

## MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLA(21)M04

## Planning and Transport Committee

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Melton Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 17 Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton IP12 1QT and via Zoom, commencing at 19:00.

## Present:

|         | Cllr Mr N Brown (in the Chair)<br>Cllr Mrs D Darby | Cllr Mrs E J G Hilson<br>Cllr Mr M Holmes |
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| Absent: |  |   |
|         | Cllr Mrs C Gradwell                                | Cllr Mr A Porter                          |

## In Attendance:

| Melton Parish Council Footpaths Advocate        | Cllr Mrs B Abbott       |
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| Mr W J Grosvenor Clerk and Executive Officer to | Cllr Mr B Banks         |
| Melton Parish Council                           | Cllr Mr P James         |
| Mrs P Alder Assistant Clerk and Management      | 6 members of the public |
| Officer   | ·                       |

|          | PART ONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC   |
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| 21.50    | ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT                          |
|          | COMMITTEE   |
|          | It was RESOLVED that Cllr Brown be elected Chair of Planning and Transport          |
|          | Committee.  |
|          | Proposed by: Cllr Holmes Seconded by: Cllr Darby                                    |
|          | It was AGREED to defer a decision on the Vice-chair until a subsequent meeting.     |
| 21.51    | TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  |
|          | Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gradwell and Porter.           |
| 21.52    | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  |
| 21.52.01 | To receive Amendments to the Register   |
|          | There were none.  |
| 21.52.02 | To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the            |
|          | Agenda  |
|          | There were none.  |
| 21.52.03 | To receive Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on            |
|          | the Agenda  |
|          | Cllr Darby declared a non-pecuniary interest as a local resident in respect of Item |
|          | 21.57.01.   |

| 21.52.04 | To Consider Full / Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared   |
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| 04 50    | There had been no requests for dispensations.   |
| 21.53    | OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS   |
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|          | The applicant in respect of Planning application DC/21/1354/FUL (Melton Postured Agenda Item 21.56.01) was invited to address the meeting.          |
|          | Boatyard – Agenda Item 21.56.01) was invited to address the meeting.  |
|          | He explained that the purpose of the application is to level the existing   |
|          | site to create additional parking. There will be no construction works nor buildings created. Additional parking on site will ease parking problems |
|          | which have been reported in Dock Lane and River View and also improve   |
|          | access to commercial premises by larger vehicles which sometimes at   |
|          | present find it difficult to get through. Once completed, the new area may  |
|          | also be used for storage of cradles and small craft. It is also desired to  |
|          | provide toilet facilities for visitors to HMS Vale during the summer months.  |
|          | The applicant also wanted to stress, in relation to one of the objections,  |
|          | that there is no one permanently living on the site.  |
|          | The applicant in respect of Planning application DC/21/1895/FUL (30 The   |
|          | Dell, Melton Road – Agenda Item 21.56.02) was invited to address the  |
|          | meeting. He wanted to address any concerns that have been raised by   |
|          | neighbours about the application for extensive changes to his home. He  |
|          | explained the proposals, clarified that the proposed workshop will be for   |
|          | hobbies only (not business), and said how he had taken pre-planning   |
|          | advice from East Suffolk Council, and reduced the size of the loft  |
|          | extension side windows on the advice of the Planning Officer. He has  |
|          | also sought to engage with both his neighbours in respect of the  |
|          | proposals.  |
|          | Cllr Abbott raised the Electoral Commission's latest draft  |
|          | recommendations in respect of the electoral divisions for Suffolk County  |
|          | Council from 2025. She expressed concern and wished to highlight the  |
|          | impact that the proposals would have on Melton if implemented as now  |
|          | proposed. Most of Melton – south of Woods Lane and Wilford Bridge   |
|          | Road - would be in the Woodbridge Division for county council purposes.   |
|          | The remainder – Melton village and Melton Park – would be in the Wilford  |
|          | Division. Full Council on 16 June will decide on Melton Parish Council's  |
|          | response, however Councillors Holmes, Hilson and Darby all expressed  |
|          | themselves to be against these proposals which for county purposes at   |
|          | least, would split the parish and undermine the separate identity and community cohesion of Melton.   |
| 21.53.01 | Report from the Parish Council's Cycling Advocate   |
| 21.33.01 | There was nothing to report.  |
| 21.53.02 | Report from the Parish Council's Footpaths Advocate   |
|          | The Council's Footpaths Advocate reported that the path through Leeks Wood  |
|          | is suffering from over-use and needs effective management. The Assistant Clerk  |
|          | explained that the problem is known to Recreation Committee, which already  |
|          | has it on its radar for action to mitigate the effects of over-use.   |
| 21.54    | TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  |
|          | It was RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Planning and Transport  |
|          | Committee meeting held on 22 April 2021 (Minutes PLA(21)M03 and Minutes   |
|          | PLA(21)M03 CONFIDENTIAL previously distributed).  |
|          | Proposed by: Cllr Hilson Seconded by: Cllr Brown  |
| 21.55    | TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT   |
|          | COMMITTEE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL  |
|          | Paper PLA(21)55 previously distributed was received.  |

