

Clerk's report

Great Melton Parish Council



The Village Hall/Cricket Pavilion is undergoing major works in Autumn/Winter 2022

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The items below relate to actions/resolutions from the 5 September 2022 meeting:

Item 3: Approved minutes of the May and July meetings and draft minutes of the September meeting - These have been uploaded to the Parish Council's website.

Item 4: Clerk's report - The £220 expected grant from the district council has been received.

Item 6.1: Electric vehicle charging point - The village hall committee has discussed the possibility of installing a car charging point and has sent their views. This response has been shared with councillors and will be discussed at the November meeting as the Parish Council has been asked for an opinion.

Item 9.3: Payments – All payments have been made as listed in the minutes.

Item 10: Policies – The data protection privacy notice has been updated on the website. Standing Orders will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Items requiring explanation on the 28 November agenda

The meeting venue has changed temporarily to Barford Village Hall due to the building works at Great Melton Village Hall.

Item 6.1: Update from Cllr Barnard on a recent village hall committee meeting - Cllr Barnard attended the meeting to represent the Parish Council as a trustee of the village hall. She will provide a brief update, in particular on the building works that have commenced.

Item 8: Highways Working Group on reducing village speed limits - Cllr Sears will provide an update on the recent survey sent to villagers and possible future actions arising from the survey.

Item 9: Planning application (Agricultural building at College Farm, High Green) - This is a Notification of Prior Approval, which is not the same as a full planning application. Further guidance should be available from the Planning Officer in time for the Parish Council meeting.

Item 10: Equinor wind farm cable route - The appointed solicitor, Birketts, is waiting to hear from Equinor's solicitors and they will then start to negotiate the terms of a template agreement. Birketts will liaise with the Parish Council's land agent during the negotiation. They will open a separate file in relation to the cable route that affects parish council land and the Council should expect a formal letter from Birketts confirming engagement for this matter. It is anticipated that Equinor will pay the legal fees. A community newsletter for the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon extension project will be handed out to councillors at the November meeting.

12.3: Review of Community Infrastructure Payments (CIL) - The Parish Council received £5,155.59 in the 2021-22 financial year and has 5 years in which to use it. Local Councils can use CIL receipts to support the development of their area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else which is concerned with addressing the demands that new development places on an area.

Item 13: The Standing Orders document is the same document presented to the last meeting; councillors have been provided with suggestions for additional sections for the document.

Item 14: Communication with the public - This was an item raised at the September meeting and is for general discussion.

Additional items for information

There is a diversion in place in Little Melton affecting Burnthouse Lane from its junction with School Lane for 100m southwards. The road is temporarily closed (except for access) from 21 November to 9 December 2022 for the duration of the works. Alternative route is via: Burnthouse Lane, Harness Maker Way, Colney Lane, Hethersett Lane, B1108 Watton Road, Green Lane, School Lane (Bawburgh, **Great Melton**, Hethersett, Little Melton).

Litter picking - Our very helpful litter picker (who wishes to remain anonymous) litter picks two or three times a week around the village. She achieves a 13 mile radius on her bicycle. Since the start of this year, she has collected 1,522 cans: an average of 17 cans per outing. There are many many plastic bottles, glass bottles and various packages. She has also reported numerous fly tipping incidents to the District Council.

Boundary review in Eastern England - Following the Boundary Commission for England's recent publication of revised proposals for the new parliamentary constituency boundaries, a summary of the how the proposed changes would impact South Norfolk residents has been provided by the District Council. Notably, part of South Norfolk is being put together with East and Mid Suffolk. To read more, go to the Boundary Commission's website: <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/6484>

For Councillors: The Broadland and South Norfolk Town & Parish Council Forum for 2022 is taking place on Monday 28 November from 1-2.30 pm. This forum will take place on Zoom. It will be an opportunity to provide updates on key issues and also to ask questions and discuss areas of interest. Contact the Clerk for further details.