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To Chairman and Members of Melbourne Parish Council

Cllr Carroll Collyer Crawford Dunnicliff Freeman Howard Hicklin Jackson Moore Parker
Scott- South Sharp Smith Statham and Willmore

Dear Councillor

Please attend the Annual Parish Meeting of Melbourne Parish Council to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 4th March 2008 at the Jubilee Lounge, Bill Shone Leisure Centre, High St, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully

Norman Hill .

Agenda

- 1 To accept apologies.
- 2 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2007.
- 3 Annual Report 2007/8 Chairman Cllr Terry Statham
- 4 Committee Chairmen Reports
 - Burial Cllr Freeman
 - Highways Cllr Willmore
 - Recreation Cllr Jackson
 - Leisure Centre Cllr Collyer
- 5 Financial Reports - Clerk
 - Audited Accounts year to 31st March 2007
 - Current year outturn
 - Outlook for coming year
- 6 Public

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm Tuesday March 4th 2007 at the Jubilee Lounge Bill Shone Leisure Centre High Street Melbourne.

Present: Cllr Statham (Chairman) Cllr Carroll Collyer Dunnicliff Freeman Hatton Hicklin Jackson Moore Sharp Smith Willmore The Clerk Cllr Harrison nine Public and two Press.

1 Apologies none.

2 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2006 which had been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 Annual report - Chairman Cllr Statham.

Thank you to the members of Melbourne Parish Council for their support during the year together with thanks to our employees.

A special thank you to our clerk for his input and help to both myself and the council.

I have attended several events during this year on behalf of the council, I have valued the experience

as we are seen to be active in the community..

We have achieved Quality Council status, although to date benefits have been minimal, but we are best placed for these to come to fruition.

A major issue before this council is the admissions policy to Chellaston School and its effect on the young people of Melbourne. A Public Meeting is arranged for 20th March to consider this.

We are arranging a highways meeting with the County Council to highlight our decaying road surfaces which are unacceptable.

The main item in this report is to emphasise the parish council elections on May 3rd. We are a council with 15 seats, currently with 12 members, 3 resignations during the year, Hatton, Hicklin and Wood.

I believe in the democratic process, therefore encourage those living or working in our Parish to consider standing for election. I am sure that myself and fellow councillors are approachable for anyone above the age of 21 who declares an interest will be welcome. Please consider an informal meeting to find out more.

Melbourne needs an election to give the council mandate to represent your community. This is an important matter.

4 Committee Chairmen Report

Burial Grounds Cllr Freeman – thanks to the Sexton for maintaining the grounds in good condition. The majority of the Records are now on computer. Headstone safety is constantly under review. Chapel repairs are scheduled to start.

Highways & Street Lighting Cllr Willmore – a Public Meeting with representatives from Derbyshire County Council is being arranged over the state of the roads. Thanks to the lengthsman for his efforts to keep the town clean and litter free. Pressure is on DCC to provide continuous pavement at Cockshut Lane and to provide pavement for an entrance to the cycle track at Station Road. The High Street Garden will soon be undergoing a major refurbishment.

Recreation & Amenities Cllr Jackson – the Lothian Garden remains as popular as ever. Work continues with the Melbourne Sporting Partnership for a scheme to improve facilities at the Recreation Grounds. Maintenance is ongoing at the Old Burial Grounds in Church Street.

Leisure Centre Cllr Collyer- thanks to the Staff and the customers who support the Centre. The Parish Council is moving towards a new 5 year lease which will include

repairs and decoration. District Council has stated its intention to use the time of the lease to find land and create a new facility as it is acknowledged the existing is no longer fit for purpose.

5 Financial Report – Clerk

Accounts for year ended March 31st 2006 approved without qualification by the Audit Commission noted.

Current year is likely to be close to budget forecast at breakeven. A notice will be posted when accounts are available for inspection prior to audit once a date has been set by the Audit Commission

Budget for next year same as current year plus an amount of 2.7% for inflation.

6 Public

A member of the public commented that the decrease the bus service from every 20 to every 30 minutes may mean people not being able to get on a bus from Derby at busy times.

Mrs Eileen Hardy reminded the meeting that dropped kerbs had not been provided, nor the pavement levelled near Holywell Cottage in Kings Newton to help wheelchair users. Cllr Carroll requested this is again referred back to the Highways committee.

Mrs Hardy said the state of the roads was shocking and the fact that a public meeting over the state of the roads had not yet been fixed was deplorable.

Cllr Harrison explained the delay in fixing a meeting had been due to illness connected to DCC Members but an evening meeting will now be fixed with two officers attending.

Main St KN will be closed March 15&16 for repairs near The Packhorse and Jacksons barn.

Date of next meeting 7.00pm Tuesday 4th March 2008 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre.

Cllr T Statham Chairman.