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|          | <ul> <li>Following discussion it was AGREED to recommend to Full Council that:</li> <li>The composition of the Committee be revised from a "Minimum of five Members, maximum of seven", to a "Minimum of four Members, maximum of eight".</li> <li>The meeting frequency be revised from "Monthly" (abandoned in favour</li> </ul>   |
|          | of six weekly meetings since Covid-19) to "Six weekly or as required".   |
| 21.56    | TO REVIEW NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED   |
| 21.56.01 | DC/21/1354/FUL Melton Boatyard, Dock Lane, Melton  |
|          | Application to create a general purpose hard standing area; the proposed use for which will be car parking, additional boat storage and boat cradles, together with toilet facilities (including disabled facilities).  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.   |
| 21.56.02 | DC/21/1895/FUL The Dell, Melton Road, Melton   |
|          | Proposed cosmetic changes to front bay windows, a single storey wrap around side and back extension with flat roof, large dormer loft conversion not affecting the front roof pitch, demolition of existing garage, and a new side extension to follow similar footprint of garage.  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.   |
| 21.56.03 | DC/21/2325/FUL 3 The Debenside, Melton Proposed single storey front extension and other alterations. 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.   |
| 21.56.04 | DC/21/2335/FUL 2 Yarmouth Road, Melton   |
|          | Proposed flat roof extension and other alterations.  |
|          | It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.  |
| 21.57    | TO REVIEW UPDATES ON OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS   |
| 21.57.01 | DC/20/1831/OUT Land off St Andrews Place and Waterhead Lane, Melton Residential development of up to 55 dwellings, with access off St Andrews Place. Melton PC has consistently recommended refusal of this application on the grounds that access via the St Andrew's estate is neither supported by the Neighbourhood Plan nor considered acceptable in planning terms. On 30 March 2021 East Suffolk Council Planning Committee (South) considered the application and delegated authority to determine to the Head of Planning and Coastal Management on the basis of approval being granted subject to no objections being received from Natural England and / or Suffolk County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority, a s106 Agreement detailing highways improvement works, affordable housing provision, a contribution to the Suffolk Coast RAMS and controlling conditions 1 to 25 as set out in the decision; otherwise to refuse. Since the decision was made, following legal representations from an objector, East Suffolk Council has agreed to remit the application back to the Planning Committee (South) for re-consideration. A date for this is awaited. It was AGREED that the Parish Council will continue to maintain a strong objection to development proposals which include access via St Andrews. Cllr Darby distributed copies of a flyer produced by local residents to encourage people to forward their objections to East Suffolk Council and insist |

|          | that Councillors on the Planning Committee (South) carry out a site visit to look  |
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|          | at the access before considering the application again.  |
| 21.58    | TO REVIEW PLANNING NOTICES RECEIVED  |
|          | No new Notices were received.  |
| 21.59    | TO REVIEW THE POSITION ON EXISTING PLANNING APPEALS  |
|          | Nothing to report.   |
| 21.60    | SIZEWELL C UPDATE  |
|          | The link below gives access to the Sizewell C page on the Melton PC website which contains up to date information:   |
|          | https://melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk/sizewell-c/ Cllr Banks reported as follows:   |
|          | <ul> <li>Following his report to Full Council on 5 May, the leaflet and survey on night trains was distributed on 7 May and the responses included in the</li> </ul>   |
|          | submission made to the Planning Inspectorate on 2 June. That submission set out the context of Melton's concerns, which are focused on traffic and transport, and provided detailed responses in particular on issues relating to servicing the project via road and rail. The full  |
|          | <ul> <li>submission was accompanied by a summary report as well.</li> <li>There is now (from 11 June to 12 July) further consultation on "small proposed changes" to EDF's planning application.</li> </ul>  |
|          | <ul> <li>In July there will be Issue Specific Hearings to explore in detail a specific<br/>issue or set of issues arising from the application. Final decisions on what<br/>exactly will be covered will be made by the Examining Authority. For<br/>Melton transport related items will be the biggest issues. And involvement</li> </ul>                       |
|          | <ul> <li>in those will need to be confirmed by 24 June.</li> <li>The EDF Sizewell Project Team has proposed a virtual meeting with</li> </ul>  |
|          | representatives of Melton Parish Council, and it is anticipated that Woodbridge Town Council will be represented at the meeting as well.  • Cllr Banks referred to all the information available on the Melton PC website, including a clear summary of the information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 2 June, as well as the implications of running |
|          | night trains close to dwellings.  • Melton's position is that, in terms of servicing the project, moving goods   |
|          | by sea is preferable, otherwise by rail in the daytime. Other respondents to the consultation seem to be saying the same thing.  |
| 21.61    | MELTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFRESH  |
|          | Cllr Brown summarised the position by saying that until the situation on the St Andrews Place / Waterhead Lane planning application is clear, the refresh will need to be on hold. The Clerk drew Members' attention to a recent Government announcement on a new policy regarding "First Homes", a new type of affordable                                       |
|          | housing for first time buyers that must be discounted by at least 30% against market value. It will be delivered through the planning system via two routes: developer contributions and via "exception sites" – sites not allocated in Local Plans. Provision for First Homes will need to be reflected in Neighbourhood  |
|          | Plans, and thus will be an issue for the refresh of Melton's Neighbourhood Plan.   |
| 21.62    | TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS  |
| 21.62.01 | Report from Local Transport Officer (LTO) No report was received.  |
| 21.62.02 | Proposed pedestrian crossings and other road safety issues in Melton   |
|          | Road – update  |
|          | The Assistant Clerk reported that revised changes to the position of the Melton Road crossing have been received from Highways. It is now proposed to be located outside the car park of the <i>Coach and Horses</i> . <b>It was AGREED</b> to carry   |