

# Melbourne Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7:30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 at the Shone Lounge Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne**

**324. Councillors Present:** Cllr J Carroll (Chair), Cllr Carpenter, Collyer, Crawford, Earp, Jackson, Parker, Sharp, Smith, Stockill

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk). Cllr Harrison (to 8.10pm), 2 residents, 1 member of the press, PCSO E Guest, Miss J Gilbody (East Midlands Airport)

**325. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Minifie, Dunncliffe, Hicklin, Howard and Hewlett.

**326. Declaration of Interests:** no declaration of interests were received.

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

### **328. Public speaking:**

A resident made enquiries as to facilities which are available for teenagers during the evening. Another resident advised that DCC Youth Services bus visits the Parish every other Friday.

A resident sought clarification about the Speedwatch Scheme. The scheme's arrangements were explained including the requirement to raise awareness of speed, and that the regulations state that the volunteers involved in the scheme must be in full view of motorists.

The condition of the damaged lamppost on Station Road was raised. The Clerk advised that it had been reported to DCC who in turn had advised that an order has been placed for work to be carried out.

PCSO Emma Guest and Adam Seal presented and reported upon the statistics from the last four weeks of the Speedwatch Scheme. It was not known how many of the speeding motorists were locals but PCSO Guest agreed to make efforts to obtain this information.

A resident asked if the police made any routine night patrols. PCSO Guest advised of the shift patterns and of the patrols.

Jessica Gilbody (EMA) advised that a £12m investment project has started at the Airport and will take a year to complete. A number of villages around the airport are taking part in an odour survey, again for a year, and she urged that if anyone in Melbourne should detect an odour, it should be reported to the Airport. Grant funding from the Airport is available for communities and the latest funding scheme finishes on 31.03.13. There have been few applications for funding from this area.

PCSO Guest expressed her thanks to the Speedwatch team.

In addition, the main focus of the police is on the Melbourne Assembly Rooms which is suffering from general anti social behaviour; the last 2-3 weeks have been quieter as regards burglaries, but vigilance was urged despite this lull.

### **329. District and County Councillors**

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Cllr Harrison congratulated the Parish Council on the Christmas lights and trees display. He gave details to the meeting of a scam emails.

Cllr Harrison reported on his attendance at the latest Donington Park meeting when the new MD was in attendance along with a planning consultant. The noise from the race track continues to be extreme but little appears to be done to resolve this problem. A further meeting will be held in January 2013.

In March 2012, a lorry broke the weight restriction on Swarkestone Causeway and the driver has been successfully prosecuted.

The LDP consultation is almost at an end and the event at Melbourne was well attended. Concern was expressed about the proposals for the areas between Melbourne and Chellaston and the effect this may have on the children of Melbourne to attend Chellaston School. The result of which maybe to campaign for an additional school in South Derbyshire.

A second County Council care home is to open, this will be in Swadlincote. Residents of Melbourne will be in the catchment area and those over 55 years of age are eligible to apply.

Cllr Harrison stated that the points made in the letter from the Parish Council to the Sporting Partnership were well taken and he is working to provide the best football facilities for the teams now and in the future. He is attending a meeting at Pride Park on 13.12.12 to make a grant funding application.

DCC is reviewing its youth offer and additional funding maybe available to re-launch a youth club.

Cllr Carpenter enquired as to the existence of any regulations relating to distances between public benches and bins. Cllr Harrison offered to make the necessary enquiries.

Cllr Earp enquired about the no parking area suggested for Dunncliffe Lane. Cllr Harrison advised that responses had been passed onto residents, and they are invited to make their representations to Cllr Harrison as to how they would wish to proceed.

8.10pm Cllr Harrison, PCSO Guest, J Gilbody and two residents left the meeting.

## **330. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

The Minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the amendments annotated below

Page 7b) the Parish Council representative is Cllr Howard not Jackson.

## **331. To approve the Minutes of the Committees held 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

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

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

There were no items deemed necessary to take with the public excluded.

## **333. Chair's Announcements**

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The Chair congratulated Promote Melbourne and a letter of thanks is to be sent to Clare Bamford who took over the arrangements of the Late Night Shopping event. Thanks were also extended to those who attended Norman Hill's retirement evening.

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

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

RESOLVED to monitor the situation regarding the provision of hand gel within the public toilets.

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

Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp had no report

Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith had nothing to report other than preparations are underway for the Christmas concert.

Safer Neighbourhood – Cllr Smith had nothing further to report

Education for Melbourne – Cllr Minifie was not in attendance

Festival – Cllr Carroll circulated a written report to all Councillors at the meeting

Sporting Partnership - Cllr Jackson reported that there has been no meeting and that the outcome of the grant application is awaited.

Kings Newton Storage Depot – Cllr Collyer had nothing to report.

Athenaeum – Cllr Dunncliffe reported via the Clerk that the employment of a youth worker is being investigated along with a café manager.

Funding is an issue and it was suggested that the Church could be directed towards the grant funding available from the Airport as raised in the public section of the meeting.

**(Action: Clerk)**

Promote Melbourne – there was nothing to report.

