

MELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7:30pm Tuesday 5 October 2004 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre High Street Melbourne.

167 Present:- Cllr B Freeman (Chairman) Cllrs Beard Carroll Collyer Dunnicliff Jackson Lawton Moore Smith Statham Willmore The Clerk ,Cllr Harrison one Public and two Press

168 Apologies:- Cllrs Christie Hatton and Sharp.

169 Open session

Police Matters.

PC Staley on holiday. Cllr Collyer reported on behalf of PC Staley that their had been 20 offences in September, slightly up on previous months including two house burglaries where the properties had been ransacked. The ASBO had come into force on 27 Sept since when there have been no reports of anti-social behaviour plus the CCTV is now functional apart from some fine tuning.

Public – Mrs Hardy asked that action be taken on:-

Broken footpath sign at the stile into the park in KN- PC reply this has already been reported to SDDC Footpaths Officer once and to DCC on two occasions.

Damaged light at entrance to Trent Lane not working- PC reply this is repaired and working.

Cut back the greenery round the notice board in KN. PC Highways matter.

Smells near Hollywell Cottage. Cllr Smith to investigate.

Overhanging trees and hedges at Main Street-Clerk to write.

Lamp at Main Street overshadowed by lime tree to be reported.

Concerned over poor attendance at Police Meeting held at Leisure Centre on September 28.

SDDC matters - Cllr Carroll.

Housing stock option will be decided this week.

CPA report – an improvement panel has been set up to work on District Auditors recommendations.

Draft Community Strategy document for comment.

Old map proves there was a footpath to Wilson. Efforts will continue this path reinstated.

Reported to SDDC only half the lights in High Street car park are working.

SDDC have yet to carry out car park survey in rural areas as carried out in urban areas.

Concerned at lack of representation at Parish Liaison Meeting.

Highways to consider lamp in Jubilee Close obscured by tree covered in ivy.

SDDC and DCC matters - Cllr Harrison.

Jane Smith, Wendy Flint and Cllr Harrison had made strong representations to cabinet member for education Alan Charles and senior DCC officer for one hour at a meeting at Matlock on Sept 9 in a bid to save the swimming pool. As a result of the meeting a business plan had been submitted.

New improved signage has been installed at Cockshut Lane / Robinsons Hill junction

Tenants must come first in any decision over SDDC housing stock.
Hope that proposed ACF unit will be accommodated at the Leisure Centre.
Will take up with DCC Cllr Moores suggestion that a more modern design of gutter at the bottom of Dunnicliffs Lane to make wheelchair access safer.
Will continue to press for reinstated pavement to Wilson especially now used for wheelchair and pushchairs. Some temporary clearing has already taken place.
Ashby Road pavement has been reinstated.
Estate hedge at Station Road opposite Jawbone Lane needs cutting - refer to Highways.
Cllr Harrison appointed to DCC education improvement scrutiny committee.

170 Declarations of Interest – none.

171 Determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.

There were no items to be taken with the Public excluded.

172 The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2004 which had been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

173 Reports of the Committees for September 2004.

Burial approved.

Highways & Street Lighting approved.

Recreation & Amenities approved.

Leisure Centre approved.

174 Financial Matters – note receipts of £4928.74 and approve payments of £11386.96 for September 2004.

175 Chairmans Report – each member of the Council to have a copy of the draft SDDC Community Strategy for discussion at the Planning Meeting on 18 October.

176 Reports from representatives to outside organisations

Infants School - Cllr Smith reported Mrs Clerke will retire in February.

Crime and Disorder – Cllr Carroll reported it is hoped to link the website into the PC website.

Lothian Gardens- Cllr Moore reported no problems.

177 Clerks Report.

Agree to request by Sarah Clachan for site meeting concerning vehicular access to 31 Blanchcroft from High Street car park.

MBA have donated £1500 plus their own lights towards this years scheme.

DCC Young Achievers Awards- Kathy Worrall nominated by Cllr Collyer, forward nomination form to each of the schools.

178 Members items for report and consideration.

Where possible Members to put agenda items in writing to the Clerk prior to minutes being issued .Agreed to go round table as in the past for members views and comments.
Chairman empowered to refer items to committees or to next meeting as necessary.

179 Co-option of a new councillor- advertise in Press.

180 Web site – good progress being made. Clerk to obtain computer software and scanner in order to be able to distribute Minutes and documents on e@ mail. Site to include town map with places of interest marked.

181 Plans considered.

9 2004 1236NT erection of a 15 metre telecommunications monopole mast with 6 antennas, 4 dish antennas, radio equipment cabinets, electricity meter cabinet and ancillary development at Severn Trent compound Ashby Road. No objection.

9 2004 1242TC pruning of trees at 62 Ashby Road. No objection.

9 2004 1261F conversion of part of outbuilding into a dwelling at land at rear of 21 Alma Street. Concerned at number of vehicles using the proposed vehicular access on a dangerous corner.

PART 2 EXEMPT INFORMATION on pink paper- None