

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.30pm  
on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre, High Street,  
Melbourne**

**Present:** Cllr D Smith (Chairman), Boston, Carroll, Collyer, Crawford, Dunicliffe, Earp, Freeman, Hicklin, Howard, Jackson, Parker, Sharp, Willmore

**In attendance:** Cllr Hewlett, Cllr Harrison, 3 members of the public, 2 members of the press.

**Public Question Time**

A request was made for grit holders to be sited on steep streets that lead onto the main roads.

Workmen that were in Kings Newton have left a sign behind.

A streetlight is out in Kings Newton and the number will be passed onto the Council.

The police were to monitor speeding through Kings Newton but no evidence of this has been seen.

There has been a lot of dog fouling within Kings Newton, but there are no bins for any to be disposed in.

The roads around the Parish are in a poor state.

The smell that has been reported in Kings Newton on a number of occasions has now moved up towards Packhorse Road and a request was made for the drains to be cleared.

**District and County Council reports**

Cllr Hewlett

The cost of maintaining the clock in Melbourne was accepted as being the responsibility of the District Council, a number of years ago.

The precept for the District Council is to be increased by 1.5%.

The Melbourne Sport and Leisure Group has considered the report from the Feasibility Study group and the final report is to be published in late March and will be available for public consultation.

The demand for the provision of allotments in the district was not known by SDDC until early 2009, but SDDC will make enquiries as to whether it holds any land that can be used for allotments. The provisions of the Allotment Act 1926 were read confirming that any authority which is asked by 6 or more electors for allotments has a duty to consider that representation. Cllr Hewlett will make enquiries about the possibility of government funding or grants to assist with allotment provision. It was confirmed that a waiting list exists for allotments within Melbourne.

Cllr Hicklin made a request for "No dog fouling" notices to be erected at the bottom of Dunicliffe Lane.

Cllr Harrison

The precept for DCC has been set at an increase of 1.5%.

A meeting is to take place in Kings Newton on 09/03/10 regarding highway matters. A follow up meeting will take place at the Leisure Centre to discuss items seen and concerns raised.

The potholes are as a result of the extreme weather, the grit having a corrosive effect on the tarmac. To date, over 1000 requests for action in relation to potholes have been received by DCC. The pothole repair team at DCC has been doubled and Cllr Harrison has made representations regarding the condition of Derby Road and about the poor kerbs on Potter Street. Ponding still occurs at the bottom of Robinsons Hill. The Highways Dept has accepted there is a problem but remedial action will be costly; Cllr Harrison will continue to press for action.

The road to the allotments has been churned up and is causing problems for residents. A petition has been handed in to SDDC, which is against the “no parking except for allotment holders” sign erected by SDDC.

The County Council’s Five Year Plan is subject to uncertainty as there is a projected £54m budget deficit over the next five years, but as this only equates to 2% of the total budget it is anticipated that efficiency savings can be made without any redundancies. The Gold Card will continue in 2011/2012 when full responsibility of its funding will be given to DCC. The Handyman scheme is a free service for people over the age of 60 years and the type of jobs undertaken were highlighted.

Derby City Council has refused the planning application for the Sinfin incinerator and the need to dispose of waste in a manner other than by landfill was explained. The increase in business rates is still unknown.

Cllr Hicklin informed that there is always a vehicle parked at the top of Potter Street and the parking issue needs to be addressed before any remedial works are undertaken. Cllr Dunningcliff thanked Cllr Harrison for the work carried out at Robinsons Hill.

Cllr Freeman was given assurances that the Kings Newton Residents Association has been advised of the site meeting on 09/03/10.

Cllr Crawford sought the present cost of landfill charges per tonne.

Cllr Collyer suggested that the DCC newspaper – “Insight”, might be withdrawn as a method of saving funds. Cllr Harrison advised on the amendments made to the publication. Cllr Collyer also asked if the waste freighter is to be retained, and that the dates be publicised.

Cllr Smith thanked both Councillors for their reports  
8.02pm Cllr Harrison left the meeting

**432. To receive apologies for absence** - were received and accepted from Cllr Moore. The Parish Council sent its regards to Cllr Moore for a speedy recovery.

**433. Declaration of Members interests** – no declarations were made.

**434. To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010**  
The minutes of the meeting held 02.02.10 were read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**435. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded** - No items were identified.

**436. To receive the reports of Committees – February 2010**

Burial – approved

M Hallard has informed Cllr Freeman that repairs to the wall do not require planning consent, but if the repairs undermine the structure then planning permission is required. Cllr Freeman and the Clerk will visit Mr Cooper, who has volunteered to help keep the burial records up to date.

Highways and Street Lighting – approved

The churned verges have been reported to Cllr Harrison

Recreation and Amenities – approved

The repairs identified at Lothian Gardens were reported to SDDC but it is for the Parish Council to carry out the repairs.

Cllr Jackson has met with the organisers of the charity concert and was impressed by their enthusiasm and maturity and attention to detail. They are aware of the issues of running the event. The Parish Council agreed to support the event provided that Health & Safety regulations are abided by.

