

GREAT MELTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9
JANUARY 2020
MINUTES

Present:	Rob Richardson Mary Barnard Liesl Richardson Chris Lacey (Clerk) 1 Member of the public	David Gregory Peter Markham
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The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence** Margaret Dewsbury (County and District Councillor), Phyllis Curson (unwell), Bruce Fleming (work).
2. **Declarations of interest** None.
3. **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2019 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Meeting Adjournment**
 The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm for County and District Council reports and Public participation:
 - a) County and District Council. No reports.
 - b) Public. The Parish Council were asked if it could advertise the “Next Door” and “All things Hethersett” APPS which can be used to inform Great Melton residents of local services and events.
 The Great Melton Estate had recently released a map showing public bridleways and footpaths and permissive paths. The Estate will be erecting signs showing the map and will be installing signs asking the public to keep their dogs on leads.
5. **Progress Reports**
 - a) Highways. The Following are to be reported to Highways: (i) The gullies and drainage along the length of Hall Road are full of silt. (ii) There is still a large pothole in the layby opposite the Hall Farm Garden entrance in Pockthorpe Road. (iii) Given the accident history at the Pockthorpe Road and Burdock Lane intersection, a 'SLOW' warning on Pockthorpe Road, approaching this intersection from the south is required. A similar warning still exists on Landlow Lane, approaching from the north. (iv) The intersection at Landlow Lane with Watton Road continues to flood. (v) There is a large pothole in Downham on the road towards Wymondham. (vi) There is a large pothole near Manor Farm, Downham, NR18 0SB.
 - b) Horse warning signs. The Clerk had met with Highways to agree locations near High House Farm and the War Memorial. Norse have ordered the signs and they will be erected at the agreed locations in due course. Margaret Dewsbury has agreed to cover the cost of the horse warning signs from the Member's Fund.
 - c) Community Project. Resident Margot Markham had offered to put the proceeds from the village whists (£370) towards a community project. Councillors put

forward their latest ideas: (i) a cabinet for the village archive project, (ii) a hearing loop for the village pavilion, (iii) Internet connection/WIFI connection in the pavilion, (iv) a website for the village archive records. (i) and (ii) could be included as part of the proposed village pavilion development. The Clerk will write to Margot Markham to advise her of the latest ideas. The Clerk will also contact the Pavilion Development Project Manager to confirm if any of the ideas will be incorporated in the pavilion proposals.

- d) VE Day celebrations. Norfolk County Council is setting aside funds for the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Each village can claim up to £500 for the celebrations from the County Council. South Norfolk have also set aside £200 per village. The Great Melton Fete 2020 date could be moved to coincide with the celebrations. The Clerk will advise the Fete organiser, Mary Tuddenham.

6. Correspondence

- a) Clerk's retirement. After twelve years service the Clerk has decided to retire at the May 2020 Annual Meeting. The Clerk would like to spend more time with his family abroad and generally travel more. Rob Richardson has sought the advice of South Norfolk Council to recruit a new Clerk. It is expected that the vacancy will be advertised on the NALC website and in the Parish magazine.

7. Planning

- a) Planning application 2019/2487. Extension to building, replacement windows, solar panels to south and west roof, external and internal alterations at the Cricket Pitch with Pavilion, Hall Road, Great Melton. Councillors. Councillors approved the application subject to adequate wheelchair access from the car park to the front door.
- b) Correspondence had been received from the Chairman of the Cricket Club and Village Pavilion Trustee, Mr Steve Phoenix, setting out some of the funding arrangements and timetable for the village pavilion improvements. Financial support was being sought from the Parish Council. Councillors would like to see detailed costings before committing.
- c) Councillors resolved not to sign the CPRE pledge aimed at ensuring that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2038 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed.

8. Finance

- a) Councillors reviewed the revised 2020/2021 budget. Councillors agreed to raise the precept to £800. The South Norfolk Council precept form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

9. Items reported

- a) The annual village litter pick will take place over the weekend commencing 7th March. The Clerk will put a notice in the Parish magazine with Mary Barnard's contact number. There are a number of spare litter picking tools and high viz jackets for use.

10. Future dates The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020 at 7.30pm in the Great Melton Village Pavilion. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 08.50pm