

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

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

In attendance: Cllr Hewlett, PCSO Guest, 4 members of the public, 2 members of the press.

Public Question Time

PCSO Guest explained that the main priority of the police in Melbourne is car crime. Anti social behaviour over the Christmas period was very quiet.

Shopwatch is being introduced to the shops throughout in Melbourne.

The next police surgery will be held on 22/02/10 at Shardlow Village Hall. No one attended the last Melbourne police surgery and publicity over police surgeries is being reviewed.

The next Safer Neighbourhood meeting will be held on 9/03/10 at Smisby Village Hall. Figures for October to December 2009 were compared with the same quarter for the previous year; in the vast majority of crime classifications there has been a decrease in the average percentages against last year.

Cllr Crawford asked about the police policy about parking on pavements.

PCSO Guest informed that if there is sufficient room for pedestrians to get by, no action will be taken. The police no longer issue parking tickets, this is the responsibility of the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Cllr Freeman enquired that out of the quoted crime figures, as to how many crimes are detected. PCSO Guest replied that a low percentage is detected due to a lack of witnesses.

7.47pm The Chairman thanked PCSO Guest for her attendance, and she left the meeting.

District and County Council reports

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Hewlett gave Cllr Harrison's report

A complaint has been received about cracked concrete between the public toilets and the roadside. DCC was asked to resolve the matter but were unable to do so as the section in question was not highway land.

The Parish Council considered that the area was not owned by the Parish Council and asked SDDC to resolve the problem.

Both the County and District Councils have recommended as 1.5% increase in the Council Tax.

Cllr Hicklin informed that a petition had been handed to Cllr Harrison in the autumn by a resident, regarding the condition of the road to the allotment, but the resident has not heard anything back and was now seeking a response.

Cllr Freeman requested that the Parish Council could be advised if DCC are working on a five year plan and what specific forecasts they are working to.

Cllr Jackson requested clarification as to whether business rates are to increase by 11%.

Cllr Hewlett

The Local Development Framework for South Derbyshire is out for consultation and there are three exhibitions, one is to be held at Melbourne on 23/02/10.

Sites mentioned in the Village Voice for development, are ones identified by landowners who have requested that they are considered for inclusion in the Local Plan.

Playdell Smithyman's report is taking longer than anticipated and is expected to be discussed at SDDC at the end of the month. A copy of the report will be made to the Parish Council.

During the bad weather the household waste collection was only affected on one day and then the uncollected bins were emptied on the following Saturday.

Cllr Freeman asked about waiting lists for allotments in South Derbyshire and what is being done to alleviate the demand for allotments.

Cllr Jackson enquired if any funds were available via SDDC to repair a bollard that had been knocked off at the Cross.

415. To receive apologies for absence - were received and accepted from Cllr Willmore and Cllr Harrison.

416. Declaration of Members interests – no declarations were made.

417. To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held 5th January 2010

The minutes of the meeting held 05.01.10 were read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

418. To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded

No items were identified.

419. To receive the reports of Committees – January 2010

Finance - approved

Burial – approved

The grounds are in good order.

Three quotes for repair work to the front wall are expected by the end of next week.

Records – a member of the public has volunteered to help keep the burial records up to date. The Clerk, Cllr Freeman, Wendy Nuttall and the volunteer resident will meet to arrange this.

Highways and Street Lighting – approved

The fence has been replaced but has not been treated.

The overhanging tree has been reported to DCC but no action has yet been taken.

Recreation and Amenities – approved

Cllr Jackson and Cllr Smith met with the representatives of the Rugby Club and the location of the portacabin was agreed.

The Rugby Club wants to widen the hedge that is between the pitches, for easier access.

Leisure Centre – approved

Cllr Collyer explained what the areas of concern identified in the Schedule of Condition of the Leisure Centre were.

Planning – approved

420. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for payment – See appendix 1

In response to a query as to whether E-on was the most competitive energy provider, Cllr Collyer informed that the energy suppliers were reviewed two years ago but suggested that a review could be carried out later in the year.

- b) To consider applications made under Section 137
None received
- c) To consider the 2010/2011 precept
The Clerk issued the reviewed budget in line with the amendments suggested at the last meeting and explained why the suggested increase of 17% on last year's precept was required.

PROPOSED a 1.5% increase

For = 1 Against = 10 Abstention = 3

The Clerk explained the need to set the precept in line with the spending requirements of the Parish Council.

PROPOSED: the precept for 2010/2011 is set at £17975

RESOLVED: to set the precept at £17975.

421. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman attended the Area Meeting but there were no issues to report.

422. To receive reports from representatives on outside organisations

- a) Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp – no meeting has taken place
- b) Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith – The Governors have welcomed the news about the zig zag lines
- c) Safer Neighbourhood – nothing to report
- d) Lothain Gardens – nothing to report
- e) Festival – The first meeting is being held at the same time as the Parish Council meeting. The Festival is to be held between 10th and 26th September and the Trial weekend is to be held on 18th and 19th September. The accounts are ready for audit. The Festival broke even as costs in 2009 were lower.
- f) Sporting Partnership - a meeting is to be held at the end of the month

423. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report as previously circulated was accepted.

The Clerk has received a petition for the Parish Council to retain the management of the Leisure Centre.

424. To sign the Lease for the Leisure Centre

A firm of independent Solicitors has reviewed the Lease and recommended that it be signed. The Chairman signed the Lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

425. To consider any projects for Operation Relentless.

The Clerk explained Operation Relentless and ideas are to be brought to the Committee meetings

426. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Two letters of application were received and the Clerk read both to the meeting.

The Parish Councillors were issued ballot papers and a secret ballot took place.

RESOLVED: Miss Rose Boston was co-opted to the Parish Council.

The Clerk will advise both applicants of the results of the ballot and arrange for Miss Boston to complete the necessary forms.

427. To consider the first report regarding the Melbourne Feasibility Study

The provisional findings report is available to all Councillors and the full report will be made available to the Parish Council when it is complete.

428. Correspondence

1. SDDC – Junior Cycling Club posters
2. BT – Copy of information about adopting a kiosk at Nettleford Crescent
3. Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes – Offer to tender for grounds maintenance
4. Clerks & Councils Direct – 2010 Year Book
5. DALC – Copy of letter sent to Cllr Crawford
6. Mr B Thomas – Concerns raised about public footpaths
7. Mr C Mason – informing that an order has been placed to decorate the squash courts
8. Mr B Hardy – Leisure Centre and transfer to an alternative management group
9. Mr M Nolan – Forming a charitable company to run the Bill Shone Leisure Centre
10. Mr A Heafield – Leisure Centre Future
11. Melbourne Area Forum – Melbourne Leisure Centre 02.02.10
12. DCC – Acknowledgement of letter re overhanging tree

429. Planning

Applications

9 2010 0020 U – The change of use from offices to dwelling at 29 Market Place, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2010 0013 FH – The erection of a detached garage at 18a Ashby Road, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2010 0031 No – The erection of a building to provide bedrooms, civil ceremony room and garage (revised scheme to be approved under planning permission 9/2009/0388) at Melbourne View Hotel, Ramsley Fields, Station Road, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

Decisions

None received

430. Members items for report and consideration

The future of the Leisure Centre is to be discussed at Committee.

431. Future Agenda Items

Consideration of the powers of Advisory Committees

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.51pm