



PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee on Monday 27th February 2012 commencing at 1900 in the Lindos Centre Conference Room 4 Saddlemakers Lane Melton IP12 1PP

Present:

Mr J Bale	Cllr Mrs EJM Hilson
Cllr Mr GK Butterwick [Chairman]	Cllr Mr ML Webb
Cllr Mr AG Corston	

Absent:

Cllr Mr MW Sherwen

In Attendance:

Mr D Steptoe	Resident
Mr MJ Green	Clerk to Melton Parish Council

The Chairman warmly welcomed Mr David Steptoe to the meeting and thanked him for offering to help with the Traffic and Transport Strategy Project.

12.15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

12.15.01 Cllr Mr MW Sherwen – working late
Council considered this apology and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apology and consent to the absence.
Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Corston.

12.16 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE REGISTER
There were no declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda and no additions to the register

12.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

12.17.01 To receive representations from Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest
There were no representations from councillors as none had declared a prejudicial interest.

12.17.02 To receive representations from members of the public in respect of items on the agenda only
There were no representations from members of the public in respect of items on the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** to lift standing orders.

- 12.18 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS**
Mr Steptoe, a former highways engineer with Staffordshire County Council, offered to help in any way he could with highways matters under consideration by Melton Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee. He had responded to the article in the Melton Messenger seeking volunteers to help with the Traffic and Transport Strategy. Mr Steptoe suggested a number of possibilities that the working group might consider based on his experience in Staffordshire which was not dissimilar to Suffolk in its rural nature. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Steptoe to the Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group.
Cllr Corston reported that he would be convening a meeting [either by email or face-to-face] of the working group shortly that would consider these and other suggestions to which Mr Steptoe would be invited.

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

12.19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

12.19.01 Meeting held on 30TH January 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that minutes PLA(12)M01 previously circulated be received, noted and signed as correct record by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Corston.

12.20 TO REVIEW NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

12.20.01 C12/0171/FUL – Council Offices Melton Hill Melton IP12 1AU

Application for new external ramp to existing entrance door. Installation of new concrete base and shed.

Copy of application previously circulated.

Extension of consultation period until after Planning and Transport Committee meeting on 27th February 2012 requested.

It was **RESOLVED** not to object to the application as Melton Planning Committee considers the application to be in line with the saved policies from the SCDC Local Plan and the LDF Core Strategy and Development Management Interim Planning Policies; it has not received any objections from residents and has confirmed this with the documentation on the SCDC Planning Application Website.

Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Corston.

12.21 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATION NOTICES RECEIVED

12.21.01 C11/2577/FUL – Felbrigg Cottage Hackney Road Melton IP12 1NW

Copy of 'Permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.

12.22 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE

It was reported that some changes to the First Suffolk/Norfolk Bus Services would come into force on 1st April 2012. From 5th February the Greater Anglia Company was now providing the train services and in addition to increasing staff levels by engaging 60+ Safer Travel Officers were also undertaking a deep clean of all the rolling stock.

12.23 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Paper PLA(12)P23 previously circulated was received and noted.

12.24 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON LDF – PRE SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Paper PLA(12)P24 previously circulated was received and noted.

The Chairman summarised the results of his investigation and his proposed on-line response.

Whilst a number of comments made previously by Melton Parish Council had been considered very few had resulted in changes to the LDF. In particular a number of concerns still remain with strategic policies SP2 [Housing Numbers], SP5 [Employment Land], SP10 & SP11 [Transport & Accessibility] and SP20 [Area East of Ipswich]; there had also been no mention of the impact on the A1152 of continued growth in housing and employment. Affordable Housing appeared to have been omitted altogether. There

remained concerns about several development policies in particular DM6 & 7 [Residential Annexes, infilling and Backland development], DM30 [Key Facilities] and the omission of earlier policies on the Retention of Small Dwellings, Airfields, Shopfronts and Advertisements.

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman be delegated to submit the online responses to the pre-submission consultation by the agreed deadline in line with paper PLA(12)P24 and the oral report to committee.

Proposed by: Cllr Corston

Seconded by: Cllr Hilson.

The meeting wished to record their warm and heartfelt thanks to the Chairman for all his hard work in preparing a response to the consultation.

12.25 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Chairman reported that he and the Chairman of Council would be attending an all-day seminar jointly organised by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and the Suffolk Preservation Society at Kesgrave on Saturday 3rd March. He also drew to the attention of the committee the following SALC/SPS training sessions on Neighbourhood Planning:

12 March 2012	Event 1	Newmarket sports pavilion
14 March 2012	Event 2	Stratford St Andrew, Riverside Centre
20 March 2012	Event 3	Lavenham village hall
21 March 2012	Event 4	Claydon, SALC office
28 March 2012	Event 5	Bungay Fisher Theatre
29 March 2012	event 6	Stanton Village Hall

12.26 TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING GROUP

The committee noted that an encouraging response had been received by the land owner to the possible use of land in Melton for Affordable Housing. This would now be progressed with Suffolk ACRE and the Working Group.

12.27 TO CONSIDER TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

12.27.01 C10/00080/TCA Melton Lodge

The meeting noted that the oak tree that had recently fallen on Tollgate Cottage had been scheduled for felling as part of the more extensive tree work at Melton Lodge approved in 2010 under Conservation Area Notice C10/00080/TCA

12.28 PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

12.28.01 Council for Protection of Rural England

The Chairman reported that in a recent newsletter Suffolk was at the top end of those counties 'Most at Risk' from inappropriate development.

12.28.02 Asbestos at CEL Site

It had been reported that following a recent fire the asbestos clad building had been damaged and the matter referred by a resident to SCDC Environment Health. The Clerk will follow up if no response received by 5th March.

12.28.03 House Boat Constance

The Chairman reported that he was due to have a meeting shortly with Cllrs Bond and Sayles regarding the SCDC House Boat Policy.

12.28.04 Scrutiny Committee Report on SCDC Planning Function

The Clerk was asked to investigate whether there had been any further response to the comments submitted to the committee.

12.28.05 Boat Constance

It was noted that a resident had submitted a request to SCDC Planning for information regarding the development of the large wooden structure on Boat Constance as this appeared totally out of character with the surrounding environment.

12.28.06 Traffic & Transport Strategy Working Group

It was agreed to add this as a regular agenda item for future Planning and Transport Committee meetings

12.29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 26th March 2012 at 1900 in the Lindos Centre Conference Room 4.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040

Signed: _____ Date: _____
[Chairman]