

# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLA(21)M02

## Planning and Transport Committee

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Melton Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 via Zoom commencing at 19:00.

### Present:

Cllr Mrs B Abbott	Cllr Mr M Holmes
Cllr Mr N Brown (in the Chair)	Cllr Ms J Hosking
Cllr Mrs D Darby	Cllr Mr P James
Cllr Mrs C Gradwell	Cllr Mr A Porter
Cllr Mrs E J G Hilson	

### Absent:

There were no absences	

### In Attendance:

Melton Parish Council Footpaths Advocate	4 members of the public
Mr W J Grosvenor Clerk and Executive Officer to Melton Parish Council	
Mrs P Alder Assistant Clerk and Management	
Officer	

	PART ONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
21.18	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	There were no apologies for absence.
21.19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
21.19.01	To receive Amendments to the Register
	There were none.
21.19.02	To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the
	Agenda
	There were none.
21.19.03	To receive Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on
	the Agenda
	There were none.
21.19.04	To Consider Full / Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared
	There had been no requests for dispensations.

21.20	OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS
21.20.01	Speeding on Woods Lane A resident on Woods Lane raised the issue of speed data availability from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) when it was positioned there. The Assistant Clerk explained that when the SID was previously located on Woods Lane technical issues prevented the retrieval of data; hence the data included in her report (at Item 21.30.04) related to Melton Road. The SID is now back on Woods Lane and it is anticipated that data will be available in due course. The resident felt that the Parish Council should do more to counter speeding in the parish. The Clerk explained the limits on the action that can be taken, both at parish and county level, and by the police. In that context Melton is doing as much as it possibly can to discourage dangerous behaviour, which has got worse during lockdown due to relatively empty roads. Cllr Gradwell suggested that the resident make contact with Melton's county councillor – Cllr Nicoll, who does have a Highways portfolio. Cllr Brown referred to the recent parish / district / county meeting about traffic in villages, in which both Melton and Cllr Nicoll participated.
21.20.02	Appointment of new Parish Council Cycling Advocate  The Chair welcomed a local resident who had volunteered to assume the role.  The resident introduced herself and talked about her background and passion for safe cycling.  It was RESOLVED to confirm the appointment.  Proposed by: Cllr Brown  Seconded by: Cllr Darby  The Advocate referred to the crossing proposals for Melton Road and raised concerns about the concept of central refuges, because of their potential to be dangerous for cyclists. In that context Cllr Gradwell highlighted the importance of yellow lines to ensure the highway remains clear around the crossing points. Cllr Brown said he looked forward to receiving her reports and listening to her ideas.
21.27	For the convenience of the Advocate and the members of the public who wanted to talk about the Suffolk County Council consultation on the proposed A12 improvements, as well as the proposals for Melton Road, it was RESOLVED to take Items 21.27 [Consultation on A12 improvements] and 21.30.02 [Melton Road pedestrian crossings and safety improvements] out of order  TO CONSIDER SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC) CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A12 BETWEEN THE A14 AT SEVEN HILLS AND THE A1152 AT WOODS LANE All the information on this was previously available at:  www.suffolk.gov.uk/A12improvements
	In the course of the discussion a resident of Saddlemakers Lane queried why it is considered necessary to partially signalise the Woods Lane / A12 junction, with lights on both the A12 north and south approaches, leaving only traffic from Woods Lane to join on a give way basis. The justification given by SCC is because the volume of traffic from the south turning right into Woods Lane impedes the flow of traffic coming from the north, particularly in the morning peak. The concern from the local perspective is that if that is done, then it has implications for Saddlemakers Lane. Mitigations will certainly be required to ensure that the Lane is not used as a rat run by traffic held up on the northern approach to the roundabout. Also it is arguable that the benefits claimed from signalisation are so minimal that they do not justify both the cost of the signals and of the mitigations required. The Clerk will respond to the consultation with

