

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 7:30pm Tuesday 5th February 2013 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

366. Councillors Present: Cllr J Carroll (Chair), Cllr Carpenter, Collyer (from 8.05pm), Earp, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Parker, Sharp, Stockill, Smith, Wilmore

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk). Cllr Harrison (to 8.00pm), 4 residents, 1 member of the press, PCSO Emma Guest

367. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Crawford, C Dunnicliff and Cllr Hewlett, plus PC Buckley.

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

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

370. Variation of Order of business: It was agreed that the nominations for the Dr Freeman Award would be listed in the meeting, but that the discussion of the nominations will take place in the Confidential Section of the meeting.

371. Public speaking:

Mark Dale (Methodist Church) informed the meeting that the Methodist Church had provided three years funding for a full time youth worker. The intention is not to have an open door policy; young people can visit as they wish but there will be no re-admittance if they leave. There is also funding for a second employee, a café manager.

It is unlikely that funding will be received for future years from the Methodist Church so there will be a need to explore funding applications to maintain the projects. The youth provision will be aimed at Years 7, 8, 9 and there maybe evenings which will be for single sex provision.

The Parish Council welcomed the report and conveyed its best wishes for the scheme.

A resident reported the poor condition of the road outside the old Melbourne Hotel and enquired as to how long this poor condition will continue. A further enquiry was made as to why the main roads in the village are gritted but the side roads remain untreated. The final comment was that there are a number of road (including South Street) which require attention. These matters will be discussed at the Highways Committee.

371. District and County Councillors

Cllr Harrison sent his congratulations to the Methodist Chapel for securing the funding for a youth worker.

Cllr Harrison has reported the puddle on Market Place to the Highways Dept, who in turn has reported it to Severn Trent. The view is that it is likely to be a collapsed drain. The matter was raised at the Area Forum and the Lengthsman has been on standby to grit the area if needed.

The potholes in the area and County are as a direct consequence of the bad weather. DCC policy is to patch the potholes which are dangerous and then repair them when the

Melbourne Parish Council



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

weather permits. The Area Forum raised the matter of speeding traffic. Special surveys are to be held on three stretches within the Parish in relation to speeding.

The High Speed 2 (HS2) proposed route has been announced and Cllr Harrison expressed his relief and delight that the route is not too close to the Parish. A map of the proposed route was made available.

The one way system – a scheme is being finalised by DCC and it is expected that the proposal will go out for consultation at the end of this month.

Sporting Partnership – an application to DCC for a grant to develop facilities at Cockshut Lane has been successful and £1/4m has been awarded. Talks have taken place with the FA and the RFU and are still ongoing. There have been problems with drainage and there will be a public consultation about the drainage along with a public meeting.

Swarkestone Causeway – DCC is planning to erect a camera at each end of the Causeway to capture the registration numbers of those vehicles breaching the weight limit.

The street light on Station Road has now been repaired; the delay was due to a problem with the street light team in this area.

Parking at the Primary School – parking is a problem and there is a potential for an accident. The Fire Service has offered to advise parents as how to park more considerately and that offer will be pursued.

SDDC will be a consultee to the Donington Park application and Cllr Harrison urged that comments are made.

DCC will have its third year without an increase in its precept and that it is still to decide what to do with the Adult Education buildings. DCC has received £7.4m from the Government to upgrade the broadband provision in the County. As this is match funding monies, and despite requests, no donations/contributions have been generated, DCC has contributed £1m and a loan of £6.4m has been taken with a view to completing the upgrades by 2015. The priority of gritting of roads is given to the A routes, bus routes and those serving schools, but there are no arrangements nor funding for the gritting of other routes. Gold Cards expire on 31.03.13 but renewal is not automatic; each applicant has to reapply.

PCSO Guest sought the dates of the events within the Parish. These will be provided to the police.

7.58pm Cllr Harrison, PCSO Guest and residents left the meeting

372. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 2nd January 2013.

The Minutes of the meeting held 2nd January 2013 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

373. To approve the Minutes of the Committees held 7th January 2013

Melbourne Parish Council

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



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

374. To determine if any matters are to be taken with the Public excluded
RESOLVED the nominations for the Dr Freeman Award will be discussed in the Confidential section of the meeting.

375. Chair's Announcements
The Chair had no announcements to make.

376. To receive the Clerk's Report
The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.
8.05pm Cllr Collyer arrived.
The Clerk sought clarification as to the works that are required to the Cemetery wall. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the whole of the render should be removed and replaced. The Clerk thanked the Council for the clarification and will consult with the builder who has agreed to undertake the work as a gesture of goodwill to the Council for allowing him to erect scaffolding within the boundary of the Cemetery. The Clerk was instructed that should the builder consider the task was too expensive to undertake as a goodwill gesture, a quote should be obtained from him for the works.

377. Reports from representatives on outside organisations
Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharpe reported that the new floor has been installed.

Infant School Governors –no report

Safer Neighbourhood – The incidents of antisocial behaviour within Melbourne has dropped. There will be a course/meeting at the Assembly Room will be held on 18.04.13 for youth services, domestic violence and anti social behaviour. It was suggested that Cllr Dunicliff is invited to attend.

Education for Melbourne – Cllr Minifie informed that no meeting has taken place

Festival – Cllr Carroll informed that no meeting has taken place

Sporting Partnership – Cllr Jackson reported that a meeting with the FA was due to take place, but was cancelled twice due to the weather. No meeting has taken place until the outcome of a grant application is received. The view of the Sporting Partnership is that if the FA accepts the plans as they currently are, then the proposal submitted by the Parish Council will not progress.

