

Little Melton Parish Council

MINUTES

Mon 28/11/2022 - 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
Y	Y		<i>apol</i>	Y	<i>apol</i>	Y	Y	Y	<i>apol</i>

- To consider apologies for absence
 - as above*
- Declarations of interest in items on the agenda by Parish Councillors
 - none*
- To confirm the [minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 04/10/2022](#)
 - Proposed SS - seconded JE*
- Public Participation
 - AD reported that SNC accounts are robust and in good shape, so no major concerns, no increase in Council Tax and no cuts are expected. Members still have discretionary grant money available - may be able to help with Tennis Court resurfacing in 2023.*
 - AD reported that SNC have allocated land and are offering to fund and build a new surgery that could be leased by the doctors' practice. Discussions with the ICB Independent Care Board) are ongoing.*
 - DB can provide the email address of the chair of the ICB and which can be used to report serious problems with the health services.*
 - DB - Community Connectors are a team that bring together different services and can be contacted by phone, they work from the Hethersett surgery one day per week and can visit patients at home.*
- Planning
 - Parish Council Recommendation
 - [Local Plan](#) - proposed additional development of 25 houses north of eastern section of School Lane - decision postponed till 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 - Highways and Planning officer have suggested a reduction in scale
 - [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
 - The PC has asked if the actual vehicle traffic generated by the self store site can be monitored to see if it is in line with predictions. The PC pointed out that some businesses operate from drop boxes and can generate significant traffic to a box location.*

- b. Decisions
 - i. *none*

6. Parish Facilities—

- a. Playing field, Village hall, Tennis court resurfacing - [see list](#)
- b. Skate ramp sound deadening and hedge planting -
 - i. *Some sound reduction material has been installed, more is to be ordered. RC is investigating hiring a Street artist. SS to take pics of snapped screws and to discuss with the supplier.*
- c. New [retail](#) on Little Melton Rd, Doctor's surgery - comments submitted about bike and E charging
- d. Moving data to Google Shared Drives - complete, RW is backup
- e. Third signatory on Bank Accounts - communication with Barclays
- f. Car park usage - extension? Soak away relocation.
- g. New [AED proposed for Village Hall](#) - external light now installed and improved emergency exit light
- h. Bike marking event - date?
- i. Application to [Orsted Community Benefit Fund](#) - solar panels on VH?
- j. Church car parking
 - i. *There was brief discussion of a proposal to create parking spaces on Mill Rd for church users, DB agreed to ask Highways for comments on the proposals*

7. Highways –

Communication with Highways needs to be improved - DB assured the PC that new pressure will be brought to bear on Highways to improve communication.

- a. NCC Highways requests
 - i. 20mph zone on SL - Highways have been asked to proceed but without buildouts, extensive emails about relocation of VAS
 - ii. Provision of westbound lorry route signage on A47 - missing since the road was built
 - 1. *DB stated that this will be a matter of priority*
 - iii. [Rangers & Highways requests](#)
 - iv. Reinstatement of grass around the Village sign - waiting for info from Highways
 - v. Communication of recent road closures
- b. Village Hall road - ownership and maintenance
 - i. Saffron are taking legal advice -
 - ii. NR Asphalt have repaired holes - AW contributed £300
- c. Cycle path on Hethersett Lane - land agreed - email from J Wiggins

8. Correspondence received since the last meeting

- a. Elections in 05/2023

9. Financial

- a. Consider [Precept](#) for 2023
 - i. *Members are happy with the proposed Precept, but the final numbers will depend on the Tax Base that will be published soon*

10. Legal matters

11. Next meeting - 16/01/2023 - Village Hall

Signed

Date