	these points, and also copy the response to Cllr Nicoll, with a request as well
	that he passes the information on to the appropriate senior officer at SCC
	Highways.
	Cllr Brown will arrange to hold a meeting with both the resident and the
	Council's Footpaths Advocate to look at possible mitigations for Saddlemakers
	Lane if the signalisation proposal goes ahead.
21.30.02	Proposed pedestrian crossings and other road safety issues in Melton
	Road
	The Assistant Clerk gave an interim report on the public consultation on the
	proposals which is still open.
	To date some 43 responses from residents on Melton Road and adjoining roads
	have been received. 39 support the principle of the crossings. 22 like the actual
	proposals; 12 would prefer one of the crossings to be near to the Spar shop /
	garage / pedestrian gate to the playing field; 3 have concerns regarding the
	danger of central refuges for cyclists and there are 2 objections to such
	crossings from people who feel that zebra crossings are much safer. There
	have also been a number of requests for yellow lining junctions with adjoining
	roads, and one suggestion to mark out parking spaces on Melton Road where
	parking will be allowed, to make optimum use of the available space. In the
	context of this report, the question was raised whether it might be possible to
	create a safe space for cyclists as they pass the refuges. This will be raised
	with the Highways Engineers. The consensus at the meeting was to retain a
	preference for the proposed locations as per the consultation but to further consider mitigations as required and review at Full Council on 17 March.
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	It was RESOLVED to revert to the order of the Agenda
21.20.03	Report from the Parish Council's Footpaths Advocate
	There was nothing to report. The Assistant Clerk took the opportunity to update
	Members on the production of the walking leaflet being produced in conjunction
	with Suffolk County Council. The text is in final draft and should be ready to
	seek sign off at the next meeting of Planning and Transport Committee.
21.21	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
	It was RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Planning and Transport
	Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021 (Minutes PLA(21)M01 previously
	distributed).
	Proposed by: Cllr Gradwell Seconded by: Cllr Hilson
21.22	TO REVIEW NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
21.22.01	DC/21/0517/FUL Lime Tree House (formerly known as Turnpike House),
	Turnpike Lane, Melton
	Proposed extension, part single storey, part two storey, with stainless steel
	flue, external terrace and pergola.
	It was RESOLVED to recommend approval of the application, as Melton PC
	Planning and Transport Committee considers the application to be in line with
	the National Planning Policy Framework, the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and
24.00.00	the Melton Neighbourhood Plan.
21.22.02	DC/21/0538/FUL 2 Clements Road, Melton Park
	Proposed insertion of 2 windows in rear roof-slope and 1 window in side gable
	to facilitate loft conversion.
	It was RESOLVED to recommend approval of the application, as Melton PC
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	Melton Neighbourhood Plan, and it is not aware of any objections from
	residents.
21.22.04	DC/21/0823/FUL Castle Cote, 8 Bredfield Road, Melton
	Proposed extension to rear of property.
	It was RESOLVED to recommend approval of the application, as Melton PC
	Planning and Transport Committee considers the application to be in line with
	the National Planning Policy Framework, the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, the
	Melton Neighbourhood Plan, and it is not aware of any objections from residents.
21.22.05	DC/20/5298/FUL 3 Yarmouth Road, Melton
21.22.00	Proposed construction of porch to front elevation.
	It was RESOLVED to recommend approval of the application, as Melton PC
	Planning and Transport Committee considers the application to be in line with
	the National Planning Policy Framework, the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and
	the Melton Neighbourhood Plan.
21.22.06	DC/21/0985/FUL 42 Bury Hill, Melton
	Proposed single storey rear extension.
21.23	It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application. TO REVIEW UPDATES ON OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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	objections should build on the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. At the
	present time there are still outstanding issues relating to the Habitats
	Regulations, designated sites, and issues of flooding.
21.23.03	DC/20/4630/FUL Site adjoining 88 Bury Hill, Melton
	Proposed new detached dwelling and car parking.
	At the meeting of Planning and Transport Committee held on 16 December
	2020 it was resolved to recommend refusal of this application on grounds of
	over-development and loss of amenity and East Suffolk Council was advised
	accordingly. <b>It was NOTED</b> that the application was considered by East Suffolk
	Council Planning Committee (South) on 23 February 2021 and permission was
04.04	granted.
21.24	TO REVIEW PLANNING NOTICES RECEIVED
	No new Notices were received.
21.25	TO REVIEW THE POSITION ON EXISTING PLANNING APPEALS
21.25 01	AP/20/0104/REFUSE
	Melton Lodge, Yarmouth Road
	An appeal was made to the secretary of State against the decision by East
	Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for removal of Condition 2 on
	application C/98/1140 (change of use of 1st floor in stable block to groom's
	accommodation and various alterations). This limits the occupation to
	employees or relatives; however the estate does not employ any staff and the
	flat will remain empty and under-utilised [DC/20/2474/ROC]. Melton Planning
	and Transport Committee considered this application in July 2020 and
	recommended approval. <b>It was NOTED</b> that the appeal was determined by
	written representations and has been allowed without conditions.
21.25.02	AP/20/0105/REFUSE
21.25.02	4 Hackney Terrace
	An appeal was made to the Secretary of State against the decision of East
	Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for single house residential infill
	development (Plot 2) to the rear garden of 4 Hackney Terrace for a 1 bed single
	storey house [DC/20/0040/FUL]. Melton Planning and Transport Committee
	considered this application in January 2020 and recommended approval. It was
	NOTED that the appeal was determined by written representations and was
	dismissed.
21.26	THE REFRESH OF THE MELTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (MNP) -
	UPDATE
	At the meeting of Planning and Transport Committee on 16 December 2020
	(Minute 20.69) it was resolved that the refresh of the MNP should be put on
	hold until the outcome of the Carter/Warburg application is known. Cllr Brown
	confirmed that as soon as the application has been determined by the East
	Suffolk Planning Committee (South) work will recommence on the refresh.
21.28	TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S MODEL
	DESIGN CODE
	The Clerk reported that the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local
	Government (MHCLG) has recently launched a consultation seeking
	views on proposals to create a new Office for Place which would involve
	each local planning authority drawing up its own design code in
	consultation with local people that developers would have to adhere
	to. A link to the main consultation document can be downloaded here.
	This would involve some changes to the National Planning Policy
	Framework (NPPF). There is currently an eight-week consultation on
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	the proposals which will close in late March 2021. As this is effectively
	a consultation about what should be in the design code it was AGREED

