

LITTLE MELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
at the VILLAGE HALL, MILL ROAD, LITTLE MELTON
TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2007

PRESENT	Stewart Cable (Chairman) – and also representing the Parish Council – Wilf Chamberlain, Graham Tomlin and Joan Wheatley. District Councillor Garry Wheatley was present as were seven parishioners, namely Anne Carter, Jean Chamberlain, Annetta Evans, John Heaser, Janet Kitchener, David Perrin and Richard Smith. The Clerk of the Parish Council was also present.
APOLOGIES	Apologies for absence were received from Rebecca Heaser and Margaret Waller.
MINUTES	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 21 st March 2006 were read by the Clerk of the Parish Council and, on a proposal by David Perrin which was seconded by Joan Wheatley approved and signed as a true record of the business conducted.
REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL	<p>The annual report was read by the Chairman, Stewart Cable, and included references to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal thanks for the valued support of all the Parish Councillors. • An appreciative thank you to our District Councillors Garry Wheatley and Christopher Kemp and our new County Councillor Judith Virgo. • The 16 planning applications the Parish Council had considered in the past year, 15 of which it had raised no objection to the proposals. • Highway issues including the 14 sought after improvements, the introduction of a 7.5 tonne weight restriction and the severe flooding problems along Mill Road. • The repair and/or replacement of a number of amenities including young children’s play equipment, parish notice board, tennis court net and football goals on the village playing field. In addition a second dog waste bin was installed but regrettably the local glass recycling facility was removed from the Village Inn car park. • The successful undertaking of the annual risk assessment and audit of accounts. • The commencement of the building of the 8 new affordable housing properties off Gibbs Close. • The continuing progress of the Local Development Framework which will set out planning requirements and policy until 2021. <p>What the LDF proposes for Little Melton in relation to specific sites is not likely to happen for several more months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwich City Council’s bid for unitary status (at present Little Melton is not included in the proposals). • The loss of the village’s direct bus service to and from Norwich.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completion and delivery, to every household in December 2006, of the Parish Plan and the ongoing work that the Steering Group will promote. • The two vacancies that exist, i.e. for (a) a Local Community Emergency Coordinator and (b) a representative on the Hethersett and Meltons Road Safety Committee. • The parish precept of £12,000 for the financial year 2007/2008. • The upcoming Parish Council and District Council elections on 3 May – on a personal note Stewart Cable added that whilst hoping to continue as a Parish Councillor he would not be continuing in the office as Chairman after six years undertaking this role. • A recorded thank you to everyone who works in all the organisations within the village to support our community. Concluding Joan Wheatley expressed appreciation of the comprehensiveness of the Chairman's report.
LITTLE MELTON COMMUNITY TRUST	The annual report was read by Richard Smith, in his capacity as Trustee and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. No comments were forthcoming.
LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY	This report – in the absence of Chris Doggett - was read by Jean Chamberlain. No comments were made.
MELTONIANS	The annual report, submitted by the Secretary, Harold Kerslake, was in his absence read to the meeting by the Clerk of the Parish Council without any following comments.
LITTLE MELTON PRE SCHOOL NURSERY	This report, submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee Helen Griffin, was read by the Clerk of the Parish Council. No comments were submitted.
HOMEWATCH	Stewart Cable, the Chairman of the Parish Council, read this report in the absence of Ron Websdale. No comments followed.
MOTHERS UNION	The annual report, submitted by Rosemary Manley, was read by the Clerk of the Parish Council. No comments were forthcoming.
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	This report was read by Anne Carter in the absence of Margaret Waller. No comments were made.
HISTORY GROUP	This annual report was read by Anne Carter without any comments following.
HETHERSETT AND DISTRICT AID IN SICKNESS FUND	No annual report had been received.
FRIENDS OF LITTLE MELTON FIRST SCHOOL	No annual report had been received.
FRIENDS OF LITTLE MELTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH	The annual report was read to the meeting by David Perrin. No comments followed the reading of David's report.

LITTLE MELTON TOADWATCH	John Heaser, the Little Melton Toadwatch Co-ordinator, verbally made a report and mentioned that the recent watch had been undertaken by eight helpers from the village and two helpers from Hethersett and had resulted in approximately 2,000 toads and frogs being picked up. In addition fifteen Great Crested Newts – a protected specie – had also been picked up. No comments were submitted.
CONCLUSION	Finally the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and in particular those who had submitted an annual report on behalf of “their” local organisations. Many of these were very comprehensive reflecting, the Chairman said, the high level of activities in our village. There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20 pm. Chairman..... Date.....