

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre, High Street, Melbourne

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

In attendance: Cllr Harrison (to 8.05pm), Cllr Hewlett, 2 members of the public, 2 members of the press.

The Chairman introduced Mrs J Storer as the Locum Clerk and advised the meeting on Mr Hill's condition. The Parish Council sent its regards and best wishes for a full recovery.

Public Question Time

The poor condition of Penn Lane was reported. The area has been swept once, in June. The pavement surface is broken up badly and maybe a danger to pedestrians. This will be raised at the Highways Committee meeting.

A resident made a number of enquiries

- When are the pavement dropped kerbs to be installed in Kings Newton.
- Why is road work equipment not removed once road works have been completed
- Why are there no proper road side kerbs on Station Road.
- Station Road also suffers from a number of large potholes
- The weeds around The Cross on Main Street and Trent Lane require removal
- The pavement on Main street is in a poor condition
- Further potholes were reported on North Street.

These matters will be discussed at the Highways Committee meeting

370 District and County Council reports

Cllr Harrison

Regarding the dropped kerbs at Kings Newton, it was agreed there was a need for at least one set and consideration about these were made several years ago. The prime location is at the corner of Packhorse Road and Main Street but the steep slope would have to be incorporated into the scheme, which requires the co-operation of the adjacent householder and additional budgetary funds.

Issues on Castle Street have been pursued and following an inspection by a County Council Officer, it was determined that the pavement is not ready for work but will be monitored and repaired when funds allow.

The remedy works to the dangerous junction between Cockshut Lane and Robinson's Hill are complete. The 3 Vehicle Activation Signs are now in place. Complaints have been received that vehicles need to be travelling at 50 mph or more before the signs are activated. A request has been made for the sign to be recalibrated.

A response has been made to the consultation on noise levels at the Airport and a copy will be forwarded to the Clerk.

North West Leicestershire Council has met today and approved the application for the runway extension at the airport. There are conditions attached relating to night flights and to the efficient monitoring of noise levels by external agencies.

DCC has a budgetary deficit of an average £12m per year, due to a lack of income. The costs elements are under control. A report about single status of employees was provided. Cllr Freeman requested that a written precise of Cllr Harrison's report is given. He also enquired as to how the budget cuts affects the pay of senior executives and what level of income are they currently on now.

Cllr Harrison will provide a copy of any report submitted to DCC regarding roads etc. The job evaluation and single status affects all grades of pay but efforts are being made to try to mitigate the reduction in pay at the lower end. As regards senior management pay, this is a matter of confidentiality but maybe available under Freedom of Information Act.

When asked by Cllr Crawford as to whom would be paying for the independent monitoring of noise levels at the airport, Cllr Harrison considered that there maybe discussions between the Airport, North West Leicestershire District Council and hopefully SDDC.

Cllr Hewlett

He had today attended the Development Control Committee site matter at Grange Close.

The handrail to the sloping footway on Jubilee close will be installed shortly.

Terms of Reference have been agreed for the first part of the Melbourne Feasibility Study and a report will be available in the early part of next year. All groups within the Parish are to be consulted.

Cllr Statham enquired as to whether any funds generated by the sale of land at Grange Close were used within the Parish. Examples were given of some grants and funding schemes. A supplementary question was asked as to whether any funding from the next sale of land will be used in the Parish. No decision has yet been made and will not be until the sale has been concluded.

A request was made for the Community Warden to visit the Parish, as within certain areas, dog fouling had been a problem. Specific instances can be reported to the Clean Team.

8.05pm Cllr Harrison left the meeting

371 To receive apologies for absence – received and accepted from Cllr Earp, Dunicliff and Willmore

372 Declaration of Members interests – Cllr Statham declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 9 2009 0733

373 To confirm the Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held 6th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held 06.10.09 were read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to the agreed amendments annotated below

Min 351 The Parish council was asked whether the Village Plan Committee had insisted that the Parish Council remove the Leisure Centre Manager. A definite response was given that no such demand had been made. A discussion took place about the provisions of the TUPE regulations. The Parish Council considered the possibility that a public meeting maybe held. Cllr Crawford reminded that a decision is made to have a public meeting before the decision relating to the Leisure Centre is made and that the Leisure Centre manager's representative should be contacted. Cllr Collyer stated that he would be happy to meet the Leisure Centre Manager, and any representative on request.

Min 354 – Cllr Dunnicliff declared a prejudicial interest.

374 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded – none

375 To receive the reports of Committees – October 2009

Burial – approved

Cllr Freeman's written report provided at the meeting was also accepted. Enquires are to be made about updating the burial records.

Highways and Street Lighting – approved

No quotation has been seen for the Christmas Tree and this is to be pursued. Mr I Earle of Melbourne Tree Services has volunteered to erect the tree.

Recreation and Amenities – approved

Leisure Centre – approved

Cllr Crawford enquired as to whether the heating can be isolated in individual rooms. This is a matter that will be considered at the Committee meeting.

