

## TERMS OF REFERENCE: MELBOURN FUTURES WORKING PARTY

**PURPOSE: To set out the responsibilities, restrictions and limitations of operation of the Melbourn Futures Working Party**

### **1. Membership & Organisation**

- 1.1 The Working Party will consist of a minimum of 3 Parish Councillors in addition to 1 District Councillor and 1 County Councillor (if they wish to serve) and up to a maximum of 5 members of the public who are residents of Melbourn. The Parish Councillors, County Councillor and District Councillor will be standing members of the Working Party.
- 1.2 Non Parish Councillor Members will have Working Party voting rights.
- 1.3 The Parish Clerk will, through the Parish magazine, Parish website and social media, request residents interested in getting involved to contact the Parish office to receive information on how they may join the Working Party and get involved with future projects and initiatives.
  - a) Residents who express an interest in joining the Working Party will be forwarded a questionnaire to complete. Subject to this being completed and returned to the Parish office, the individual will be added to a data base which will be maintained by the Parish Office, ensuring that privacy laws are adhered to and with the full consent of the individual.
  - b) When a specific project and/or initiative is being undertaken by the Working Party, the Parish Office will contact residents from the data base. They will be asked if they wish to join the Working Party. This invitation will be project specific.
  - c) Once the project or initiative is completed the Resident's responsibilities will be finished. (They may of course elect to stay on the database for future projects and/or remain on the Working Party.)
- 1.4 The Working Party will meet as required on an informal basis.
- 1.5 The Working Party may invite non-members to attend meetings.
- 1.6 The Parish Council may dissolve the Working Party in favour of an alternative organisational structure following an assessment of effectiveness at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
- 1.7 The Council will formally review the continued need for the Working Party annually at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

### **2. Reporting**

- 2.1 Meeting notes will be made available to the Parish Council and published on the Parish Council's website.

2.2 An annual summary report shall be given to the Annual Parish Meeting covering the previous years activities.

### **3. Terms of Reference**

3.1 Standing members of the working party in conjunction with the Parish Council and in consultation with the community where appropriate will identify projects and initiatives requiring action by the Working Party.

3.2 For each project and or initiative identified, the Working Party will aim to enlist where possible and practicable up to 5 members of the public, from the list of interested residents. The recruitment will be handled through the Parish office.

3.3 To consult, on behalf of the Parish Council with relevant third parties to ensure the best outcome is achieved.

3.4 To undertake where necessary, negotiations with service providers and statutory bodies.

3.5 To make recommendations to the Parish Council for action.

**DOCUMENT APPROVAL :**



**(Chair to Melbourn Parish Council)**

**Date of Meeting:** 28 April 2025

Review Policy: Every 12 months