected at the Senior Citizen's Centre.

The Chair has also attended the Civic Service at Findern and the Civic Society Litter Pick.

553. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated. The report was accepted.

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554. Consideration of the Draft Local Plan and to formulate a response

The Chair reported that she had attended the Exhibition of the Draft Local Plan and education was the major concern raised by those in attendance. The other area of concern related to Phase 2 of the draft Local Plan, which relates to the smaller housing developments, as these additional houses will still make an impact upon the parish. The full report was made available for Councillors to consider.

RESOLVED the Parish Council's response is to be prepared by Cllr Carroll.

Cllr Chilton said that the concern over education provision was raised at the County Council; the concerns are recognised and meetings are to take place during this week and the next on this topic.

555. Reports from representatives on outside organisations

Senior Citizens Centre – No report.

Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith reported that there was nothing to report.

Safer Neighbourhood – The next Safer Neighbourhood meeting is on 13th November at Shardlow Village Hall.

Education for Melbourne – Cllr Minifie reported that she had nothing further to add; she too had been informed that meetings are to take place at DCC.

Festival – Cllr Carroll had nothing further to report.

Sporting Partnership – Cllr Jackson asked if the £1000 contribution to the MSP, as previously discussed, could be paid. RESOLVED: unanimously to make the donation.

Athenaeum – There was no report.

Promote Melbourne – Cllr Hicklin reported that a meeting has been held and that plans are progressing for the event.

Assembly Rooms – Cllr Howard reported that quotes have been obtained for a new boiler and that the project appraisal is still on-going.

EMA Liaison Committee – There was no report

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

556. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. SDDC – Notification of survey of condition of housing stock
3. Clare Hickie – request for waste bins at the new development, a planting scheme and to advise of a recent spate of graffiti

It was noted that there are 2 litterbins at the Thomas Cooke Gardens and it was agreed that one of the bins can be relocated to the Davidson estate.

557. Finance

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

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b) Budget appraisal/risk assessment

Currently there are no amendments to the risk assessment. The actual to budget report was accepted. The Clerk had circulated a new risk assessment; the Snow Warden Risk Assessment. RESOLVED: to adopt the Snow Warden Risk Assessment.

The Clerk advised that the first draft of the 2014-2015 budget will be circulated at the Committee meetings.

558. Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) 9 2013 0804 – The pruning of a damson and apple tree at 6 Palmerston Court, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

(b) 9 2013 0759 – The development of a FA compliant 7V7 artificial turf pitch with associated fencing, floodlighting and access pathway at Melbourne recreational Ground, Cockshut Lane, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

(c) 9 2013 0835 – application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of garden land at Blakefield House, Jawbone Lane, Kings Newton
NO OBJECTIONS

(d) 9 2013 0849 – the insertion of French door set and fanlight to replace existing window, conversion of part garage at ground floor including glazed doors and alternations over garage including rooflights at Chantry House, Church Street, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

Planning Committee held a site meeting on 29th October 2013, regarding the application for the change of use for the siting of 3 log cabins incorporating new vehicular access on land at SK3727 2805 Derby /Road, Stanton by Dale.

The Clerk was requested to clarify whether there is an additional planning application relating to Jawbone Lane. **(Action: Clerk)**

559. For information only

Cllr Carpenter reported that ivy growth was obscuring a road sign on the entrance to Melbourne from Wilson. The Clerk will report this. **(Action: Clerk)**.

The light in the clock in the Market Place is not working. The Clerk will ask if Ian Earl can he can replace the bulb whilst he is erecting the Christmas lights. **(Action: Clerk)**.

560. Date of committee meetings

Facilities Committee will meet at the Assembly Rooms on Monday 11th November at 7.30pm.
Highways Committee will meet at the Assembly Rooms on Monday 11th November at 8.15pm.

561. Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7.30pm in the Shone Lounge.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:30pm.