

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Meeting: 22 February 2021

Agenda Item: PC108 20c)

Date of Report: 16 February 2021

Request from Melbourn Dynamos to reduce annual payment

Dynamos' request for a reduction in their annual payment was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 11 January 2021. At the time, it was unclear how much of the season had been lost due to Covid restrictions. I requested this information from Blake Carrington and he advised:

- Their request relates to the 2020/21 season (ending May 2021);
- Blake estimates that so far they have lost c.25% of this season. However, this may increase if restrictions are not lifted in February;
- Blake also advised that they lost c.30% of the 2019/20 season, for which they had already paid the full annual payment of £2,200.

I circulated an email seeking cllrs' views on a 50% reduction. A majority of cllrs indicated by email that they would be in favour of this. Having spoken to Blake, it is clear that the current restrictions will further impact the current season, although it is difficult to say by how much.

An option would be to propose a reduction of 50% for the current season and to review the single payment to be made for the forthcoming 2021/22 season when that is due.