376 Financial Matters

Due to the exceptional circumstances, accounts were passed for payment (Appendix 1) but others may fall due before the next meeting. All staff will be paid on time.

377 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reported on his attendance with the Clerk, Cllr Collyer and Cllr Freeman at the Davidson site meeting.

Cllr Smith and Sharp attended the Area Forum at Weston on Trent, 21/10/09, where it was reported that Melbourne Wakes had gone well without any serious incident.

RESOLVED: a letter is to be sent to Sgt Sutherland and Insp Sandiman for the police support during the Wakes.

There are ongoing discussions about the signage on Swarkestone Bridge.

The next Area Forum meeting will be held on 02/02/10

The Donington Park Liaison meeting is to be held on 18/11/09

The Chairman will reserve seating for the Remembrance Day Service.

378 To receive reports from representatives on outside organisations

a) Senior Citizens Centre – Cllr Sharp – the Christmas Party will be held on 07/12/09. New windows are required at the Centre and this is now with SDDC.

b) Infant School Governors – Cllr Smith – A new hall floor has been fitted and the new Head has settled in.

c) NWLDC Racetrack – Cllr Statham – no meetings have occurred

Safer Neighbourhood – Cllr Carroll – no meetings have occurred

d) Lothain Gardens – Cllr Moore – nothing to report

e) Festival – Cllr Carroll – Melbourne Arts is responsible for the Festival accounts, which can be viewed on their website. Any surplus funds from the event are put back into the following year's Festival.

f) Parish Plan – Cllr Jackson – this is complete and will be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

379 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received a request about accessing old Parish Council Minutes. The request was granted and the Minutes books will be located.

380 Correspondence

There was limited amount of correspondence available as the Locum Clerk had been unable to collect the correspondence from Mr Hill's home.

The Clerk was requested to contact DCC to obtain the results of the feasibility study as it is considered still to be a danger to the community.

381 Planning

Applications

Cllr Statham declared a prejudicial interest in this application and advised the meeting that the application has now been withdrawn

9 2009 0733 – The erection of a single storey boarding kennels containing ten pens, office/reception area and kitchen at Greenacres, Station Road, Melbourne
NO DECISION on the grounds that the application has been withdrawn

9 2009 0714 TC – The felling of a sycamore Tree at 71-73 High Street, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0798 L – The replacement of windows at Chantry Stables, Main Street, Kings Newton
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0759 FH – The erection of an extension at 29 The Crescent, Station Road, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0823 – The erection of a dwelling in the garden of 55 Commerce Street, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS but a request is made that parking provision is made at the property for 2 vehicles. These spaces must be retained for parking vehicles and not used to store caravans, sheds etc

9 2009 0824 – The felling of a damson tree at the Communal Gardens, Commerce Street, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0827 – Approval of reserved matters of application 9/2006/0305 for the erection of 71 residential units (phase 2) at land to the east of Station Road, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS but a request is made that parking provision is made at each property for 2 vehicles. These spaces must be retained for parking vehicles and not used to store caravans, sheds etc

9 2009 0828 – Approval of reserved matters of application 9/2006/0305 for the erection of 71 residential units (phase 3) at land to the east of Station Road, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS but a request is made that parking provision is made at each property for 2 vehicles. These spaces must be retained for parking vehicles and not used to store caravans, sheds etc

9 2009 0863 – The felling and pruning of trees at The Tithe Barn, Church Square, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0878 – Amended scheme to previously approved application
9/2009/0266FH for the erection of an extension at D Potter Street, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2009 0884 FH – The erection of an extension at Hemsley Barn Farm, shepherds
Lane, Melbourne
NO OBJECTIONS

Decisions

9 2009 0631 – The erection of an extension at 7 Potter Street, Melbourne
GRANTED

9 2009 0637 – The installation of replacement sash windows at 1 Chapel Street,
Melbourne
GRANTED

9 2009 0660 – The formation of a roof extension and conversion, amendment to
that previously approved under planning permission 9/2007/0887 at Surf's Up, The
Common, Melbourne
GRANTED

9 2009 0708 – The display of signage at Budgens Store, Derby Road, Melbourne
APPROVED

9 2009 0724 – The removal of a section of hedgerow at land to the east of
Melbourne Hall, Melbourne
GRANTED

9 2009 0728 – The pruning of a copper beech tree at The Hermitage, Penn Lane,
Melbourne
GRANTED

382 Members items for report and consideration

Cllr Parker reported that the Melbourne branch of HSBC is to close.

RESOLVED: to write to the bank to express the Parish Council's disapproval.

Cllr Sharp had been informed that vehicles were parking across the drive of 2 Alma
Street. The PCSO is to be informed by the residents

Cllr Crawford reported that he had visited the Clerk's wife on a personal basis and
gave an update on Mr Hill's condition.

383 Future Agenda Items

Budget and precept for 2010/2011

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