



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Reports from Outside Bodies

Burness Parish Room Management Committee – *Cllr Gradwell* – Nothing to report

Climate Advocate/Adaptive Action Group – No report submitted

Deben Estuary Partnership - *Cllr Packard* – No report submitted

East Suffolk Energy Communities Partnership (formally AEPA) – *Cllr. Gradwell* - We have met twice in the last month to discuss the sign off the constitution and the continued efforts to get the Secretary of State to visit the region with a view to discussing Parish Council concerns. Overall, the group wants to act in a positive and objective way. However, certain energy companies including Scottish Power and National Grid are proving difficult to engage with and so are the Ministers. A meeting of the 28 Councils who have signed up to the group is being planned for 19th November to sign off the constitution, discuss engagement with DCOs, discuss engagement with the media and discuss engagement with key parties.

Melton Messenger – *Cllr Brown* – No report submitted

Melton Primary School – *Pip Alder* - Open events took place at the school on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October. Dennis Tattoo has taken over as the new Chair of Governors. Design work is continuing on the new nursery building and the Parish Council should expect to be contacted by Suffolk County Council about the project. There is talk of a pre-planning public consultation taking place, but no timelines have been provided.

There are currently three Governor vacancies which are being advertised in the Melton Messenger and Ufford Punch. If anyone knows anyone who would be interested, or is interested themselves, please contact the Chair of Governors.

The school was recently awarded the OPAL Platinum Award and there will be a showcase event on 17 March 2025. The next open morning will take place on 17 February 2025

Melton Trust - *Cllr Martin* – The Trust has received an unusually large number of requests recently. We meet on the 22nd and, I hope, will be amending our Trust Deed so that instead of the incumbent at St Andrew's being an ex-officio trustee, the PCC will nominate a trustee in the same way that the Parish Council does. The new, nominated, trustee will join us from the date of the meeting. We have regretfully accepted the resignation of another trustee and will also appoint a replacement at this meeting. We are lucky to again have a full quota of trustees who will be able to share the workload.

Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership – *Cllr Packard* – No report submitted

Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) – *Cllr Gradwell* – Nothing to report

Suffolk Disability Forum – *Cllr Darby* – The Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum is on 22nd so my report will be verbal this month

Woodbridge and Melton Society – *Cllr Bann* – Re. Active Travel Woodbridge - Councillor Ruth Leach has convened a consultation group with the SCC team and will include reps from the Society, about the potential town centre proposals.

Representatives of the Society took part in a meeting between the Riverside Trust and the Ships Company about the future of the long ship, but no decisions have been made yet.

The Society Committee is keen to hold one of its talks in Melton to encourage local membership. There will be talk on the 2nd April 2025 entitled “voices from the asylum” which covers a brief history of St Audrey’s psychiatric hospital . Currently to be held at the normal venue of Quay Church, Quay Street, Woodbridge.

The Society has been in contact with Rose Builders about the old Council office site. Progress on the development has slowed due to various building control issues, which the builders say are resolvable and that they hope for approval from ESC by Christmas.

The Society’s committee is keen to recruit more members, particularly as some of the existing ones wish to retire after a number of years in post.

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17th October 2024