

6. Action Plan:-

Building on the “top thirty” issues identified in Chapter 3 and the “twenty key objectives” identified in Chapter 5, a programme of recommended actions, and their relative priority, was the main business of the Public Meeting held on 27th October 2005. Following comments received on the Consultation Draft Village Plan, several changes were made and the following “forty recommended actions” form the Action Plan to implement the first Melton Village Plan.

For some of these, it will be for Melton Parish Council to take action, but the majority will fall to the larger councils and public authorities to implement as part of their on-going delivery of public services.

The Action Plan is the heart of the Village Plan, a blueprint for the next five years. **See chapter 7 for how YOU can get involved!**

<i>Action No.</i>	<i>Recommended Action</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>By When</i>
6.1	General		
6.1.1	Address the lack of sense of “village identity” by implementing the majority of the actions proposed in this Village Plan.	All Stakeholders	March 2011
6.1.2	As part of a strategy to manage street “Clutter” more effectively, to move existing and/or install additional “Welcome to Melton” signs so as to be clearly visible to drivers entering the parish on <i>all</i> routes.	SCC, in consultation with MPC	2006
6.2	Employment		
6.2.1	Encourage the retention of the availability of local jobs and employment opportunities by:- a) adopting a policy of “buy locally”; b) ensuring the retention of existing employment sites (see <i>also</i> 6.3.1 below).	a) Everyone! b) SCDC	a) ongoing b) 2006
6.2.2	Investigate means of putting those employers willing to provide vocational training in touch with those requiring it.	JobCentre & BusinessLink	2006
6.3	Business & Economic Development		
6.3.1	Encourage the retention and, if necessary, expansion of the availability of sites within Melton currently zoned for employment use or small-scale business development in the forthcoming Local Development Framework.	SCDC	2006
6.3.2	Establish effective dialog with the responsible authorities at the new Hawker Barracks (MOD Woodbridge) with a view to developing mutual economic and social benefits.	MPC & CO: Hawker Barracks	During 2006
6.4	Traffic & Transport		
6.4.1	Secure safe pedestrian crossing of busy roads, as follows:- a) Wilford Bridge Road (A1152) for access to / from railway station; b) Woods Lane (A1152) at junction with bridleway 20 (Gypsy Lane) (see <i>also</i> 6.4.3d); c) Melton Road (B1438) near Playing Field (see <i>also</i> 6.4.7d).	SCC	1 site by Mar 2007; All sites by Mar 2009
6.4.2	Secure provision of better / wider pavements, as follows:- a) The Street & Yarmouth Road (B1438) along north side from Saddlemakers Lane junction to opposite Tower End House & along south side from Burness Parish Rooms to crossroads (A1152 junction); b) along the whole length of Pytches Road (on one side only), including remodelling junction with Bredfield Road & North Hill; c) Station Road, on both sides from junction with St. Andrews Place to junction with B1438.	SCC	1 site by March 2007; All sites by Mar. 2011

6.4.3	Secure provision of cycle paths / tracks, as follows:- a) along Melton Road / Melton Hill (B1438) (<i>see also</i> 6.4.7d); b) along west side of Bredfield Road from junction with Gypsy Lane (BR20) to junction with Woods Lane (A1152) and thence to new cycle track along A12; c) along the River Walk (footpaths9, 17 & 23).; d) along north side of Woods Lane (A1152) between B1438 crossroads and Gypsy Lane (bridleway20) (<i>see also</i> 6.4.1b).	SCC	1 site by March 2007; All sites by Mar. 2011
6.4.4	Secure improvements to bus services as follows:- a) more frequent bus services' b) timetables at more bus stops; c) more reliable bus services; d) more buses accessible to wheelchairs & buggies.	SCC & Bus Operators	by Mar 2007
6.4.5	Secure improvements to train services as follows:- a) more frequent train service; b) more reliable train services; c) better availability of train timetables; d) more trains accessible to wheelchairs & buggies.	SCC & Train Operators	a) by Mar 2010; b) c) & d) by Dec 2006
6.4.6	Secure improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers on Melton's roads as follows:- a) reduce vehicle/vehicle & vehicle/pedestrian conflict on Pytches Road (<i>see also</i> 6.4.2b); b) provide adequate space, not only for turning vehicular traffic but also for pedestrian movements, at Melton Crossroads (A1152/B1438); c) review layout of Woods Lane / Bredfield Road junction to give cyclists & drivers exiting the minor road a reasonable chance of so doing.	SCC	1 site by Dec 2006, all 3 sites by March 2008
6.4.7	Secure better parking provision as follows:- a) off-street in the village centre; b) dedicated bay(s) on-street in the village centre; c) off-street at railway station; d) along Melton Road, by provision of "build outs" (<i>see also</i> 6.4.1c & 6.4.3a).	a), b) & d) SCC c) SCC in partnership with the rail industry	2 sites by Mar 2007; all 4 sites by March 2009
6.4.8	Secure improved road safety and an orderly flow of traffic by:- a) a review of speed limits to ensure they take account of needs of pedestrians as well as drivers; b) Secure better enforcement of speed limits.	a) SCC b) Police	a) March 2007 b) Ongoing
6.4.9	Secure improved ambience to historic village centre, as follows:- a) implement a 7.5t weight restriction (except for buses & access) to Station Road, The Street & Saddlemakers Lane / New Road; b) reduce traffic at the crossroads by promoting on-line improvement of B1069, C337 & B1078 as a second means of access to / egress from Rendlesham and the peninsula.	SCC	a) by March 2007; b) by March 2011
6.5	Education		
6.5.1	Ensure facilities of local schools are made more affordably available for use by the local community, particularly for adult evening classes.	LEA & Head-teachers	by Dec. 2006

