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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Annual Parish meeting held at 7.00pm on 15 May 2017 in The Chapel, Melbourne.

Present: Councillors Lewin (in the chair), Braidley, Cooper, Hawley, Johnson, Kemp and Lee.

Members of the public present: 5

17/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2016 - Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

17/2 Natural England Presentation – the Council received a presentation from Craig Ralston, Natural England (NE). Mr Ralston explained NE was looking to work more closely with parish councils to promote the local area and inform residents on how to act responsibly to preserve local sites. Councillor Cooper offered to act as the liaison between NE and the parish.

The parish council said it would be interested in working more closely with NE. It was agreed Councillor Braidley would speak to the school about working together with the parish council and NE. The possibility of a public presentation to the village would also be explored.

With regard to donating to NE, Mr Ralston said if a parish council made a donation via NE's 'friends of' charity, this would ensure the money was spent within the parish.

Agreed that:

- (a) Councillor Cooper write to NE on behalf of the parish council expressing its support for its funding bid;**
- (b) Councillor Cooper would act as liaison between the parish and NE;**
- (c) Councillor Braidley would talk to the school about developing links with NE; and**
- (d) The possibility of holding a public presentation by NE in the village would be explored.**

17/3 Annual Report by the Chairman – the Chairman presented her annual report for 2016/17. A copy had been made available on the website and the 'You Said, We Did' section had been placed on the notice board.