



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Melton held on Wednesday 24 April 2019 commencing at 19:30 at the Burness Parish Rooms, 38 The Street, Melton IP12 1PW

Cllr Alan Porter, the Chairman of Melton Parish Council was in the Chair, and the meeting was attended by 32 Electors including 7 Parish Councillors.

The following were in attendance:

County Councillor Mr A Nicoll	Mr W Grosvenor, Clerk to Melton Parish Council
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19.01	INTRODUCTION – CHAIRMAN MELTON PARISH COUNCIL The Chairman of Melton Parish Council, Cllr Alan Porter, warmly welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting.
19.02	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from the following: Cllr Barrington Cllr Brown Cllr Corston Cllr Groom District Councillor Jim Bidwell Headteacher, Melton Primary School
19.03	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 2 May 2018 Copies of the minutes are available on the Parish Council website at: www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk
19.04	REPORT ON THE WORK OF MELTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019 The Chairman gave his Annual Report which is available in full on the Parish Council website at: www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk At the start of his report, The Chairman announced that the 2019 Melton Annual Award is being made to Mr Colin Birkbeck, for his continuing commitment to making the Burness Parish Rooms such a successful community venue for the village, and made a presentation of a certificate and gift which were graciously received by Mr Birkbeck.

<p>19.05</p>	<p>REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>Cllr Nicoll focused on highways and development matters. The volume of traffic now affecting Melton is primarily because of unsustainable developments. New roads are not necessarily the answer. In terms of Sizewell C, EDF has failed to address legitimate local concerns and the project should not go forward without adequate compensation for the local area. Such a large infrastructure project should not be built in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Unfortunately the benefit of learning from Hinckley Point works against the interests of Suffolk; e.g. the jetty at Hinckley was delivered late and over cost, so EDF are unwilling to repeat that experience here to provide seaborne connectivity.</p> <p>The current surface problems being experienced with Woods Lane cannot be dealt with until the new sewer has fully settled. Suffolk County Council now has a new Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure and Cllr Nicoll suggested that Melton PC should invite him to a meeting. Also The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, Cllr Evans, has recently held a constructive meeting with Ufford residents, and Cllr Nicoll will be pleased to arrange for her to come to Melton.</p>
<p>19.06</p>	<p>REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Bidwell, his summary report was read to the meeting by the Clerk to the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melton will from the May election become a one person Ward and Cllr Bidwell will be standing again. • East Suffolk Council is operating as a Shadow Authority until after the election when the positions of responsibility will be taken up by the new Councillors. • So far Suffolk Coastal DC has collected some £4.5m in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from developers, of which 15% goes to the relevant town / parish council (25% where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place). • £2.1m worth of District CIL has been expended so far to facilitate growth / infrastructure projects.
<p>19.07</p>	<p>REPORT FROM HEADTEACHER, MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>In the absence of the Headteacher, his report was presented by a School Governor.</p> <p>The report summarised the Headteacher's background and immediate experience before coming to Melton last year. In it he emphasised that he wishes to build on the progress made by his predecessor in terms of the profile and reputation of the school, and in terms of its role in the wider community.</p> <p>The school is in a state of transition, working to both raise attainment across the board, and at the same time improve the school environment to support a growing pupil roll (now approximately 180).</p> <p>There is a desire for the school to become a more utilised resource for the local community – in the evenings and at weekends.</p> <p>One of the biggest challenges at the moment is funding and recruitment. Applications for teaching jobs are down, with the result that it is harder to replace teachers of good quality. As with other public sector organisations, education suffers from reduced spending and rising costs. In 2019/20, the school will be operating with a deficit budget relying on reserves, and unless funding increases, staff reductions will be necessary. Melton Primary School is also in need of major capital investment – estimated at about £500k.</p>