6.6	Housing		
6.6.1	Ensure Local Development Framework prohibits future housing development, not only in <i>all</i> areas currently covered by Local Plan Policies AP28 & AP212, but also at the following sites (some of which are thus covered):- a) Playing Field / Burkes Wood / Leeks Hill Woods; b) “greenfield /green belt sites”; c) “anywhere close to the River Deben or its natural floodplain”; d) “any wooded areas”; e) any existing designated the Public Open Spaces.	SCDC	by Dec 2006
6.6.2	Ensure any future housing development is designed to meet the demand for more homes for young people and small families; and limit the provision of further large “family / executive” homes, by means of Local Development Framework policies.	SCDC	by Dec 2006
6.6.3	Secure provision to meet demand for Affordable Housing <i>within</i> Melton by means of “Exception Sites” where appropriate. NB Great majority shown to have no objection in principle to a development which might help meet the housing needs of local people.	SCDC, MPC & Housing Associations	Sites identified by March 2007
6.6.4	Secure the provision of appropriate residential accommodation within Melton for people whose age or infirmity means they are unable to take adequate care of themselves in their existing homes.	SCC, MPC	Site(s) identified by March 2007
6.6.5	Ensure that meeting needs for future housing development by converting sites of redundant industrial buildings does not result in loss of future employment sites, by means of Local Development Framework policies.	SCDC	by Dec 2006
6.7	Health & Emergency Services		
6.7.1	Secure provision of sufficient capacity in NHS dental service in Melton / Woodbridge area.	NHS Suffolk East PCT	by March 2007
6.7.2	Ensure retention of Community Police officer(s) in Melton.	Police	Ongoing
6.8	Other Public Services & Utilities		
6.8.1	Investigate viability of providing mains gas supply to those developments within Areas 2, 3 & 7 currently without it.	BG / Transco	by March 2008
6.9	Community & Community Safety		
6.9.1	Investigate ways of including young people more into community life, and encourage action to implement them.	All	Ongoing
6.9.2	Investigate opportunities presented by government reviews of legislation to tackle:- a) dog fouling and associated issues; b) anti-social behaviour.	MPC, SCDC & Police	by March 2007
6.10	Shopping		
6.10.1	Work to identify scope for the (re)introduction of retail services into Melton, as follows:- a) post office; b) cash dispenser machine; c) greengrocer.	MPC & Local retailers	by March 2007
6.11	Sport & Recreation		
6.11.1	Work to improve facilities for formal and informal sport and recreational activities, for all age groups, at the Playing Field on Melton Road.	MPC	by Dec. 2006

