

# MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

(District of South Cambridgeshire)

**An online Annual Parish of this Parish was held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/93796531013> at 7.30pm**

*Members of the public are reminded that copies of reports and supporting documentation for agenda items can be obtained from the Parish Council website or on request to the Clerk*

**Present:** Cllrs Clark (Chair), Cowley (Vice Chair), Baker, Barnes, Buxton, Davey, Hart, Kilmurray, Travis, Wilson

**Absent:**

**In attendance:** Claire Littlewood (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

**1 To receive any apologies for absence**

None received

**2 To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 May 2019**

The Minutes were received.

**3 Report on aspects of the meeting held on 29 May 2019**

There was nothing to report.

Chair amended the order of the Agenda to receive the report of County Cllr van de Ven

**8 To receive a report from Cambridgeshire County Cllr van de Ven**

County Cllr van de Ven noted that 2020 had been the year of community and noted that it had been a pleasure to represent the village. Thanks were noted in particular to Tim Stebbing for his help with identifying blocked gulleys which have now been cleared. Other notable items included resurfacing of Beechwood Avenue; Melbourn Greenway; East West Rail consultation open until 9 June 2021; update on proposed Thakeham development. Noted that CCC will return to face to face meetings from 7 May. Also noted that CCC now located out at Alconbury.

Chair invited questions: A member queried when road markings would be reinstated on Beechwood Avenue. County Cllr van de Ven noted that this outstanding work is being followed up.

The report was received with thanks.

**4 To receive a report from The Chair of Melbourn Parish Council - Cllr Clark**

The Chair's report was received.

**5 To receive reports from the Committees and Working Parties of the Parish Council:**

**a) MAYD Joint Committee**

Cllr Travis presented a report for the MAYD Joint Committee. Noted that Covid restrictions has hampered delivery of youth club services by Groundwork. Holiday provision is planned for May half term with a review planned for further sessions over the summer. The report was received with thanks

**b) Planning Committee**

Cllr Killmurray's report was received with thanks. District Cllr Hales noted the good work of the Planning Committee with thanks.

**c) Finance & Good Governance Committee**

Cllr Cowley presented his report. Noted thanks to RFO for her work on the budget and precept. Noted increase in the precept for the year was 0.4%. The report was received with thanks.

**d) Maintenance Committee**

Cllr Travis presented his report for Maintenance Committee. Noted that the Committee had representation from members of the public and Parish Council wardens. An initiative which had proved very popular was that of inviting members of the public to plan trees in the Millennium Copse. Other projects underway are replacement of Stockbridge Meadows boardwalk and

Melbourn Play Parks Working Party. The report was received with thanks.

**e) HR Panel**

Cllr Hart presented the report for HR Panel. Noted that Dennis Bartle one of the village wardens will be leaving on 19 May 2021. The post is currently being advertised. The report was received with thanks.

**f) Futures Working Party**

Cllr Clark presented the report for Futures Working Party. Noted that there is good representation from members of the public on the working party. The report was received with thanks.

**g) Melbourn Play Parks Working Party**

Cllr Cowley presented the report for Melbourn Play Parks Working Party. Noted that s106 money is allocated to revamp The Moor play park. Working Party will have representation from members of the public. Initiation designs being reviewed. Works will need to go out to tender. Public consultation will be arranged. The report was received with thanks.

**6 To receive reports from the Parish Council representatives on Village Charities and Other Organisations:**

**a) Triggs Charity**

The report was received with thanks.

**b) Martins Charity**

The report was received with thanks.

**c) John Clear Almshouses**

The report was received with thanks.

**d) Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme**

District Cllr Hales provided an update on the MMWS and thanked the Parish Council for its support. Noted that funding is also received from County and District Councillors as well as contribution from Shepreth Parish Council. The report was received with thanks.

**e) Melbourn & Meldreth Lunch Club**

The report was received with thanks.

**f) Grants awarded 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and how the money has been spent**

The reports were received with thanks.

**7 To receive report from District Cllr Hales**

District Cllr Hales represented his report and noted that it had been a pleasure to serve as District Cllr. Noted that grants are available for groups affected by Covid restriction of up to £2,000 from Covid Recovery funding and £1,000 for Community Chest. The report was received with thanks. ACTION: Clerk to make Timebank Coordinator aware of these grants.

**9 To consider any matters brought before the Annual Parish Meeting**

No matters were raised.

**10 Public forum**

No questions from members of the public

**11 Annual Awards**

The following community awards were made:

- Mr Phipps for his beautiful sign which takes pride of place at the Millennium Copse. Mr Phipps has also made and installed a hardwood bench around the oak tree he planted in the Copse and has worked with the village wardens to repair the picnic bench by the River Mel, providing a beautiful picnic spot for all to enjoy.

- Ron and Gill Sutcliffe for their work keeping the grounds of All Saints Church neat and tidy. They quietly go about their business making the Church grounds a wonderful focal point in the centre of the village.
- Laura Nelson and Jemma Glennon for organising the Melbourn & Meldreth Bear Hunt. Over 470 families took part displaying bears in their windows for children to find. What a wonderful idea during the first lockdown to give families a way of getting out and connecting with one another in a safe but fun way.
- The whole of the MCCR team were recognised for their valuable work during 2020 when restrictions prevented people from going about their lives. At a time when many felt isolated and unsure, the MCCR team including 193 volunteers collected prescriptions, delivered meals, helped out with shopping and crucially provided a friendly voice on the phone for countless local people who were shielding or self-isolating.

**Community Award recipients were thanked for their contribution to the village.**

Meeting closed at 20:20