



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

MPC(15)M07

## Melton Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Melton Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 commencing at 19:00 in the Hall at Melton Primary School, Melton Road, Melton IP12 1PG.

### Present:

Cllr Mr A H Porter [Chairman] Cllr Mr J E Bale Cllr Miss E A Barrington Cllr Mrs M Bevilacqua Cllr Mr N Brown	Cllr Mr A G Corston Cllr Mr M Hearn Cllr Miss K S Martin Cllr Mrs A Stevens Cllr Mr C W Taylor Cllr Mr J West
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### Absent:

Cllr Mrs C V McBurney Cllr Mrs E J G Hilson	Cllr Mr M L Webb
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### In Attendance:

County Councillor Michael Bond District Councillor Jane Day PCSO Marie Smith	Mr W J Grosvenor <b>Clerk to Melton Parish Council</b> 7 Members of the public
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	<b>PART ONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<b>15.115</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence from Cllrs Hilson and McBurney were received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to consent to the absences. Apologies for absence were also received from District Councillor Bidwell. <b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr Porter <b>Seconded by:</b> Cllr Martin
<b>15.116</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
<b>15.116.01</b>	<b>To receive Amendments to the Register</b> There were no amendments to the Register.

15.116.02	<p><b>To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda.</p>
15.116.03	<p><b>To Receive Declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda.</p>
15.116.04	<p><b>To Consider Full / Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared</b></p> <p>It was noted that there had been no requests for dispensation for Pecuniary Interests declared.</p>
	<p><b><i>It was RESOLVED to lift Standing Orders</i></b>  <i>The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Michael Bond and District Councillor Jane Day to the meeting</i></p>
15.117	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b></p>
15.117.01	<p><b>To receive the Safer Neighbourhood Team Report</b></p> <p>Paper MPC(15)117.01 previously distributed was received and discussed. Whilst being sympathetic to the obvious resource difficulties being experienced by the Constabulary, Councillors expressed their frustration at not being able to readily access the crime figures for Melton. The letter from the Chief Constable (Item 15.117.02 below) makes it clear that local teams should continue to provide written reports on local crime issues until the Constabulary's new website goes live in 2016. Cllr Taylor to feed back the Parish Council's concerns at the next SNT meeting.</p> <p>At that point PCSO Marie Smith joined the meeting. She explained that crimes were now recorded under Wards, rather than Parishes. Therefore it was proving difficult to put together a coherent report for Parishes. The T/Chief Constable will be making an announcement in December 2015 about further financial savings. Therefore front line officers felt that for as long as they are still in post, they can better serve the community by being out on the streets rather than wrestling with paperwork.</p> <p>In response to questions, PCSO Smith confirmed that in terms of offences, there were no local trends that might be of concern to Melton. The Chairman thanked her for her contribution.</p>
15.117.02	<p><b>To consider an Open Letter from the T/Chief Constable of Suffolk</b></p> <p>Paper MPC(15)117.02 previously distributed was received and noted.</p>
15.117.03	<p><b>To receive Reports from the County and District Councillors</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr Bond reported that the Government is intending to reshape local government via devolution arrangements. A County Leaders Panel, including the Police and Crime Commissioner, put up preliminary ideas, and Government responded, saying that the way forward must include some sort of joint working with Norfolk. There are 15 Councils in Suffolk, and they have not yet expressed their views. It is thought that any submitted proposal will have to have the agreement of all Councils. We will have to wait and see.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Bond continues to receive complaints about bus services. He emphasised that SCC has no operational control over the bus operators. However notwithstanding that, the County Council pays £7.7m for concessionary travel subsidies, over £11m for mainstream school transport, and £9m for special educational needs school transport.</p>

On education he was pleased to report standards are improving. SCC is taking a strong line with underperforming / coasting schools.

On roads, the situation continues to be unsatisfactory. The contract with Kier MG is difficult to work in practice; the Council is looking into better ways of getting things done.

SCC is always looking for new foster parents.