Leisure Centre – approved

Cllr Collyer has met with Severn Trent regarding the Leisure Centre water rates. Severn Trent agrees that the rates currently around £1700 per annum, should be in the region of £530 per annum. Cllr Willmore thought that a refund from previous years should be achievable.

Planning – approved

#### **437. Financial Matters**

- a) Accounts for payment – See appendix 1
- b) To consider applications made under Section 137
  - i) Melbourne Royal British Legion request for a contribution towards the cost of a memorial plaque  
The Clerk gave advice on the powers available to make a donation under the War Memorials Act 1923 and Local Government Act 1948  
The Parish Council considered this was a worthwhile cause and requested the Clerk to make enquiries as to what funds are required.
  - ii) Melbourne Parish Plan Committee – Funding for the printing cost of the additional Parish Plan brochures  
RESOLVED: The Parish Council declined the request

#### **438. Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman attended the Joint Liaison Meeting on 17/02/10 when the Core Strategy was discussed. The revised formula for Section 136 funding has now been accepted. The Feasibility Study has not been concluded but the final document should be released at the end of March.

#### **439. To consider the SDDC Core Strategy – Issues and Alternative Options**

Cllr Hewlett was invited to update the meeting about the consultation.

Cllr Hewlett informed that the Regional Assembly has told the district council that 12000 houses are to be built in the area over the next 15 years. The majority are to be on the fringe of Derby or in the Swadlincote areas. Farmland between Melbourne and Kings Newton has been offered but Chellaston School would be affected by any more housing stock in Melbourne or Chellaston. Cllr Carroll reported that the Head of the School had denied that there was any pressure on school places and does not foresee having to introduce a “raffle” for places.

The Core Strategy will be considered at Committee level

#### **440. To receive reports from representatives on outside organisations**

- a) Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp – New windows are to be installed at the Centre and the toilet facilities are to be improved
- b) Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith – Nothing to report
- c) Safer Neighbourhood – the next meeting is to be held on 09/03/10 and Cllr Smith will attend.
- d) Lothain Gardens – nothing to report
- e) Festival – nothing to report other than the event is to take place
- f) Sporting Partnership - there has been no notification of a meeting but a meeting is anticipated to be held shortly.

#### **441. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

#### **442. To consider NALC legal topic notes on Committees and Working Parties and to amend the Committee Structures (previously circulated)**

The Clerk advised that the Committees structure and functions required review. Cllr Freeman agreed with the Clerk that the Committees need to be considered as to whether they are performing correctly and whether they need to be restructured. Cllr Freeman recommended the introduction of Advisory Committees so that external expertise could be used. This will be discussed at Committee meetings.

#### **443. Grit bin provision**

Cllr Harrison has emailed an offer of free gritbins, if the Parish Council was to take over the ownership and responsibility of the bins thereafter. The amount of grit bins available under this scheme is unknown. The Clerk was requested to clarify with DALC about its advice on spreading of grit, which is contradictory to the offer made by the County Council.

#### **444. Correspondence**

1. SDDC – Core Strategy – Issues and Alternative Options (deadline for comments = 31.03.10)
2. DCC – Zig Zag markings outside Melbourne Infant and Junior School
3. SDDC – Notification of public exhibitions for LDF
4. DCC – SACRE Report 2008/2009
5. C Mason – Maxplant and rugby Club pitch
6. Mr P Barry – Melbourne Leisure Centre (EXEMPT ITEM)
7. Mr A Heafield – Letter complaining about Dog Fouling
8. Derbyshire Constabulary – Have your say report 2009
9. DRCC – The Playing Field
10. Fishers Solicitors – Acknowledging receipt of signed lease
11. Melbourne Rugby Club – Request for a contact name for Maxplant to communicate with
12. EMA – Community Research Spring 2010
13. Melbourne Operatic Society – Invitation to chairman to attend Civic Evening
14. DCC – Safer Derbyshire
15. DALC- Notification of new Insurance Company for Parish Council Insurance
16. Mrs Holland – Request to make the fair bigger

#### **445. Planning**

##### Applications

9 2010 0118 TC – The felling and pruning of trees at Melbourne Hall, Church Square, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2010 0127 FM – Outline application (all matters except for access to be reserved) for the erection of a detached dwelling and single garage at 14 Grange Close, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

##### Decisions

None received

#### **446. Members items for report and consideration**

Cllr Parker reported that the amount of litter on all the approach roads is appalling. This will be brought to the Highways Committee.

Cllr Hickin reported that dog fouling is a continual problem and made a request that incidents are reported to the Clean Team. Cllr Hewlett advised that the Neighbourhood Wardens require names, addresses, times or descriptions for them to be effective in preventing and prosecuting those that allow this activity to take place. Cllr Freeman commented that the Parish Council used to produce a Parish Newsletter but this hadn't been done recently. An article is published in the Village Voice. Cllr Willmore reminded the meeting of a proposal made by E-On to put underground cabling to the Cricket Club. A wayleave agreement is ready and the matter will be brought to the Recreational Committee.

#### **447. Future Agenda Items**

No items were raised

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm