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Melbourne Parish Council Annual Report

April 2017 – March 2018

The Parish Council serves the local community under guidance from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, we are a member of the East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association and representatives from the Parish Council attend the Western Parishes Liaison Group and the A1079 Committee.

We have a full compliment of Councillors with wide and varied experience including; farmers, businessmen, environmentalists and those with experience in both the public and private sector. Each Councillor takes an interest in specific areas.

Councilor Rudd attends every meeting and we thank him for his support.

Minutes of meetings, documents and appendices are accessible on the Melbourne Parish Council website set up and managed by our Clerk: Jane Stewart. Guidance on grant applications and policies and protocols are also available on the website.

Appended below is a summary of activities this year:


1 Yorkshire Water

There continues to be problems with the drainage in the village and flooding during periods of high rainfall.

Councilors Cooper and Lewin have met with staff from Yorkshire Water and their sub contractors (AMEY) and continue to be in regular communication with them. A complete review of drainage was undertaken including camera surveys, an action plan will be agreed once they have the detailed technical report from their engineers. Some of the remedial work has started with 3 sewer repairs. An odour control unit is in the process of being installed. This will reduce the gases that cause the breakdown of the concrete pipes.

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We have raised concerns that new developments in the village will exacerbate existing problems.

An Officer (Senior Engineer) from East Riding Council has met with Councillor Kemp to establish what is causing the flooding outside the school. This was identified and passed to YW for action.

We have highlighted the issues with Sir Greg Knight MP, Nigel Layton, Director of Environmental Services and the Consultant in Public Health Medicine for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

2 Heavy Goods Vehicles

Concern about the number of HGV's through the village was raised with ERYC. This has led to a full manual traffic survey being carried out. Vehicles were noted and timed at four points as they entered and exited the village. In addition, an automated survey was carried out to count traffic volume in both Melbourne and Allerthorpe over a 7 day period. The analysis is underway and officers at ERYC have agreed that we can be involved in agreeing the action plan.

If the analysis supports a weight restriction, ERYC will provide a proposal and consult on the weight limit then follow the Traffic Regulation Order process. The Council have ring fenced a budget to undertake any work required.

A review of directional signage was undertaken and this has led to a number of changes and new signage being put in place by ERYC to guide drivers to industrial sites avoiding the village.

3 Village School


A school Council is in place with pupils. Councillors Braidley and Cooper attended one of their meetings to explain the role of the Parish Council and explore the possibilities for joint projects. Councillor Braidley is the liaison between the two Councils and is well placed to do so as a former Head Teacher and a school Governor at the school.

A poster campaign was agreed to discourage dog fouling and pupils produced 8 posters that are now displayed around the village.

4 Speed Indicator Devices

ERYC submitted a retrospective bill for the last 6 years for maintenance. There has been no maintenance or servicing and the machines frequently do not work. We are in discussion with them about this.

There is no evidence to show that the type of SIDs that are in place impact on traffic speed. . . .



Other means of slowing down traffic have been discussed but there are concerns that they may prove to be divisive with parishioners.

Consideration is being given to having the signs removed to avoid revenue charges against our small stipend for something that is of no benefit.

5 Grant Allocations

The Parish Council allocates small grants from our stipend to support local activities. Guidance notes and an application form are available on our website.

In order to be able to judge one against another they are all submitted to an agreed date in order to be assessed at the same time.

6 Finance

The Parish Council has spent £10,708 over the last financial year and has a closing position is £13,430. The audited accounts are attached as Appendix I.

Allocated grants:

Bowls Club	£1,000
Scouts and Scout Hut	500
Village Hall	500
Cricket Club	250
Sports and Playing Fields	1,200


Other expenses are itemised in our accounts (Appendix I) they include: Clerk's salary, publishing and printing the village newsletter, grass cutting, Parish Council insurance and membership of East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association.

7 Planning Application Consultations and Notices

As a Council we listen to parishioners and do our best to support their views. This year we were consulted by ERYC on a number of applications. We consider all of these at our meetings and where appropriate comment.

A Parish Council Planning Sub Committee (with Terms of Reference) is in place to consider any applications where the deadline is before the next full Council meeting.

8 Village Emergency Plan



The Emergency Plan is updated on a bi-annual basis. Copies are held in the Village Shop and by Councillor Lee and our Clerk.

9 Training

The Clerk provided a briefing session to Councillors on the new General Data Protection Regulations and the implications for the Council.

Councilor Tomalin attended the Code of Conduct Training.

10 Footpath Maintenance and Grass Cutting

Until 2017 maintenance work was carried out by SA Underwood and the Parish Council received a grant from ERYC to cover part of this. From this year no more grants are available for this work and ERYC take over maintenance of all public rights of way across the East Riding of Yorkshire.

11 Telephone Kiosk

This now belongs to the Parish. Ideas for its use are being sought from parishioners.

12 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Council registered an interest in signing up to this. It is hoped that parishioners will get involved in co-ordinating and running it. An article will be placed in the next newsletter asking for volunteers.

13 Ash Lane and Icy Road Conditions

A number of vehicles (22 in one week) came off the road during adverse weather conditions. We have requested that Ash Lane be added to the precautionary gritting network because of the number of businesses on this road and the high number of vehicles ending up in the ditch.

Councillor Rudd has also raised the matter with the Highways Department.

14 Thanks to Parishioners

The Council thanked parishioners for their support and commitment to the village and presented them with tokens of appreciation: Alan Floyd and Ruth Steels for services to the village and Alice King, Hannah McGouran and Kate Hawksworth for raising £47k funding to upgrade and refurbish play equipment at the village playing field.

15 Fracking

A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council expressing concern at the lack of transparency regarding plans for fracking in Yorkshire.

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16 Local Authority Support

Grateful thanks are extended to officers at East Riding Council for their help and support.

Pauline Lewin

Chairman

May 2018

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