6.11.2	Work to identify scope for introduction of local classes / activities in the following:- a) Keep Fit; b) Yoga; c) Badminton; d) Tennis.	MPC & Potential Service providers	i) identify scope by Dec. 2006; ii) introduce at least 2 activities by Mar. 2008
6.11.3	Work to identify scope for introduction of the following activities for young people (11-17) within Melton:- a) sports activities; b) music events; c) skateboard park; d) <i>informal</i> youth club; e) drama events; f) BMX track.	SCC Youth Service, MPC & Potential Service providers.	i) identify scope by Dec. 2006; ii) introduce at least 2 activities by Mar. 2008
6.12	Social Activities, Entertainment		
6.12.1	Work to identify scope for introduction of improved / more inclusive local social facilities aimed at all age groups, as follows:- a) children & young people (11-17); b) young adults (17-25); c) adults (26-64); d) those over 65.	SCC Youth Service, MPC & Potential Service providers.	i) identify scope by Dec. 2006; ii) introduce at least 2 activities by Mar. 2008
6.12.2	Work to identify scope for (re)introduction of the following local clubs or societies:- a) rambling club; b) gardening club; c) University of the Third Age; d) arts club; e) senior citizens' club; f) Women's' Institute / Townswomen's' Guild.	MPC & Potential Service providers.	i) identify scope by Dec. 2006; ii) introduce at least 2 activities by Mar. 2008
6.13	Communication & Local Government		
6.13.1	Investigate ways of improving distribution of "free" newspapers to cover the <i>whole</i> of Melton.	Publishers & Distributors	by Dec 2006
6.13.2	Investigate ways of providing young people with more information about what's going on in Melton.	MPC	by Dec 2006
6.13.3	Work with those volunteers who have already identified themselves to commence production and distribution of a "Melton Newsletter".	MPC	by Dec 2006
6.13.4	Identify means of improving the openness of the way the Parish Council works and publicises its activities.	MPC	by Dec 2006
6.13.5	Consider introduction of a higher <i>parish</i> council tax to help fund provision of improved local services.	MPC	by Dec 2006
6.14	Environment		
6.14.1	Facilitate the maintenance / creation of more circular walks by providing input to forthcoming Rights of Way Improvement Plan, particularly by provision of new statutory or permissive rights of way at the following locations. Those marked # are existing tracks. a) linking FP6 & FP7 (River Wall) [using existing railway level crossing] #; b) linking FP7 (River Wall) with Ufford Bridge – Bromeswell footpath;	SCC & Landowners	At least 5 by March 2008; at least 9 by March 2011

	<p>c) linking FP5 (Jews Lane) with Old Church Road [using part of Ufford Park jogging track to avoid B1438] #;</p> <p>d) linking Fayrefield Road with FP17 (River Wall) [would require new railway crossing];</p> <p>e) linking New Quay Lane with FP17 (River Wall) [using existing railway level crossing] #;</p> <p>f) linking Old Maltings Approach with FP17 (River Wall) [using existing railway level crossing] #;</p> <p>g) linking Saxon Way (near Melton Grange Rd junc) with NW end of Pytches Road #;</p> <p>h) linking Leeks Hill with Fernhill Close #;</p> <p>i) linking FP19 (near S end of Turnpike Lane) with Saxon Way #;</p> <p>j) other existing paths & tracks within Burkes Wood / Melton Woods #;</p> <p>k) continuing BR24 (Witchpit Lane) to junction with A12 #.</p>	d) would involve Network Rail	
6.14.2	<p>Promote keeping village tidy by the following means:-</p> <p>a) providing more litter bins;</p> <p>b) entering the Best Kept Village Competition;</p> <p>c) paying for a road-sweeper.</p>	MPC	by March 2007
6.14.3	<p>Facilitate the recycling of a higher proportion of domestic waste by:-</p> <p>a) including a plastic recycling facility at a central location in Melton;</p> <p>b) providing a kerbside collection service for glass & plastic.</p>	SCDC	<p>a) by Mar 2007</p> <p>b) by Mar 2009</p>
6.14.4	<p>Secure improved ambience to historic village centre by implementing measures identified at 6.4.1(a) and 6.4.8 above, plus:-</p> <p>a) Putting electricity cables underground;</p> <p>b) Providing interpretation boards at key locations.</p>	<p>a) SCC & Electricity Company</p> <p>b) MPC</p>	<p>a) by Mar 2011;</p> <p>b) by Mar 2007</p>
6.14.5	<p>Recognise the importance of features of the natural & built environment by providing Interpretation Boards where appropriate and protecting them from inappropriate development:-</p> <p>a) River & Riverside Walks;</p> <p>b) Woods;</p> <p>c) Meadows and green fields;</p> <p>d) Hedgerows;</p> <p>e) Open Spaces in Built-up Areas;</p> <p>f) Ponds;</p> <p>g) Old Buildings in Conservation Area;</p> <p>h) Ditches & Streams;</p> <p>i) The old village pumps / milestones;</p> <p>j) Traditional farm buildings;</p> <p>k) Other Old Buildings;</p> <p>l) The old turnpike road.</p>	MPC, SCC & SCDC	Ongoing

Code:- BG = British Gas
MPC = Melton Parish Council
PCT = NHS Primary Care Trust
SCDC = Suffolk Coastal District Council

LEA = Local Education Authority
Police = Suffolk Constabulary
SCC = Suffolk County Council