



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Melton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Melton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 commencing at 19:30 at the Burness Parish Rooms, The Street, Melton IP12 1PW.

Present:

Cllr Mrs B Abbott Cllr Mr J E Bale Cllr Miss E A Barrington Cllr Mr N Brown Cllr Mr A G Corston Cllr Mrs C Gradwell	Cllr Mrs E J G Hilson Cllr Miss K S Martin Cllr Mr A H Porter (Chairman) Cllr Mr C W Taylor Cllr Mr M L Webb Cllr Mr J West
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Absent:

Cllr Mr M Holmes	
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In Attendance:

Prospective Cllr Mr S Ellis Mr W J Grosvenor Clerk to Melton Parish Council	District Councillor Mr J Bidwell One member of the public
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	PART ONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
18.01	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Holmes. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Alexander Nicoll.
18.02	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
18.02.01	To receive Amendments to the Register There were no amendments to the Register.
18.02.02	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda.
18.02.03	To receive Declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda There were no declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda.

18.02.04	<p>To Consider Full / Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared</p> <p>It was noted that there had been no requests for dispensation for Pecuniary Interests declared.</p>
18.03	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</p>
18.03.01	<p>To receive the reports from County and District Councillors <i>To receive a report from County Councillor Alexander Nicoll</i></p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Nicoll, the Clerk passed on his request that his December 2017 Parish Newsletter, previously distributed to Councillors, be accepted as his report. Additionally the Clerk referred to Cllr Nicoll's email relating to a meeting that morning on Woods Lane closure issues which was also distributed prior to the meeting. It was AGREED TO NOTE the information received from Cllr Nicoll.</p> <p><i>To receive a report from District Councillor Jim Bidwell</i></p> <p>Cllr Bidwell gave a brief report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking problems in central Woodbridge are being addressed. Consultation will end in April for Suffolk Coastal DC to take over parking regulation from 2019. • Warm Homes grants are available from a £4.3m pot to give heating assistance to qualifying residents. • The local Council Tax reduction scheme is under review. • Consultation on the merger between Suffolk Coastal DC and Waveney DC ended two days ago and the proposal is now with the Secretary of State. • From April 2018 the charge for garden waste collection (the brown bin scheme) will be £43.00. Cllr Corston asked Cllr Bidwell what analysis has been done in terms of the savings that will be made. Cllr Bidwell asked for the question to be put to him by email and he will follow up. On the same principle, Cllr Barrington asked how the District Council can justify spending £10k on a work of art to display in the Council offices. Again Cllr Bidwell requested that the matter be put to him via email, and he will seek a response from the appropriate officer. • Fly tipping is expected to increase; fines will be imposed.
18.03.02	<p>To receive village matters raised by Members of the Public or Councillors</p> <p>In response to an invitation to speak from the Chairman, the member of the public present indicated that he just wished to observe the meeting and had no specific questions to ask.</p> <p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hilson reported that one of the laybys in Orchard Close is in a poor state. • Cllr Abbott wished to thank all concerned for the improvements carried out to the amenity land around the village sign (the provision of the oak posts to prevent illegal parking). It would be good if improvements could be undertaken to the parking / amenity area in front of Winifred Fison House. On this the Clerk reported that he was still trying to have discussions with appropriate staff at the District Council which owned the land. • Concerns were expressed by several Councillors about the inadequate and late response by Suffolk Highways and its contractor in respect of the Woods Lane closure arrangements, and in particular the protections for Saddlemaker's Lane. Although the working hours

18.12	REPORT ON HANDYPERSON ACTIVITIES There has been a problem with flooding during recent wet weather on the concrete apron in front of the Pavilion. Phil has attempted to clear the soakaways but with only limited success. The problem will be monitored, and reviewed after the drainage works have been completed. Phil continues to carry out his regular inspection and cleansing duties; however since Christmas there has been an increase in litter – particularly in the form of empty alcohol bottles.
18.13	COUNCILLOR TRAINING Cllr Corston reported back on his attendance at the recent Finance for Councillors training session at the SALC offices. He flagged up the complexity of the VAT position regarding village halls, and this will need to be further investigated as part of any village hall development plan.
18.14	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES
18.14.01	Burness Parish Rooms Management Committee Nothing to report.
18.14.02	Melton Trust Cllr West reported that he was unable to attend the last meeting of Trustees but substantial grants were made prior to Christmas. The date of the next meeting is awaited.
18.14.03	East Suffolk Rail Partnership Paper PLA(17)198 previously distributed was received and NOTED .
18.14.04	Melton Primary School Cllr Martin reported that Headteacher Mark Girling and his wife Vanessa have just celebrated the birth of a baby boy. Last year's SATS results were disappointing; whilst the school is very inclusive in its approach to taking pupils of all aptitudes, the number of underachieving pupils is causing concern.
18.14.05	Melton Messenger The next issue of the <i>Melton Messenger</i> will include an advertisement for a new volunteer Tree Warden. Deadline for copy is 12 January.
18.14.06	SNT Tasking Group Nothing to report.
18.14.07	Sizewell C and EDF Community Forum Cllr Porter reported that the park and ride facility is certainly to be located at Wickham Market.
18.14.08	Suffolk Association of Local Councils Cllr Porter reported that the meeting on 11 December 2017 was cancelled due to bad weather. A new date is awaited.
18.15	TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE MELTON MESSENGER In addition to the advertisement for a new Tree Warden (see Minute 18.14.05 above) any additional contributions need to be with Cllr Porter before the deadline of 12 January 2018
18.16	CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS The Clerk reported an invitation from SALC to put forward the name of a past Chairman of the Parish Council to be put into a draw for an invitation to a Royal Garden Party on 31 May 2018. SALC has been allocated 3 invitations. It was AGREED to put forward Cllr Abbott for inclusion in the draw.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Full Council will take place on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at the Burness Parish Rooms, The Street, Melton IP12 1PW, commencing at 19:30.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35.