

Melbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7:30pm Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at the Shone Lounge, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street Melbourne

No.	Minute	Action
262	<p>Present: Cllr Ms J Carroll (Chair) Cllr Carpenter, Crawford, Dunnicliff, Earp, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Minifie, Sharp, Smith, Stockill Mrs J Storer (the Clerk) Cllrs Harrison and Hewitt Six members of the Public PCSO Emma Guest 7.50pm to 8.20pm</p>	
263	<p>Apologies – None were received</p>	
264	<p>The Chair introduced Mrs Storer as the new Clerk to the Parish Council and asked all Councillors to introduce themselves. The Chair gave thanks to Mr Norman Hill who had been the Clerk to the Parish Council for 37 years</p>	
265	<p>Declarations of Members interests - none</p>	
266	<p>Public Question Time Mr Steve Spear enquired about high speed broadband, which according to the BT website was another two years away from being installed in the Melbourne area. He sought clarification as to what the Parish Council has done and will be doing to get high speed broadband installed. The Chair explained that the County and District Councils were exploring various options and that this Parish Council had sent a letter of support to the District Council. Cllr Harrison addressed the meeting. He advised that Central Government had made funds available to DCC for the installation of high speed broadband. Whilst DCC recognised the need for high speed broadband the County Council was expected to match the Government funding. Requests to businesses had not generated sufficient matched funding and so DCC will contribute the required match funding by looking at external funding providers including ERDF but external funding agreements present additional problems, including competition regulations that have to be addressed. The MEP and the European Commission are being lobbied in an attempt to get the matter progressed. Steve Spear considered that pressure needs to be put upon BT.</p>	
267	<p>Steve Spear raised a second matter; relating to parking within the village. He raised the matter that a parking survey was conducted in the village a few years ago, in which members of the parish had showed significant favour for a one way system. Cllr Mrs Earp stated that she was unsure as to whether a one way system would free up additional parking provision. Cllr Jackson</p>	

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<p>268</p> <p>269</p>	<p>added that diagonal parking had been investigated with DCC and it had been concluded that diagonal parking was not practical. The Chair referred the matter back to the Highways Committee.</p> <p>Adam Seal (NHW) explained that a resident at the rear of Lothian Gardens had reported that the area had not been locked until after dark on some occasions and added that youths had been gathering there. The Chair replied that the area will be locked up at dusk as agreed. Cllr Crawford added that youths had climbed over walls and fences.</p> <p>Mathew Harnden was seeking support for speeding traffic to be resolved. He has made enquiries but all have suggested that the matter is best addressed by the Parish Council and the Community Speedwatch scheme.</p> <p>The Chair recommended that the matter is brought up at the Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 3rd October 2012.</p> <p>Mathew Harnden informed that he was attending that meeting and added that speeding concerns were included in the Parish Plan but he thought that no action had yet been taken on the matter.</p>	
<p>270</p> <p>271</p> <p>272</p>	<p>DCC and SDDC matters <u>Cllr Harrison</u></p> <p>Gave the criteria that needs to be met for an area to be considered as a priority for Speed Signs. This was the accident report of the stretch of road concerned - in the last three years there have only been two reportable accidents on Blackwell Lane and both involved drink. Therefore due to the limited number of accidents, resources are unlikely to be allocated to this area. Community Speed Watch is one way in which the community can help to tackle the problem but the scheme needs at least six people to undertake the training. He added that the reaction to the one way system is mixed. Whilst it is accepted that the proposed scheme is minimalist and is not the total solution, it is considered a scheme which will help. SDDC have been asked to carry out a survey on the extension of off street parking, and any scheme will be open to public consultation.</p> <p>A meeting was held at Cockshut Lane, with many concerned residents in attendance. Batons have been placed around the soil to stabilise the soil and residents appear content with this solution. A flooding/land drainage scheme will be installed out of the Sport England fund.</p> <p>The cambers on the pavements around Market Place cannot be adjusted and the technical reasons were explained but it is hoped that progress can be made regarding the dropped kerb on Moira Street. The kerb outside the Bay Tree continues to deteriorate and Cllr Harrison will press for the installation of "hard" kerbing.</p> <p>A large white poplar at Jubilee Close is damaging the pavement and</p>	

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273	blocking light and so will be attended to.	
274	Cllr Harrison attended the opening of the new Infant classroom. The monument light (Castle Street) has been repaired.	
275	The closing date for nominations for Young Achiever of the Year award will be 19 th October 2012 and Cllr Harrison encouraged nominations from the Parish.	
276	8pm Cllr Harrison left the meeting.	
277	<u>Cllr Hewlett</u> The Draft Local Development Framework (LDF) is going out for public consultation. Whilst there are no large-scale developments planned for Melbourne, concerns have been raised about the impact on Chellaston School admissions if the proposed large developments on the edge of Derby City are granted. An exhibition on the LDF will be held in Melbourne.	
278	During December and January, the brown bin will not be collected, but the black bin will be collected weekly. Cllr Minifie was concerned that food items placed in the brown bin would accumulate over such a long period. Cllr Hewlett recommended that material such as food should be placed in the black bin during this period.	
279	To confirm the Non- Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2012 The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 th September 2012, as previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chair.	
280	Matters from the last meeting Min 259 – Cllr Carroll reported that the Melbourne Room is booked until Christmas but will be available should the Parish Council wish to use it from January 2012 onwards. The matter will be reviewed next month. Min 259 – Cllr Crawford reported that he had reported the defective light and was pleased with the immediate and efficient response by DCC. Min 259 – SDDC has verbally advised the Clerk that the request for a street sign will not be provided by SDDC as it is a private development. Residents of that development are liable to fund any street nameplate. Min 259 – SDDC letter of 25.09.12, states that the Council is content with the quality of grass cutting but have agreed to monitor the cuts made. The schedule of grass cutting will not be available until	

