

LITTLE MELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
at the VILLAGE HALL, MILL ROAD, LITTLE MELTON
TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010

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| PRESENT | John Heaser (Chair) and also representing the Parish Council Stewart Cable, Tony Berry, Wilf Chamberlain and Joan Wheatley. In addition twenty one parishioners were present. |
| APOLOGIES | Apologies for absence were received from Graham Tomlin, Harrold Kerslake and Margaret Waller and, because of illness, the Clerk of the Council. |
| MINUTES | The minutes of the Annual parish Meeting held on 17 March 2009 were, on a proposal by Stewart Cable which was seconded by Tony Berry, agreed to be a true record of the business conducted. |
| MATTERS ARISING | There were no matters arising from the minutes. |
| INTRODUCTIONS | <p>John Heaser explained the process of the evenings meeting, within the new format, and that Parish Councillors and representatives of village organizations would introduce themselves and, briefly, describe the work of their organizations.</p> <p>The following representatives were present and outlined the responsibilities and past years activities and, in some cases, the upcoming events of each individual local organization:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Kitchener – Wildlife Group John Copson – Oil Economy Group Keith Woods – Friends of the Church Mick House – Little Melton Primary School Ron Websdale – Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Chris Doggett – Parochial Charity Joan Wheatley – Book Club Anne Carter – History Group Alan Bennett – Hethersett and District Aid in Sickness Fund. <p>In addition it was noted that, due to illness, Harold Kerslake was unable to read, in person, the annual reports from the Meltonians and the Mothers Union but these reports were, as with the others, on display and available for perusal by all present.</p> <p>Concluding this item John Heaser emphasized that all local organizations were very welcome to utilize Little Melton's webspace and communicate, with the Parish Council, by email.</p> |
| PARISH PLAN UPDATE | <p>The Chair reported that, although all parishioners had recently been asked for their views and ideas, not one response had been received.</p> <p>Hence it can only be assumed that parishioners have no matters to raise in respect of the Review of the Parish Plan.</p> |
| BREAK FOR COFFEE AND BISCUITS | At this point in the proceedings – approximately fifty five minutes into the meeting - the Chair called a break for refreshments during which the annual reports were available for reading and inspection. |
| OPEN | The Chair explained that at this juncture anyone present could raise |

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| <p>DISCUSSIONS</p> | <p>any local issue/concern for discussion and that one such discussion would be on the very large scale housing development now being proposed, by a private company Ptarmigan Land Ltd., for Hethersett.</p> <p>LARGE SCALE HOUSING PROPOSAL – HETHERSETT</p> <p>District Councillor Garry Wheatley began by stressing that the proposals, now being put forward by Ptarmigan Land Ltd were not SNC policy and had nothing to do with the figures for new housing which had been developed and agreed under the GNDP/JCS. Under the GNDP the figure for new housing, at Hethersett, until 2026 was 1,000 units.</p> <p>John Heaser said the principal issue for Little Melton (apart from the scale of these proposals) was the traffic implications and asked those present how they wanted the Parish Council to respond.</p> <p>Did they wish for the imposition of a 20 mph speed restriction near the local school? The answer was yes.</p> <p>Did they wish for speed reducing bumps and the imposition of a 20 mph speed restriction? The answer was yes.</p> <p>It was also noted that there was no support for improved roads.</p> <p>In respect of the Community Planning Weekend on the 19 and 20 March at Hethersett Village Hall (and the subsequent so called Vision Report Back the following Tuesday) although John Thompson and Partners had stated that every household in Little Melton would receive a notification leaflet it was very doubtful if this had occurred!</p> <p>FOOTPATH AROUND VILLAGE</p> <p>Ray Rumsby asked if there was any likelihood of a footpath being created to enable people to walk around the village but in view of the lack of volunteers to undertake investigations and to take such a project forward it was noted that this suggestion had not been pursued.</p> <p>MILL ROAD FLOODING</p> <p>John Heaser explained the thought to be reasons for the recent heavy flooding of the south/eastern section of Mill Road following prolonged rainfall towards the end of February. There appeared to be some maintenance necessary to the allotments ditch but the mostly piped drainage system on Great Melton Road (eastern section) running from the western boundary of the allotments has been found to be constricted in several places.</p> <p>A site meeting had been held on the morning of the Parish Meeting – with representatives from SNC, NCC (Highways) and the Parish Council – and the outcome was that SNC would be writing to the owners of properties and land along Great Melton Road emphasizing that they were under an obligation to ensure the free flow of highway surface water etc through their property pipes and open ditches.</p> <p>In addition NCC (Highways) will – when the weather improves – put a camera down sections of the drainage pipes to more accurately identify particular blockages, following which owners with blockages within their properties would receive a further letter.</p> <p>A lack of inspection chambers had not helped investigations.</p> |
| | <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked all for being in attendance and closed the meeting at approximately 9.30 p.m.</p> |
| | <p>Chair.....Date.....</p> |