

Little Melton Parish Council MINUTES

Tue 04/10/2022 - 19:30, at the Village Hall

Attendance

PC members							County Councillor	District Councillors	
Chair	Vice Chair								
John Heaser	Russell Cole	vacant	Ricky Wallsworth	Jan Edye	Sheila Lewis-Smith	Steve Sophocleous	David Bills	Adrian Dearnley	Phil Hardy
JH	RC		RW	JE	SLS	SS	DB	AD	PH
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- To consider apologies for absence
- Declarations of interest in items on the agenda by Parish Councillors
 - none*
- To confirm the [minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11/07/2022](#)
 - Proposed SS, Seconded JE*
- Public Participation - To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public and the District/County Councillors an opportunity to inform the meeting
 - PH*
 - DB has escalated the request for lorry route signage on the eastbound A47 to TomMcCabe (also Transport Focus Group)*
 - AD - Cabinet member for Finance, finances are in good shape but Nutrient Neutrality holdup to planning approvals is a threat to Big Sky housing projects because delays increase costs.*
 - Hethersett Post Office in Library - SNC councillors have provide funding to enable the service to continue but more funds are still needed. Will provide training opportunities for the unemployed.*
- Planning
 - Parish Council Recommendation
 - [Local Plan](#) - proposed additional development of 25 houses north of eastern section of School Lane
 - PH reported that a decision has been delayed until 07/2023*
 - [2021/0029](#) - 6 houses north of SL, previously rejected by SNC - awaiting appeal verdict - applicant has contended that there is not a 5 year housing supply
 - [2022/1086](#) - Laburnum Cottage, Green Lane - Outline planning permission for new dwelling and garage re-using existing access - *no comment*
 - Colney development - <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/housing/colney-hall-care-village-homes-uea-research-park-9195880>
 - [2022/1422](#) - Conversion of existing cattle outbuildings to 8 residential dwellings | Church Farm Market Lane Great Melton
 - The PC has points out that the development would create significant traffic on a quiet road and that the occupants would be dependant on cars for access to all services - other PAs have been refused for this reason.*
 - [2022/1870](#) - 55 School Lane - single storey rear and side extension with internal remodelling
 - [2022/1724](#) - LM Business Park - change of use of Car Park to Self-Store Container Site
 - PC has requested restrictions on hours of use and monitoring of traffic generated*
 - There was discussion of the closure of Little Melton Rd and how the road layout will be changed but will not substantially change access to Hethersett.*
 - Decisions

6. Parish Facilities–
 - a. Playing field, Village hall, Tennis
 - b. court maintenance - [see list](#)
 - i. *CGM - Peter Skipper has left*
 - c. Skate ramp sound deadening and hedge planting
 - i. *Sound deadening has been installed on 50% of the north end panel. CGM have been asked to progress hedge planting at Skate Ramp.*
 - ii. *RC had reported graffiti on skate ramp and suggested getting a street artist to decorate*
 - d. New [retail](#) on Little Melton Rd, Doctor's surgery - comments submitted about bike and E charging
 - e. Moving data to Google Shared Drives and third signatory on Bank Accounts
 - f. Car park usage - extension? Consequences of growing use by Hethersett residents
 - i. Village hall increased usage
 - g. New [AED proposed for Village Hall](#) - now installed, needs external light
 - h. Bike marking event -
 - i. *date TBA with Wonky Wheels*
7. Highways –
 - a. NCC Highways requests
 - i. 20mph zone on SL - difficult to demonstrate adequate support for NCC proposal
 1. *Can't demonstrate support for buildouts, will ask Highways to proceed with remainder of scheme*
 - ii. Provision of westbound lorry route signage on A47 - missing since the road was built
 - iii. [Rangers & Highways requests](#)
 - iv. Reinstatement of grass around the Village sign
 - b. Village Hall road - ownership and maintenance
 - i. Anglian Water have offered £300 to help repair damage caused by HGV use
 - ii. Saffron are taking legal advice
 - iii. NR Asphalt have been asked to repair holes - 17/08/2022
 - c. Cycle path on Hethersett Lane - land agreed - email from J Wiggins
 - d. *Our Police Constable has been asked to conduct spot checks at the Burtnhouse 7.5 tonne restricted zone and to issues fines to HGV drivers that pass through. It is hoped that word will then be spread amongst the drivers that there is a risk of being fined.*
8. Correspondence received since the last meeting
9. Financial
 - a. 2022 Audit has been passed - report is on <https://www.little-melton.org.uk/council-activities/financial/audit-reports>
10. Legal matters
11. Next meetings are
 - a. PC meeting - 28/11/2022 - Village Hall

Signed (Chair) Date