In relation to Rendlesham, the remaining USAF buildings are to be demolished. Suffolk Coastal does not want them to be replaced with more housing.

In response to a question from Cllr Martin, Cllr Bond said that the report on Melton Road that he had commissioned was still outstanding.

Cllr Corston thanked Cllr Bond for his assistance with County Highways over the estimates for the Saddlemaker's Lane signage. He was pleased to report that Highways' estimates had been substantially reduced. In turn Cllr Bond commended the Parish Council for being persistent in pressing for and achieving cost reductions.

The Chairman of Melton Parish Council thanked Cllr Bond for attending and giving his report.

2. Cllr Day reported that the annual Budget Review Meeting for Parish / Town Councils would take place on 16 November at 18:30 in the SCDC Council Chamber. It was confirmed that Cllr Hearn and the Clerk would be attending.

She also added that Suffolk Coastal DC had made a £50k contribution towards building a business case for by-passing the four villages on the A12; i.e. Marlesford, Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham. SCC have put in £450k. It is intended that this investment will bring in between £45 and £105m government funding for the project.

3. In the absence of Cllr Bidwell for health reasons, the Clerk read the report supplied by him. Those items in the report not duplicated above may be summarised as follows:

- SCDC had maintained the Council Tax at the same level as 2010 notwithstanding dwindling government support
- Notwithstanding reduced subsidy from SCC, Suffolk Coastal intended to absorb the extra cost of the brown bin service
- Suffolk Coastal's recycling rate is 57.44%
- The partnership with Waveney DC has led to significant across the board savings
- There are proposals for a joint coastal management scheme including North Norfolk and Great Yarmouth
- There is a call for the identification of 3 short stay traveller's sites in Suffolk to address a shortfall. The idea is that they will be up and running by the end of 2016
- Re planning matters, consultation is running on site allocations and area specific policies and the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan until 27 November
- Funding is available from the capital and revenue grants programme – about £40k in each of those categories. Applications can be made until 4 December.

15.117.04	<p><b>To receive Village Matters raised by Members of the Public or Councillors</b></p> <p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melton Primary School was congratulated on its OFSTED result</li> <li>• Concern was expressed re parking on the grassed area adjacent to the village sign, and the need for signs or a barrier was expressed</li> <li>• Cllr Martin said that the Village Fete Committee needed more supporters to work under the chairmanship of Roger Brown if next year's fete was to be guaranteed</li> <li>• There was a discussion about litter picking. Whilst the consensus was that arranging a parish event was a good idea, there were obvious difficulties in getting something organised. Cllr Barrington observed that the Probation Service had undertaken litter clearance in Sutton Heath.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><i>It was RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders and to take Items 15.119.01, 15.119.02 and 15.124 next out of order on the Agenda</i></b></p>
15.119.01	<p><b>Planning and Transport Committee 16 September 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes PLA(15)M09 previously distributed were received and noted. Cllr Barrington reported no further developments in respect of the pre-application discussions re the Yarmouth Road site.</p>
15.119.02	<p><b>Planning and Transport Committee 21 October 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes PLA(15)M10 (Draft) previously distributed were received and noted.</p>
15.124	<p><b>TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b></p> <p>Cllr Barrington reported that, together with Cllrs Porter and Martin and Chris Bowden of Navigus, she would be having a meeting with Suffolk Coastal representatives Cllr Tony Fryatt and Philip Ridley on 30 November. The meeting would discuss both the Neighbourhood Plan, in particular firming up on site allocations, and how Melton / SCDC can work more closely together. A pre-meeting would finalise strategy. Meanwhile the Clerk would distribute the latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to all Members for information and comment.</p>
	<p><b><i>It was RESOLVED to revert to the order of the Agenda</i></b></p>
15.118	<p><b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2015</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Minutes MPC(15)M06 previously distributed, be received, noted and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.</p> <p><b><i>Proposed by:</i></b> Cllr Porter                      <b><i>Seconded by:</i></b> Cllr West</p>
15.119	<p><b>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES</b></p>
15.119.03	<p><b>Finance, Employment and Risk Management Committee 9 September 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes FRM(15)M06 previously distributed were received and noted.</p>
15.119.04	<p><b>Finance, Employment and Risk Management Committee 14 October 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes FRM(15)M07 (Draft) previously distributed were received and noted.</p>
15.119.05	<p><b>Recreation Committee 28 October 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes REC(15)M05 (Draft) previously distributed were received and noted. Cllr Martin explained that no spend on the s106 playspace monies</p>





