

Little Melton Parish Council

MINUTES

Mon 04/10/2021 - 19:30, at the Village Hall - There are links to supporting documentation

1. Attendance

PC members							County Councillor	District Councillors	
Chair	Vice Chair								
John Heaser	Russell Cole	Amanda Giles	Garry Wheatley	Jan Edye	Sheila Lewis-Smith	Steve Sophocleous	David Bills	Adrian Dearnley	Phil Hardy
JH	RC	AG	GW	JE	SLS	SS	DB	AD	PH
Y	Y	<i>apol</i>	<i>apol</i>	<i>apol</i>	<i>y</i>	Y	y	y	y

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda by Parish Councillors

3. The minutes of the 14/06/2021 were not available - see November meeting.

4. Public Participation -

a. DB informed the meeting about -

- a £10,000 environmental fund that can be spent on highways or the environment. JH asked if the fund would pay for an EV charging point at the VH.*
- another fund, £5000 fund per project, could be used for traffic calming*
- help required for Afghan refugees*

b. AD talked about the workings of the Environmental Committee (EVs, rewilding, anti social behaviour)

c. PH talked about the continued efforts to get NHS England to resolve the problems afflicting the Hethersett surgery

5. Planning

a. Parish Council Recommendation

- [2021/2133](#) - 1 Church Farm Barns - rear extension, replaces 2021/0218
- [2021/0758](#) - Hethersett North, 200 house 'uplift' - *still being considered. JH pointed out the growing impact of Hethersett development on Little Melton (use of Play Area, Car Park, Village Hall)*
- [Local Plan](#) - proposed additional development of 25 houses north of eastern section of School Lane
- [2021/1892](#) - Two bungalows on Burnthouse Ln - *comments have been submitted, the comments were discussed, the main concern is not to set a precedent that would open sites on other roads outside the village for development*

b. Decisions

- [2020/1989](#) - New house at The Close - passed on appeal

6. Parish Facilities—

a. Use of further Section 106 payments

- Scooter ramp & Zip wire - expected to be complete on 04/10 subject to inspection, hedge still to be planted

b. -

c. -

d. Play Area -inspection on 04/10 - EPS have rectified faults

e. CGM schedule - need to revise contract for 2022

f. Post office at Hethersett and new retail on LM Rd - *nothing to report*

g. -

h. -

i. Book store has been installed

j. Car park usage and request to provide additional

7. Highways –
 - a. NCC Highways requests
 - i. Traffic calming on SL and discussion with SL developer re VAS relocation - meeting held with Adam Mayo & designer
 1. *DB was asked to take up with Highways England, our request for lorry route signage on the A47 and for vegetation obstructing School Lane in Colney to be cleared.*
 - ii. [Rangers & Highways requests](#) - labour intensive process to log
 - b. Village Hall road - ownership and maintenance - *no progress*
 - c. Cycle path on Hethersett Lane - *the PC is glad to note that land required to complete the path has been agreed with the landowner*
8. Correspondence received since the last meeting
 - a. [Response](#) to NALC 'Perfect Storm' email re the effect of windfarm cables - *the PC felt that there was insufficient evidence presented to justify supporting the request to delay the projects currently in progress and noted that windfarms will help to reduce CO2 emissions.*
 - b. [Interactions with Hethersett](#)
9. Financial
 - a. The Annual Audit has been completed without significant problems.
10. Legal matters
 - a. Scooter ramp area lease - now signed and being sent to solicitor
11. Next meeting is - 22/11/2021 - 19:30 at the Village Hall

Signed (Chair) Date