

Melbourne Parish Council



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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 8:05pm Tuesday 5th March 2013 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

384. Councillors Present: Cllr J Carroll (Chair), Cllr Collyer, Crawford, Dunnicliff, Earp, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Stockill, Wilmore

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk). Cllr Harrison (to 8.33pm), Cllr Hewlett, 1 member of the press, 3 members of the Public.

385. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Carpenter, Cllr Smith, PCSO Guest and PC Buckley.

386. Declaration of Interests: no declaration of interests were received.

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

388. Variation of Order of business: There were no variations but there were two items to be discussed in the exempt section.

389. Public speaking: No matters were raised by the public.

390. District and County Councillors

Cllr Hewlett reported that at a recent meeting of the District Council it was agreed to freeze the precept again, with only the Police Authority seeking an increase in the precept.

Negotiations for the provision of a doorstep collection for plastics are underway and the scheme should be introduced in the next financial year.

The triangle on Queensway near Budgens is in a poor condition. A resident is awaiting a quotation for the installation of a roadway across the triangle. Under this proposed scheme, all households will be asked to contribute a small amount for an annual licence to be able to use the roadway. The proposed scheme will also incorporate wooden bollards to prevent unauthorised usage.

The continual parking on the verges on Queensway is destroying them and SDDC has monitored the situation, noting that there are only 3 council tenants who are doing this; the majority of the people using and crossing the verges are the home owners themselves. The possibilities are to develop a residents association with the purpose to improve the look of the area and to resolve the problem. Alternatively there is the option to concrete over the worse of the areas. The final possibility which Cllr Hewlett agreed to investigate further was that the work is carried out by the Payback Team.

Cllr Hicklin enquired when properties become available, are they all open to offer. Cllr Hewlett will investigate this matter.

Cllr Harrison – Severn Trent (ST) has dealt with the leak at the Market Place but when the repairs were completed, water was left bubbling outside the Bay Tree. This has now been rectified and at the same time, ST has repaired the broken kerb edging.

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The one way system will go out for public consultation but he advised that the system will need an illuminated no entry sign at the end of the roads. These cost in the region of £20,000 as a power source is required, but he added that there is no budget provision for the installation of the electricity. Cllr Harrison sought the Parish Council's opinion as to whether a public consultation should be held before the matter of the electricity supply is resolved.

Cllr Harrison stated that there are more potholes than ever before, and he explained the reason for this. DCC has given approval for a crash pothole service to be carried out during the next 8 weeks, which involves engaging private contractors to assist with the County Council crew.

DCC is now considering the best use for the Adult Education Centre; possibly a youth club or nursery facility or an office for Council staff who reside in the south of the county.

Derbyshire First was promoted and the renewal process for the Gold card was again explained.

The LAMs Scheme was explained along with Derbyshire Big Deal (the procurement of energy supplies).

Cllr Harrison then added that European Funding of £2.5m may be forthcoming to assist with the funding of the broadband upgrade and that Melbourne will be in the first phase of the broadband rollout.

Regarding the Melbourne Sporting Partnership (MSP) the conclusion to the negotiation for a substantial grant from the Football Federation and the RUFC is due. The drainage scheme at the site will have a full public consultation before the work is carried out.

Cllr Crawford enquired if the Gold Card can be renewed at the Library. Cllr Harrison confirmed that the cards can be renewed at the Library.

Cllr Minifie expressed a preference to have a preschool and/or youth provision at the former Adult Education Centre, rather than having Council workers.

Cllr Wilmore sought and received clarification as to the details of the LAMs scheme.

Cllr Collyer expressed the view that the amount of traffic using Swarkestone Bridge is increasing and urged the Highways Agency to find an alternative route.

Cllr Harrison informed of the dare being carried out by young drivers and agreed that an alternative route is required.

Cllr Jackson welcomed the idea of an energy consortium.

8.33pm Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

391. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 5th February 2013.

The Minutes of the meeting held 5th February 2013 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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392. To approve the Minutes of the Committees held 11th February 2013

Burial Committee – approved
Recreation Committee – approved
Highways Committee – approved
Planning Committee – approved

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

RESOLVED two items; the public toilets and a request for funding will be discussed in the Confidential section of the meeting.

394. Chair's Announcements

The Chair had no announcements to make.

395. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report.

396. Reports from representatives on outside organisations

Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharpe reported that there had been no meeting held.

Infant School Governors – no report as Cllr Smith had sent his apologies

Safer Neighbourhood – no report as Cllr Smith had sent his apologies

Education for Melbourne – Cllr Minifie reported that no meeting has been held.

Festival – Cllr Carroll informed that no meeting has taken place

Sporting Partnership – Cllr Jackson reported that no meeting has been held.

Athenaeum – No report

Promote Melbourne – Cllr Hicklin reported that a meeting was held and that an approach is being made for someone to take over the Late Night shopping project. There was also a discussion about the name and whether it is purely about promoting Melbourne or the Parish generally. No date has been set for the Late Night shopping.

Assembly Rooms - Cllr Howard had nothing to report.

EMA Liaison Committee – no report.

Donington Park Liaison Committee – no report

397. Adoption of a CCTV Policy

The CCTV policy was drafted and circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. RESOLVED to adopt the CCTV policy without any amendment.

398. Consideration of the Conservation Area Appraisal for Woodhouses

This is a lengthy document, which has been emailed to those Councillors with an email address. The deadline for comments is the middle of April.

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RESOLVED to defer the matter until the next meeting to allow Councillors time to consider the document.

399. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. SDDC – Civic Dinner – 23rd March 2013
3. SDDC – Conservation consultation for Woodhouses
4. SDDC – Request for information on Village drain
5. SDDC – Flood Liaison Meeting – 21st March 2013

400. 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 but consideration will be given as to whether any amendments are required when the CCTV has been installed.

401. Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) 9 2013 0110 – The pruning of a silver birch tree and felling of holly trees at the Hollow & 64 Penn Lane, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

(b) 9 2013 0086 – The erection of extensions at 37 Nettlefold Crescent, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

(c) 9 2013 0125 – The felling of a Christmas tree and row of conifers at 1 Turnbarrel, Melbourne, Derby

NO OBJECTIONS

402. For information only

Cllr Earp reported that the seat on Melbourne Common was unsteady. Cllr Crawford agreed to look at the seat and bring any recommendations to the next Highways Committee meeting.

Cllr Minifie requested that a child orientated activity is held at the Adult Education Centre. It was agreed that a letter is sent to DCC requesting this.

Cllr Carroll reported that here is a particularly large pothole on Queensway. Cllr Hicklin agreed to investigate and to report it to the County Council.

403. Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting will be 2nd April 2013 at 7.30pm in the Shone Lounge.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.57pm and the Council moved into the confidential section of the meeting.