	<p>However overall the report is nevertheless positive about the future. The school has a positive ethos, is child centred and will be redesigning the curriculum to meet the needs of children in 2020. The school has dedicated staff, there is a pro-active Governing Body and supportive parents.</p>
19.08	REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
19.08.01	<p>Report from the Melton Trust The report from the Chair of the Trust is available in full on the Parish Council website at: www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk</p> <p>Cllr Martin (a Trustee) presented the report and emphasised the importance of both the Trust's existence and its work being known as widely as possible in the Parish.</p>
19.08.02	<p>Report from Melton Women's Institute In a brief report it was stated that the Melton WI has had its 5th birthday in January 2019, and has proved to be so popular that it has had to cap membership and start a waiting list. There are numerous groups undertaking various activities.</p>
19.08.03	<p>Report from Melton Heritage Group <i>[Background: Melton Heritage Group (MHG) is a working partnership between St Andrews Church, Melton Old Church Society, Melton Parish Council, Melton Primary School and Melton WI. Its purpose, under the title of "Behind the Name", is to steer a community project researching the names on the WWI war memorial and create a full Roll of Honour which includes details of all who served with "the colours", together with names of men and women who worked on the Home Front.]</i> A grant of £10k from the Heritage Lottery Fund was received in 2017 to carry out research into "Behind the Name" and publish the results. An exhibition was staged at the Burness Parish Rooms over the weekend of 11 November 2018 showing material from the research. It is hoped to publish the book in late 2019. Some funding has been used to help with the construction of the "Beacon of Light", the focal point for the commemoration of the 1918 armistice in November. That event was a success – with around 500 people attending. MHG is also pleased that the street names for the new development off Woods Lane are drawn from Melton residents who served in WWI.</p>
19.08.04	<p>Report on Melton Village Fete Last year's fete was a great success – in terms of weather, helpers, sponsors and visitors. It enabled the Parish Council to distribute £265 to the school, the church and the Burness Parish Rooms. This year's fete will be on 29 June, starting at 11am. Helpers to be on site at 7am. Bookings are already underway and sponsorship (including funding from Cllr Nicoll) has either been received or promised. A gas barbeque is required – if anyone has one that they are prepared to lend?</p>
19.08.05	<p>Tree Warden's report The Melton Tree Warden introduced himself and explained what a Tree Warden does. He aims to spend approximately a half day a week on his duties. In spring 2019 he has, with volunteers, planted over 100 small trees on the woodland side of the drainage ditch on the west side of the lower field. He also hopes to involve the local cub scouts in tree planting. Most of his</p>

	<p>stock is acquired free of charge from the Woodland Trust. In the summer he will accompany the Council's Arboriculturalist in her tree safety inspection. He suggested that a tree rehoming scheme might work via the <i>Melton Messenger</i>. He will be pleased to hear from any potential volunteers or about sites where planting would be appropriate and beneficial (with the landowner's permission).</p>
19.09	<p>SHORT PRESENTATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT SUTTON HOO</p> <p>The manager of the National Trust site at Sutton Hoo gave a short, illustrated presentation about recent planned improvements at Sutton Hoo. This was well received, followed by a short question and answer session, after which the Chairman thanked the presenter and invited all present to enjoy some refreshments.</p>
	<p><i>A break followed for refreshments</i></p>
19.10	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>On the resumption of the meeting, there was a short open forum on a variety of topics of current interest; in particular the following were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and discussion about the setting up of a "Good Neighbour" scheme and the possibility of such a scheme being able to link into the resources of the Melton Trust. • The proposal for Melton Parish Council to take ownership of the land in front of Winifred Fison House – in response to a question, assurances were given that any improvements will still facilitate parking. • Questions were asked about the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy funds that Melton has received and will receive in the future. This information was provided, together with an explanation on how Melton will approach spending decisions. • The Melton Neighbourhood Plan – this was made in January 2018 and is now part of the District Council Local Plan for purposes of guiding development in the Parish. It will need to be refreshed following the adoption of the new East Suffolk District Plan. <p>The Chairman, Cllr Porter, thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21:25.</p>