



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Melton held on Wednesday 27 April 2022 commencing at 19:30 at Burness Parish Rooms.

Cllr Alan Porter, the Chairman of Melton Parish Council was in the Chair, and the meeting was attended by 12 Electors including 9 Parish Councillors.

The following were in attendance:

District Councillor R Smith-Lyte	P Alder, Clerk to Melton Parish Council F Waters, Asst Clerk to Melton Parish Council
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22.01	INTRODUCTION – CHAIR MELTON PARISH COUNCIL The Chairman of Melton Parish Council, Cllr Alan Porter, warmly welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting.
22.02	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from the following: County Councillor Alexander Nicoll Headteacher, Melton Primary School Cllr Packard Cllr Biggle Cllr Harvey-Smith Cllr Hilson Martin Wilks Tree Warden
22.03	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 28 April 2021 Copies of the minutes are available on the Parish Council website at: www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk
22.04	REPORT ON THE WORK OF MELTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 The Chairman gave his Annual Report which is available in full on the Parish Council website at: www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk The Chairman expressed his gratitude that the meeting could take place in person as this was the first physical meeting since 2019 as 2020 was

	<p>cancelled due to Covid and 2021 was held virtually. This was his 8th report as Chairman. He began by announcing the winner of the 2022 Melton Annual Award. The winners were David and Carol Steptoe for all the amazing work they do in the Melton community through various endeavours, with particular thanks expressed for weaving the panels from hazel coppicing to fill in gaps in the hedge along Melton Road. The Chairman made a presentation of a framed certificate and gift voucher which were graciously received by Mr Steptoe.</p>
22.05	<p>REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR In the absence of Cllr Nicoll, his report can be read on the Parish Council website.</p>
22.06	<p>REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</p> <p>Cllr Smith-Lyte gave a report on matters concerning her district. Referencing the Melton Hill former council offices site, Cllr Smith-Lyte is to speak with the developers to request the frontage is conserved along with any mature trees and green spaces.</p> <p>The Yarmouth Road appeal has been fought hard and now await the decision.</p> <p>The care home on Bredfield Road has been asked to switch off unnecessary lights as it is affecting local wildlife, particularly bats. As well as having a negative impact on residents due to the glare of the lights.</p> <p>Cllr Smith-Lyte funded a Defibrillator which is at Melton St Audrey's and advised that Suffolk Wildlife Events will taking place over the coming months.</p> <p>A community space at St Andrews Place has been given the green light for allotments, creating 8-10 small allotments. Further information will follow over the coming weeks.</p>
22.07	<p>REPORT FROM HEADTEACHER, MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL In the absence of the Headteacher, his report can be read on the Parish Council website.</p>
22.08	<p>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS</p>
22.08.01	<p>Report from the Melton Trust The report from the Chair of the Trust is available in full on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Martin (a trustee) presented the report and reiterated that the biggest issue is making those aware of the help the trust can give.</p>
22.08.02	<p>Report from Melton Women's Institute The report from the Women's Institute is available in full on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Martin presented the report and advised the WI has a long waiting list.</p>

22.08.03	<p>Report on Melton Village Fete The report from the Melton Fete is available on the Parish Council website.</p>
22.08.04	<p>Tree Warden's report The Tree Warden's report is available on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>It was noted how much work and tree planting had been carried out by The Tree Crew for the Queen's green canopy initiative in honour of her Jubilee year.</p>
22.09	<p>LONGSHED PRESENTATION</p> <p>An informative presentation starting with a brief history of Sutton Hoo and leading on to the work being undertaken by the long shed in recreating the Anglo-Saxon ship.</p> <p>The project will provide new insights into the craftsmanship and seamanship of the Anglo-Saxons as well as their lives and culture.</p> <p>Further information on the project can be found at: https://saxonship.org/</p>
	<p><i>A break followed for refreshments</i></p>
22.10	<p>OPEN FORUM There was a short open forum for members of the public to raise any issues.</p> <p>A question was asked about the water sampling on the Deben. Cllr James responded that sampling for E.coli was taking place at various times but only in one location which is up stream of the outfall at Melton. The project had started last Autumn, and the E-coli found is linked to sewage and agricultural run-off. However due to it being so dry in recent weeks, a good amount of rainfall would create a better picture. Information is to be fed back to Anglian Water as they state that sewage works are functioning correctly.</p> <p>Woodbridge Town Council have signs to say the water is contaminated and it is not a designated bathing site.</p> <p>River Monitoring Post – attendees were urged to upload photos so an archive of the changing river landscape can be created over time.</p> <p>Cllr James also advised the Melton Good Neighbour Scheme Coffee Mornings were running again at the Burness Parish Rooms on the 1st Friday of every month from 9.00am.</p> <p>A litter pick, arranged by Cllr James, is taking place on Sunday 1st May meeting at Honey + Harvey Melton at 10am.</p> <p>Cllr Porter thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.05.</p>