

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st December 2009 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre, High Street, Melbourne

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

In attendance: Cllr Harrison (from 7.35 to 8.25pm), Cllr Hewlett, 3 members of the public, 2 members of the press.

Public Question Time

Mr Dobby informed that the Parish Plan has been produced and a copy was given to the Parish Council. The Parish Plan and all associated data will be available on the website. A summary of the Plan will be produced and will be distributed to all within the Parish.

7.34pm Cllr Earp and Carroll arrived

7.35pm Cllr Harrison and Cllr Dr Freeman arrived.

The formal work on the Plan has been completed and a request was made of the Parish Council to generate the right climate for the identified areas to be pursued. The Chairman thanked the Parish Plan Committee for the production of the Plan which will be held on behalf of the Parish.

The Main Road in the centre of Melbourne known locally as ‘Russell Street’ is in a bad condition and enquiries were made as to when it will be rectified.

A resident reported a water leak on Station Road but it will be 48 hours before it is repaired.

The bad smells in Kings Newton continue.

A request was made of the Lengthsman to weed around the Cross – the Highways committee will consider this.

A request was made for the installation of pavement ramps in Kings Newton – the Highways committee will consider this.

384 District and County Council reports

Cllr Hewlett

Cllr Hewlett read an email relating to visits made by Safer Neighbourhood Wardens. Visits are made at least twice a week, mainly in an evening to deal with youth antisocial behaviour. In relation to dog fouling, the Parish is patrolled on an ad-hoc basis, with Cockshut Lane being regularly monitored. Reference was made to the small number of wardens, the large area that is to be patrolled and the large work remit, which results in a perception that the patrols are not very frequent. Patrols can be arranged if specific information is given as to affected areas, times and individuals. The handrail has been installed in Jubilee Close, on one side only due to budgetary constraints. Cllr Crawford conveyed the thanks of the residents for installing handrail. SDDC has produced a private sector Housing Policy 2010. Melbourne has been identified for intervention due to the high number of poor private rental housing stock. Cllr Hewlett sought the opinion of the Parish Council as to whether advertising A boards are a nuisance.

Cllr Jackson made a request that the Wardens visit and patrol should be on Friday nights rather than Wednesday nights. Cllr Hewlett will convey this back to SDDC.

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Harrison sent his congratulation on the Christmas Light display. The potholes on Turnbarrell have been filled.

Cllr Harrison agreed that the surface of Derby Road known as "Russell Street" is unsatisfactory and complaints have been made on a number of occasions. He is continuing to press for its inclusion in next year's road programme.

The complaint made at last month's meeting regarding Penn Lane pavement has been forwarded at DCC.

Single Status is to be introduced in DCC on 01.04.10. A similar exercise has been carried out at SDDC. It is hoped that there will be no industrial action resulting from the reviews.

It was thought that there would be no impact upon Melbourne from the Electoral Commission's Boundary Review.

Cllr Dr Freeman clarified that the single status that has been undertaken has been applied to all staff including executive levels. This was agreed.

385 To receive apologies for absence - none were received.

The Chairman informed that he had received a letter this evening from Cllr Statham who resigned with immediate effect. The resignation was accepted and a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Statham

386 Declaration of Members interests – Cllr Smith and Cllr Parker declared a personal interest in planning application 9 2009 0894 FH as the applicant is known to them.

387 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held 03.11.09 were read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the following should be taken in Part 2 (Exempt Section) of the meeting

Approval of the exempt minutes of the meeting held 02.11.09

Staff Pay Awards

Notes of the meeting held on 26.11.09

389 To receive the reports of Committees – November 2009

Burial – approved

Cllr Freeman's written report provided at the meeting was also accepted.

Highways and Street Lighting – approved

The Christmas lights are good but a few bulbs require attention. Thanks were extended to Mr R Holman and to Mr I Earle for erecting the lights.

The Acting Clerk has not yet contacted the Historical Society regarding the telephone kiosk as the original paperwork is yet to be located.

Recreation and Amenities – approved

The pavilion lock has been broken and new keys have been cut and circulated.

The Acting Clerk informed that there will be no further legal action taken regarding the damage to the Pavilion.

Leisure Centre – approved

An advert has been placed in the Village Voice for the public meeting on 18.01.10.