	to await firmer proposals in due course and then consider responding to later consultations. In due course if the proposal goes through, each planning authority will have to adopt a design code and there will be opportunities to comment on the local code when it is being drafted.
21.29	MARCH BETWEEN PARISHES AND SUFFOLK CC AND EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL TO DISCUSS VILLAGE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS  CIIr Brown gave a brief report back from the above meeting. The parishes of Eyke, Rendlesham, Tunstall, Snape, Campsea-Ashe, Bromeswell and Ufford were represented, as well as Melton. Representatives, both councillors and officers, represented Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk. Representatives from each of the affected parishes summarised their main concerns. In response to a call for further expansion of Bentwaters to be halted, it was made clear by Highways and Planning Officers that conditions attached to the original permission could not be changed, and also that Highways' planning is now looked at more as a question of safety rather than volumes. In particular, in relation to the Melton crossroads, it was made clear by the East Suffolk Head of Planning and Coastal Management that in planning terms, there was no concept of a road or junction being at capacity. Development proposals have to be considered on their merits, in terms of the benefits that they bring balanced against the detriments which might be mitigated. It was likely there will be further meetings.  There was in the above context a brief discussion about air quality. Official reports suggest that air quality at the Melton crossroads is well within recommended limits. This is however still a matter of concern to the Green
	Party who have conducted their own monitoring, and also concerns were raised about air quality near to the Wilford Bridge PH.
21.30	TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS
21.30.01	Report from Local Transport Officer (LTO) Paper PLA(21)30.01 previously distributed was received. The contents were NOTED with thanks.
21.30.03	Quiet Lanes initiative – update Paper PLA(21)30.03 previously distributed was received and discussed. The
21.30.04	Assistant Clerk explained that this flyer will be distributed to all residents in Lodge Farm Lane, St Audry's Lane, and also to all properties at Melton Park, including St Audry's Park Road. As part of the consultation, the proposals will be discussed as a separate item at the next meeting of Planning and Transport Committee on 21 April.  Old Church Road and Lower Road are also being proposed as "Quiet Lanes". This consultation is being managed by Ufford PC separately. Cllr Gradwell asked that the Ufford Clerk be reminded that copies of their leaflet will need to be delivered to the properties at Decoy Farm as well as those on Old Church Road / Lower Road.  It was RESOLVED to agree the leaflet as presented which can now be printed.  Proposed by: Cllr Gradwell  Seconded by: Cllr Brown  Speed indicator sign (SID) – update

21.30.05	Flooding in Old Church Road  The Clerk reported that since the latest problem with the blocked gulley was
	reported to Highways on 14 January 2021 and resolved within a few days, no
	further problems had been reported.
21.30.06	Traffic issues
	The Clerk reported being copied into correspondence from a resident to Cllr
	Nicoll, the County and District Councils and the police, concerning the increase
	in HGV traffic in Dock Lane, primarily associated with Coastal Building
	Supplies. Suffolk County Council have apparently declined to take action. This was <b>NOTED</b> .
	The Clerk also reported a complaint about speeding along Station Road from a
	resident. In discussion it was suggested that if a second SID is acquired, then
	Station road might be considered as a suitable location for occasional
	deployment.
21.31	TO CONSIDER PLANNING ENFORCEMENT MATTERS
21.31.01	East Suffolk Council Authorised Enforcement Action – Case update
	Nothing to report.
21.32	PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS
	It was mentioned that the boundary at Riduna Park had not yet been secured.
	The Assistant Clerk reported on the issues near to St Andrews Close, and the
	fact that contractors for Riduna will be securing the boundaries shortly. The
	contract start was delayed from February because of the weather.
21.33	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21 April 2021 commencing at
	19:00 via Zoom conferencing. There being no further business the meeting
	closed at 21.04.