<b>15.133</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>
<b>15.133.01</b>	<b>Burness Parish Rooms Management Committee</b> The Clerk reported a message from Mr Mike Kennedy saying that the next meeting of the BPR Management Committee will be on 26 November. An item on the Agenda is the proposed new village hall for Melton.
<b>15.133.02</b>	<b>Deben Estuary Partnership</b> Nothing to report.
<b>15.133.03</b>	<b>Melton Trust</b> Mr Tony Thompson had provided a note to the Clerk with an update as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revd Paul Hambling has joined as an <i>ex officio</i> Trustee</li> <li>• Mark Girling has been appointed a Trustee – the Trust now has direct links to the Church, School and the Parish Council</li> <li>• The Trust has supported the School’s voucher scheme to provide support to disadvantaged pupils</li> <li>• The Christmas grants list is being prepared and the Trust anticipates issuing around 125 grants</li> <li>• The marketing of the Trust has been reviewed with a view to increasing the number of grants made; further news on this to follow.</li> </ul>
<b>15.133.04</b>	<b>East Suffolk Rail Partnership</b> Paper MPC(15)133.04 submitted by Mr Geof Butterwick and previously distributed was received and noted. The clerk gave an oral update on the meeting of the CRP Line Group South which was held on 10 November. Mr Butterwick reported that it was well attended, the new Officer is in place, and meetings are now scheduled to take place regularly before each CRP Board meeting. The next will take place on 12 January 2016.
<b>15.133.05</b>	<b>Melton Primary School</b> Cllr Martin reported on the “Good” rating achieved in the recent OFSTED inspection. A 3 year plan will be put in place to get it to “Outstanding”. Cllr Martin referred to the appointment of Mark Girling to the Melton Trust and the Trust’s support for the school. Also the new bicycle sheds will be opening soon.
<b>15.133.06</b>	<b>Melton Messenger</b> Copy for the December issue has been drafted. It was suggested that the issue of grit bins could usefully be aired again and will be included.
<b>15.133.07</b>	<b>SNT Tasking Group</b> Cllr Taylor reported on the current priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antisocial behaviour and concerns re drug use / dealing I Wickham Market</li> <li>• Patrol and engagement in rural areas and villages to reduce opportunity for rural crime</li> <li>• To reduce the opportunity of crime and increase safety to those considered vulnerable groups in the community through engagement and promotional activities.</li> </ul>
<b>15.133.08</b>	<b>Sizewell C and EDF Community Forum</b> Cllr Porter reported the signing of a strategic investment agreement re Hinkley Point. Heads of Terms agreements have also been signed for the joint development with China General Nuclear Power Corporation of new stations at both Sizewell and Bradwell. On Sizewell C, initial proposals

	were published in 2012 and the first round of consultation with local communities has taken place.
<b>15.133.09</b>	<b>Suffolk Association of Local Councils</b> The next SALC meeting will take place at the Riverside Centre on 7 December at 7pm.
<b>15.134</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE MELTON MESSENGER</b> Please see Minute 15.133.06 above.
<b>15.135</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman reported his successful completion of the SALC Leadership Skills course.</li> <li>• Cllrs Stevens, Hearn, McBurney and Bevilacqua are enrolled on a two day Councillor training course starting this month.</li> <li>• <b>AGREED</b> to look at another bespoke training session for Melton PC in 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>15.136</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</b> The next meeting of Full Council will take place on Wednesday 13 January 2016 commencing at 19:00 in the Hall at Melton Primary School. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20.