The meeting was reminded that this public meeting was for gathering information and no comments were to be made by Councillors. Cllr Crawford stated that he was informing all present that if at the public meeting, a group of people were to tell lies, then he would speak up at the meeting.

Cllr Dr Freeman asked how the income for last month had compared with last year's. Cllr Collyer informed that that there had been a small improvement over the year.

390 Financial Matters

- a) Accounts for payment – See appendix 1
- b) To consider applications made under Section 137
RESOLVED: to make a grant payment of £250 to Melbourne Festival
- c) To amend the signatures on the Bank Accounts
RESOLVED: Mr Statham will be removed from the list of signatories
Cllr Freeman and Mrs Storer will be added to the list of signatories.

391 Chairman's remarks

The Remembrance Day parade and service was well attended and it was pleasing to see such a good attendance.

The Chairman had attended the Liaison Meeting at SDDC on 19/11/09, where community transport and the Electoral Commission's boundary review was discussed.

The Christmas shopping event will take place on 5/12/09. The sexton will be in attendance to close the roads and it is hoped that the event will be well supported. Apologies have been sent for the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting on 7/12/09.

Mr Hill is making a good recovery.

Consultants have been appointed to undertake the Melbourne Feasibility study.

There will be a meeting on 7/12/09 where Cllr Smith will be in attendance. The preliminary report for the first stage of the Study will be available in early January 2010.

8.25pm Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

392 To receive reports from representatives on outside organisations

- a) Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp – the Christmas Party will be held on 07/12/09.
- b) Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith – The Children's Christmas concerts are to be held in the afternoons only.
- c) NWLDC Racetrack – The scheduled meeting for 18/11/09 was cancelled and no further communication has been received.
- d) Safer Neighbourhood – Cllr Carroll – no meetings have occurred
- e) Lothain Gardens – Cllr Moore – nothing to report
- f) Festival – Cllr Carroll – no meeting has occurred
- g) Parish Plan – Cllr Jackson – this is complete

393 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was accepted. (Appendix 2)

A record of thanks was given to Cllr Willmore for obtaining a rebate on the Leisure Centre rates.

394 To consider the Electoral Arrangements for South Derbyshire

This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order for Councillors to research the matter.

395 Correspondence

1. North West Leicestershire District council – Donington Park Liaison Committee (18.11.09)
2. SDDC – Agenda for Joint Meeting with Parish Councils on 11.11.09
3. SDDC – Notification of temporary road closure on 5.12.09

4. National Blood Service – Request for assistance to promote local blood donor sessions
The Clerk was requested to advise the Service that on previous occasions there has been a lack of staff and beds. It is recommended that the Village Voice could be used to advertise sessions and to remind donors to book an appointment.
5. Mr M Harnden – copy of letter sent to SDDC planning dept
This is a boundary dispute and not for the Parish Council to become involved.
6. The National Forest – Forest Scene Winter 09/10
7. Derbyshire Constabulary – Damage at Melbourne Cricket Pavilion
8. CPRE – Countryside Voice
9. South Derbyshire – Flood Liaison Meeting 19/11/09
10. South Derbyshire Partnership – Sustainable Community Strategy for South Derbyshire 2009-2029
11. North West Leicestershire District Council – Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Further Consultation
12. Clerks & Councils Direct
13. Pinder's Circus – Request to rent site for circus
This will be discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting.
14. HSBC – acknowledgement of our letter, but confirming closure will still take place on 22.01.10

396 Planning

Cllrs Smith and Parker declared a personal interest in the following planning application

9 2009 0894 FH – The erection of a detached garage at High Trees, Robinsons Hill, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0906 U – The change of use of land for the siting of a caravan for an agricultural worker for a 3 year temporary period at land at Station Road, Melbourne

NO OBJECTIONS

397 Members items for report and consideration

Cllr Hicklin reported that the drain on the corner of Oaklands Way and Packhorse Road was unable to soak away water and the area has suffered some flooding. Cllr Hewlett agreed to pursue the matter.

Cllr Hicklin reported that because of irresponsible parking, a bus was unable to pass through the centre, causing a traffic jam. A Safer Neighbourhood Warden was in the area but refused to assist. Cllr Hewlett agreed to pursue the matter

398 Future Agenda Items

Budget and precept for 2010/2011

There being no further business the Chairman closed Part One of the meeting at 8.48pm. Members of the Public and Press left the meeting.