Athenaeum – No further report

Melbourne Parish Council



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

Promote Melbourne – Cllr Hicklin reported that a meeting was held but the outlook was bleak as there was a lack of people willing to be involved.

Assembly Rooms - Cllr Carpenter informed that ways of increasing the membership and the usage of the building are the areas which are being concentrated on.

EMA Liaison Committee – no report.

Donington Park Liaison Committee – no report

377. Nominations for the Dr Freeman award.

There were four nominations received for the award. The nominations were read out but no discussion took place.

378. Correspondence

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. DCC – Confirmation that the airport bus stops sign (Station Road) are to be removed
3. DCC – email from Highways Dept advising damaged lighting column on Station Road will be replaced w/e 28th January 2013
4. Tina Bluck – complaint about dog fouling with request for erection of no fouling signs
5. Melbourne Assembly Rooms – request Parish Council to grit the Assembly Rooms carpark
6. DCC – Request for signage at Melbourne (Chevron signs, Derby Road)
7. Sgt Todd – no action is to be taken regarding the restricted access to Pavement
8. Mr D Bown – request permission to erect scaffolding on land within the Cemetery

During the recent bad weather another car left the road and hit the former pub, making it the fourth vehicle in a twelve month period to leave the road and hit the building. The Clerk was requested to write to DCC again (**Action: Clerk**)

379. Finance

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

b) Budget appraisal/risk assessment

The draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk explained about the possibility that the Section 136 funding maybe withdrawn in 2014, plus Parish Councils, at a future date, may be capped like District and County Councils. It was confirmed that there was £10,000 held in reserves for the Sporting Partnership/play equipment but to put another £5,000 into the reserves for the year 2013/2014 there would need to be an increase in the precept beyond 5%. It was agreed that there would be a “break” from putting £5000 annually into the reserves but if there was a surplus at the end of 2013/2014, this surplus would be transferred into the reserves.

RESOLVED to set the precept for 2013/2014 at £30,180.

Melbourne Parish Council

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



380. Consideration of Planning Applications

9 2013 0020 – Various tree works at Grange Court, Packhorse Road, Melbourne
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0969 – The part change of use from domestic outbuilding to a part time product stall at 45 Blanch Croft, Melbourne

NO OBJECTION

A member of the press, advised the Parish Council that this application has already been granted.

The Clerk will make enquiries with the Planning Dept as to why the matter has already been decided.

9 2013 0042 – The pruning of an oak and yew tree at Pennside, Penn Lane, Melbourne.
NO OBJECTION

9 2013 0032 –The felling of two conifers and a hollybush at Stonehouse, Church Square, Melbourne

NO OBJECTION

9 2013 0035 – The change of use from front room as beauty salon, returned to residential use at 24 Victoria Street, Melbourne

NO OBJECTION

Site meeting

22nd January 2013 – regarding the retrospective application for change of use from B1 and B8 to B2 at Uit 7, Dovesite Business Park, The Common, Melbourne

Appeal Notices

Appeal Ref: APP/F1040/A/12/2184616

The development proposed is the conversion and extension of the existing building to form 8 residential units 55 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FE

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.

Decision

The appeal is dismissed.

9 2012 0911 The conversion and extension of former agricultural barn to a dwelling at land at SK3826 4921 Kings Newton Lane, Melbourne

Appeal Starting Date: 15/01/2013

The Parish Council has received a letter from a parishioner which states that the former Melbourne Arms is seeking to be delisted. It was agreed that this was not a planning matter and this was the reason that the Parish Council had not been notified about the application. A discussion took place as to whether the listing should remain.

Melbourne Parish Council



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

On a motion proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr Stockill, that the listing should remain, the votes were cast as follows:

For = 8 Against = 3

The Parish Council will send a letter objecting to the application for the removal of the listed status.

381. Confidential Items

It was agreed to hold a discussion about the Dr Freeman award in the confidential section of the meeting.

382. For information only

Cllr Minifie advised that the Carnival will be held on 13th July and that the theme will be Circus.

Cllr Parker reported that the pavement at Woodhouses has no kerb as it has crumbled away. There is also a leak from a water main, plus the railing is in a poor condition. These defects will be reported to the Highways Dept. **(Action: Clerk)**

Cllr Wilmore sought clarification that the grit bins had been refilled. The Clerk confirmed that they had been filled by DCC and SDDC.

Cllr Hicklin reported that the pavement on the right hand side of Victoria Street is in a poor condition. The matter will be reported to the Highways Dept. **(Action: Clerk)**

Cllr Earp reported that the CCTV contractor has explained the importance of having broadband connection for the CCTV; not only for the police but for carrying out remote maintenance of the CCTV system. The matter will be discussed at the next Highways Committee meeting.

The Annual Civic Society Award judging will take place on 19th March 2013. Cllr Earp will be the Parish Council's representative.

Cllr Stockill reported that the path at the Health Centre is uneven and was advised that this was for the Health Centre to remedy.

383. Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting will be 5th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Shone Lounge.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm and the Council moved into the confidential section of the meeting.

Melbourne Parish Council

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



CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

A further nomination for the Dr Freeman Award was added to the four already received.

A paper vote was held with each Councillor having one vote.

RESULT – Kate Dumelow was the winner.

The Clerk will contact Kate Dumelow and invite her to the Award ceremony in March

(Action: Clerk)

The revised wording for the Dr Freeman stone was agreed and accepted. Cllr Carroll will instruct Fishers. **(Action: Cllr Carroll)**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28pm.