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MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

(District of South Cambridgeshire)

A meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday 3 June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Austen Room of the Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire SG8 6DZ

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 Alexander, Barnes, Campbell, Clark, Davey, Hart, Kilmurray, Laight

Absent: Cllrs Coulman & Kanagarathnam

In attendance: Abi Williams (Clerk), Lucy Capper (Assistant) & 16 members of the public (grant applicants)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Community Benefit Grants: MINUTES

Meeting started 19:32

PC032/2627 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cowley, Kyprianou and Wilson with acceptable reasons. It was RESOLVED to accept apologies of absence from Cllrs Cowley, Kilmurray and Wilson. Proposed by Cllr Davey, seconded by Cllr Barnes. All in favour.

PC033/2627 To receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Members are reminded that they are required to ensure their Declaration is updated within 28 days of any change in circumstances.

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Declaration of interest were made by Cllr Kilmurray for items PC037/2627h, i & j). Cllr Kilmurray declared a pecuniary interest in items PC037/2627b & d) - Dispensation was granted to remain for discussion of the item but not to vote for the pecuniary interest items.

PC034/2627 Public Participation: (For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments and questions to the Parish Council – 3 minutes per item). Written responses to questions raised will be made by the Parish Office within 14 days of the date of this meeting. 15 members of the public were in attendance as representatives for the grant funding applications. ACTION: MOP requested copy of the grants policy.

PC035/2627 To report back and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2026

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2026 as an accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Kilmurray, seconded by Cllr Alexander. All in favour.

PC036/2627 To note report on previous Community Benefit Grants from 2025

The report was noted.

District Cllr Hart drew attention to the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Community Chest Grants (www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding/community-chest-grants-open).

PC037/2627 To consider applications for Community Benefit Grant funding:

- a) **Melbourn Bowls Club** **Awarded £200.00** (Requested £ 200.00)

A representative was in attendance.

Applicant encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£200.00** to Melbourn Bowls Club.

Proposed by Cllr Kilmurray, seconded by Cllr Davey. All in favour.

- b) **Melbourn Library** **Awarded £325.00** (Requested £ 325.00)

Two representatives were in attendance and answered questions on the project.

Applicant encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC.

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It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£325.00** to Melbourn Library.

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Alexander.

In favour: Alexander, Barnes, Campbell, Clark, Davey, Hart, Laight

Against:

Abstain: Cllr Kilmurray

- c) **Melbourn Dynamos Football Club** **Awarded £6,055.00 (£2,000)** (Requested £ 8,055.00)

Two representatives were in attendance and answered questions on the project.

Applicant encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC with £2,000 withheld from requested funds until Community Chest application considered.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£6,055.00** to Melbourn Dynamos Football Club with a further £2,000 held pending SCDC consideration.

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

- d) **Meridian 1** **Awarded £5,500.00** (Requested £ 5,500.00)

A representative was in attendance and answered questions on the project.

Applicant encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£5,500.00** to Meridian 1.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Barnes.

In favour: Alexander, Barnes, Campbell, Clark, Hart, Laight

Against:

Abstain: Cllr Kilmurray, Davey

- e) **Melbourn Action Community Support (MACS)** **Awarded £9,000.00** (Requested £ 9,000.00)

Four representatives were in attendance and answered questions on the project.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£9,000.00** to Melbourn Action Community Support (MACS).

Proposed by Cllr Davey, seconded by Cllr Kilmurray. All in favour.

- f) **Melbourn Primary School PTFA** **Awarded £5,329.00** (Requested £ 5,329.00)

Three representatives were in attendance and answered questions on the project.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£5,329.00** to Melbourn Primary School PTFA.

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

- g) **St George's Allotment Association** **Awarded £816.00** (Requested £ 1,320.00)

No representatives were in attendance.

Applicant to be encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC for remaining £504 for soil improver.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£816.00** to St George's Allotment Association.

Proposed by Cllr Kilmurray, seconded by Cllr Hart. All in favour.

- h) **Village Voice** **Awarded £5,000.00** (Requested £ 5,000.00)

A representative was in attendance and answered questions on the project.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£5,000.00** to Village Voice.

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

- i) **1st Orwell Scouts** **Awarded £5,020.88** (Requested £ 5,020.88)

A representative was in attendance and answered questions on the project.

Applicant encouraged to apply for Community Chest Grant through SCDC.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£5,020.88** to 1st Orwell Scouts.

Proposed by Cllr Laight, seconded by Cllr Kilmurray. All in favour.

- j) **Melbourn Fete Committee** **Awarded £4,000.00** (Requested £ 4,000.00)

A representative was in attendance.

It was RESOLVED, under the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, to award the grant of **£4,000.00** to Melbourn Fete Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Davey, seconded by Cllr Campbell. All in favour.

16 members of the public left the meeting 20:18

PC038/2627 To note the dates of the upcoming meetings as:

- a) Planning Committee Meeting, Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 7.30pm
- b) Maintenance Committee Meeting, Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 7.30pm
- c) Full Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 7.30pm

The dates of the upcoming meetings were noted as above.

Meeting closed 20:19