Assembly Rooms - Cllr Carpenter informed that a meeting is being held on 6.12.12 with Tim Salt re the CCTV and that he will ensure that a decision is made regarding the location of the CCTV recording box. He concurred with the information provided PCSO Guest that vandalism at the Assembly Rooms has become an issue.

Bookings remain buoyant over the Christmas period and over weekends.

Cllr Crawford enquired when the Good Deal Wheel will be removed. Cllr Carpenter will bring this to the attention of the Board.

Cllr Carroll reported that the car parking lines have almost disappeared and require repainting. Cllr Carpenter revealed that the Assembly Room may enter into negotiations with SDDC with a view to taking over the car parking responsibility, but agreed to mention it to the Board of the Assembly Rooms.

EMA Liaison Committee – Cllr Collyer reported that there had been no meeting.

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Donington Park Liaison Committee – Cllr Parker reported that he had received no information about the meeting which Cllr Harrison had attended, nor had he received any communication.

### **336. To accept the quote from Wayne Lawrence for electrical works relating to the CCTV.**

The quote of £258 + VAT for putting a box on the front of the Newsagents was accepted.  
**(Action: Clerk)**

### **337. To pass a resolution to adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC)**

Cllr Carroll reported that the GPC has replaced the Power of Wellbeing. She explained what GPC involved and that the Parish Council met the eligibility requirements.  
RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the General Power of Competence

### **338. Correspondence**

1. DALC – Various Circulars
2. Rural Action Derbyshire – The Playing Field
3. SDDC – Registering war memorial with the District Council
4. Mr A Seal – update to Parish Council that Speedwatch will commence in November
5. SDDC – Gate at Stanton Gutter – no need for planning application to install the gate
6. SDDC – Information received from DCC – Parish Newsletter Item on flooding
7. Newton Fallows – overgrown hedge on High Street – Landlord to rectify
8. Melbourne Footpaths Group – Update on noticeboard proposal and suggestion of attendance at a future Parish Council meeting  
RESOLVED the Group will be invited to make a short presentation at the January Parish Council meeting.
9. Melbourne Civic Society – Request for pruning of basal growth around poplars on the Recreation Ground  
RESOLVED the Clerk has requested a quote for the work which will be taken at the Recreation Committee.
10. Mr P Dobby – Email objecting to the one way system  
RESOLVED this email will be taken by the Highways Committee
11. Historical Group – Suggestion for future storage at the Assembly Rooms  
RESOLVED to make a contribution of £50 towards the cost of the storage at the Assembly Rooms

### **339. Finance**

a) RESOLVED the accounts for payment as per attached sheet was approved and payments were authorised.

b) Budget appraisal/risk assessment

The first draft of the budget was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries as to the cost of replacing the Christmas lights with LED and/or to extend the lights further down Derby Road.

The Clerk was also requested to enquire whether the first year of the maintenance cost of the CCTV is included in the capital costs or whether it will be budgeted for in the revenue budget. Also to check if provision for ring fenced money for the Sporting Partnership was included in Recreation Budget and an amount for the cemetery roof should it need repair.

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## **340. Local Development Framework Comments**

Whilst there are no major developments planned within Melbourne, concern regarding the future access to Chellaston School as raised by Cllr Harrison, were echoed. The Parish Council will express these concerns to SDDC.

**(Action: Clerk and Cllr Minifie).**

## **341. Consideration of Planning Applications**

9 2012 0969 - the part change of use from domestic outbuilding to a part-time product stall at 45 Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0875 – the installation of new window at 4 Castle Square, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0975 - the pruning of a magnolia tree at 30 Chapel Street, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0838 - the conversion of existing garage into a dwelling at garage rear of Haynes Furniture, Church Street, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0987 - the erection of a storage building at the Storage Unit, Station Yard, Station Road, Melbourne  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0908 - the installation of a window into the side elevation at 14 Hope Street, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

9 2012 0966 - interior works to include relocation and replacement of first floor staircase, restoration of original hearth and chimney breast, new opening at first floor for door and casing and blocking up of doorway at first floor level at 57 Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby  
NO OBJECTION

## **342. To ratify the erection/dismantle of the Christmas Lights**

It had been necessary to erect the lights for the Late Night Shopping event and this took place before the quote for the erection and dismantle of the lights could be discussed. The Clerk had contacted every Councillor prior to the erection of the lights and all Councillors had agreed to the quotation. It was now necessary to ratify that decision RESOLVED it was agreed for Melbourne Tree Services Ltd to erect and dismantle the Christmas lights.

The lights are to be on all day and will be turned off at midnight. **(Action: Clerk)**

## **343. Melbourne Assembly Rooms**

There was no report

## **344. Confidential Items**

No items were considered to be taken as a confidential item.

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## **345. For information only**

Concerns had been raised about confidentiality of emails to and between Councillors. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries as to whether generic emails can be set up on the Parish Council domain. In the interim, confidential items will be sent via the post on pink paper.

Cllr Carroll has spoken with Dave Worrall (Royal British Legion - RBL) who is aware of most of the concerns raised by the Parish Council. The RBL wants to keep the outside service but amendments are to be made to the arrangements and schedule for future Services. RESOLVED – to pay for printing of order of service - £88.00 and a donation of £25.00 for the wreath.

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

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms, Melbourne.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm