

# MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

(District of South Cambridgeshire)

**The Annual Parish of this Parish was held on Monday, 16 May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Atrium of the Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ 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), Alexander, Barnes, Campbell, Davey, Hart, Kilmurray, Travis,

**Absent:** Cllrs Barley and Wilson

**In attendance:** Claire Littlewood (Parish Clerk), County Cllr van de Ven and three members of the public

**1 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies from District Cllr Hales were noted..

**2 To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2021**

It was:

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 5 May 2021 as an accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Cowley. All in favour.

**3 Report on aspects of the meeting held on 5 May 2021**

There was nothing to report.

**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) Planning Committee

The report was received with thanks.

b) Finance & Good Governance Committee

The report was received with thanks.

c) Maintenance Committee

The Report was received with thanks

d) HR Panel

Noted that Cllr Alexander has joined the HR Panel. There remains one vacancy on the working party. The report was received with thanks.

e) Futures Working Party

Noted that LHI bid had been successful.

f) Melbourn Play Parks Working Party

Tender has been awarded to HAGS following extensive public consultation. It is hoped that the re-fit will commence over the summer months. Thanks were noted to the Assistant to the Clerk for her work on this project. The report was received with thanks.

g) Skate Park Working Party

Project is in early stages. Suitable location needs to be identified. The report was received with thanks.

h) Website Working Party

Noted that a member of the public has offered to assist the working party. Inaugural meeting to be scheduled. The report was received with thanks.

i) MAYD Joint Committee

Current status of youth club was noted. It is hoped that youth club activities will resume soon. The report was received with thanks.

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

(a) Triggs Charity (Gillian Morland)

The report was received with thanks.

(b) Martins Charity (Parish Clerk)

The report was received with thanks.

(c) John Clear Almshouses (Mavis Howard)

The report was received with thanks.

(d) Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme (Colin Conner)

Noted that the correct contact for MMWS is Dr Colin Conner. The report was received with thanks.

(e) Melbourn & Meldreth Lunch Club (MCHMG)

Noted that MMLC is now run from the Community Hub as the Hub Lunch Club. Future reports will be submitted by Hub Management Group.

(f) Grants awarded in 2021/22 and how the money has been spent

The reports from grant recipients were received with thanks.

**7 To receive reports from District Councillors**

District Cllr Hart reported on recent meeting at the Meldreth station underpass. Also requested all in attendance to complete the online survey for the underpass project. It is important to gather as many responses as possible to build a picture of how people feel about using the underpass.

**8 To receive a report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor Van de Ven**

County Cllr van de Ven noted collaborative work being undertaken by the County Council.

Council tax has increased to fill shortfall in budget.

Noted importance of whistleblowing.

Noted that CCC is a public health and social care authority. Covid has had a significant impact.

Noted there are a number of people from Ukraine currently relocated to our area.

The policy of managed decline related to highways was noted.

A request has been made to the Highways Officer to put back trees on the approach to Meldreth Station although demands on his budget were noted to be high.

A call for foster carers in the area has been made by CCC.

A member of the public noted that they had made some enquiries about fostering but had not received a positive response to queries. Also noted that the financial support for foster carers was insufficient.

A member queried if a working party could be formed to help cut back trees/bushes on the footpaths to the station. This suggestion was welcomed. Noted there is more work to be done.

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

There was nothing further to report although a discussion arose with regard to an increase in dog fouling around the village and how this might be addressed.

**10 Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public

**11 Annual Awards**

The following community awards were made:

- John and Julie Woolley

In recognition of their efforts as they collect litter on their daily walks around the village

- Emma Windred and Nicola Dunklin  
Both generous with their time collecting litter ... and encouraging others to help to keep the village looking so tidy
- Davina Biswell (Community Support for Dementia)  
In recognition of her tireless work supporting people affected by dementia in the community ...  
Davina is an inspiration!
- Maureen and Les Brierley (River Mel Restoration Group)  
For their tireless conservation work on the River Mel and Stockbridge Meadows and for coordinating volunteer groups to support their efforts

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

Meeting closed at 20:09