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281	<p>February/March. The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow the PCSO to address the meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that there had been two forced entry burglaries. Some property has been recovered but there are no firm suspects identified. There was an assault outside the Spar shop and the police are interviewing some people regarding this incident. Anti social behaviour has been low over the summer.</p> <p>PCSO addressed the issue of speeding which had previously been raised and agreed to offer advice to the Parish Council as to what is required in order to initiate the Community Speedwatch scheme. Adam Seal stated that Neighbourhood Watch would fully support the scheme and would seek volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr Smith enquired as to the policing policy relating to the forthcoming Wakes.</p> <p>PCSO Emma Guest reported that additional support will be provided for the Wakes and again on bonfire night. In addition, Halloween posters are about to be launched, discouraging antic social behaviour connected with Trick or Treat.</p> <p>Cllr Crawford enquired as to whether the house burglaries had occurred during the day and whether they were occupied at the time. PCSO Emma Guest advised that in both cases the occupier was away from the property but was unable to recall as to the time of day the events occurred.</p> <p>8.20pm PCSO Emma Guest left the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair returned to Standing Orders.</p>	
282	<p>To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with the Public excluded</p> <p>It was agreed that one letter of correspondence, employee salary scale and the previous Clerk would be taken in the confidential section.</p>	
283	<p>Reports of the Committees for October 2012</p> <p>Burial - approved</p> <p>Highways - approved</p> <p>Cllr Crawford reported that the wash facilities in the Gentleman's public toilets are not working. The Chair read a letter that had been delivered this evening relating to the lack of wash facilities. Cllr Crawford advised that under legislation; the Parish Council is required to provide wash facilities and that to ignore the legislation, could result in the Parish Council being sued.</p> <p>Cllr Howard suggested that if the Parish Council has received the advice and if it has genuine H&S concerns, then the toilets should be closed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to close the Gentleman's toilets until the correct wash</p>	

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	<p>Athenaeum - Cllr Dunnicliff had no report</p> <p>Assembly Rooms – Cllr Howard reported that work will start on repairing the valley gutters and the manager had reported that there has been an increased uptake in the hiring of the Rooms for events.</p> <p>Donington Park – Cllr Parker report that he had attended a meeting on 15th July when it was demonstrated how the noise is monitored and controlled at the Park.</p>	
287	<p>Clerks Report and Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Derbyshire 2. SDDC – Melbourne grass cutting replay 3. SDDC – Joint meeting with Parish Councils & SDDC (apologies sent) 4. SDDC – Options to address tax Benefit funding shortfall 5. CPRE – Planning course 6. Footpaths Group – update on progress and noticeboard Further information is to be requested as to costs and location 7. Totally Locally – Request for funding of delegation to attend conference The costs specified were excessive and no funds will be provided although the idea was considered to be a good one 8. Mr M Harnden – Request for community speedwatch 9. Pingle Residents – to be taken in confidential section 10. SDDC – Safer Neighbourhood & Area Forum 11. Clerks & Councils Direct 12. Office for National Statistics – Business Register The Clerk was requested to contact the Office for National Statistics and check if the PC was to complete the form 13. DCC – Snow Warden The Parish Council will continue with the Scheme and the lengthsman will be asked if he will participate 14. DCC – Young Achievers of the Year Award 2012 15. Rural Action Derbyshire – Membership It was agreed not to take up membership 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
288	<p>Members items for information report and consideration</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reported that the scout centre had been used during the summer activities. Last year the Parish Council gave a donation for the use of the scout centre. RESOLVED THAT a donation of £25 will be given as per last year.</p> <p>Cllr Carpenter on behalf of the Assembly Rooms asked if the CCTV scheme could be extended to include the Assembly Rooms and what the costing would be. Cllr Earp thought that, as the hub/central IT is located in the Assembly Room then the extension to the scheme may not be too expensive.</p>	

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	<p>Clr Crawford enquired as to whether any Melbourne child had been refused entry to Chellaston school. Cllr Minifie replied that no child has yet been unable to get a place at the school.</p>	
289	<p>Plans applications 783 – pruning of trees at The Grange, Packhorse Road NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>796 – felling of trees at Pool Cottage NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>799 – felling of a sycamore between 8/9 Castle Mews NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>744 – erection of a barn at Elms Stables NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>790 – retention of external sheltered area at Alma Inn NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
290	<p>SDDC Planning decisions 703 – Assembly Rooms alterations (Listed consent) – Granted</p> <p>702 – Assembly Rooms alterations – Granted</p> <p>692 – Change of use at Liberal Club to 14 room Hotel – never validated – not pursued</p> <p>652 – erection of agricultural store at Coppice Farm – Granted</p> <p>6-7 – extensions and alterations at 2 Melbourne Lane, Ticknall – Granted</p>	