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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.00pm on 8 January 2018 in the Chapel, Melbourne.

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

Councillor Rudd was also in attendance.

Members of the public present: 0

Public Forum – Councillor Rudd raised the following issues:

- a) Capping parish council precepts. There were no plans at present to introduce a referendum system. The Government had said it would review the matter again in three years.
- b) A1079 committee – the next meeting would be on 19 January 2018 in Shiptonthorpe Village Hall from 7pm. Either the Chairman or Councillor Cooper would attend the meeting. Councillor Breeze would attend in future when possible.
- c) Tour de Yorkshire. This would start in Beverley.
- d) Chairman's Awards – individuals or local organisations could be put forward. **Agreed that the Chairman and Clerk complete an application form to put Alice King and Hannah McGouran forward for a Chairman's award.**

17/92 Apologies – None.

17/93 Declarations of interest – Councillor Lee declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 17/106 insofar as he was the owner of Bridge Farm.

17/94 Thanks to parishioners – The Chairman and Council thanked the following parishioners for their support and commitment to the local community and presented them with tokens of their appreciation and certificates:

- a) Alan Floyd and Ruth Steels (presentation of flowers and whisky made during the Carol Service on 17 December 2017) for services to the parish, and
- b) Alice King, Hannah McGouran and Kate Hawksworth (presentation of flowers made at the parish council meeting on 8 January 2018 and at the playing field on 13 January 2018) for raising £37,000 towards play equipment for Melbourne Playing Field.

17/95 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

17/96 Matters arising from the minutes –

- (a) Minute 17/89 – the terms of reference for the Planning Sub-Committee would be added to the March agenda
- (b) Minute 17/90 – the Melbourne Emergency Plan would be added to the March agenda

17/97 Welcome to new councillor – the Parish Council welcomed Mr Paul Breeze as a new councillor to the meeting.

17/98 HGVs through the village – The Chairman had received an email from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) stating that the traffic survey would take place early in 2018. The dates would be circulated once known.

- 17/99 Parish precept 2018/19** – A vote was taken. **Agreed that the precept be raised by 3% in line with inflation.** Councillor Hawley requested it be recorded he voted against an increase.
- 17/100 Yorkshire Water** – Work had been completed. Councillor Braidley had spoken to Yorkshire Water and reported a number of issues that it needed to rectify, including removal of materials. Yorkshire Water had written to the Chairman and said it would be carrying out a complete review of the works, including an assessment of the sewer and the reasons for its collapse and the deterioration of the road.
- The Parish Council agreed it would continue to monitor the situation and would add it to the March 2018 agenda.
- Agreed – that the Chairman write to Yorkshire Water to inform it the Parish Council would continue to review the situation.**
- 17/101 Speed signs outstanding service charge** – Highways had informed the Clerk that no service charge had been paid since the speed signs had been installed. The original agreement had been £600 annually with an annual inflation linked increase. As a result, the amount owed was £3116.01 for the period 2013/14 – 2017/18. **Agreed that the Chairman write to Highways requesting a copy of the signed agreement.**
- 17/102 Ash Lane and icy conditions** – the Clerk had phoned Highways and reported the issues of ice on Ash Lane during the recent bad weather and the number of accidents this had caused. Highways had recorded the condition of the road as dangerous and had gritted the road. However, during the recent cold spell the road had not been gritted and a number of vehicles had come off the road.
- Agreed – that the Clerk write to ERYC and request Ash Lane be added to the precautionary network because of the number of businesses along the road which used HGVs and the high numbers of accidents which had occurred this winter.**
- 17/103 Road signage** – the Chairman and Clerk had informed ERYC of the changes required to the signs around the parish. It was requested reference to the potato factory was removed and airfield was referred to consistently as the Airfield Industrial Site. It had also been requested that signage to the M62 was included at the bottom of Common Lane (by Rytham Gate Farm) and at Seaton Common.
- 17/104 Representation on the A1079 committee** – **Agreed that Councillor Breeze represent the Parish Council at the committee meetings.**
- 17/105 Fatality at the Boundary Farm crossroads, East Cottingwith** – the Chairman had written to ERYC to express the Parish Council’s concern following the recent fatality. She had urged ERYC provide improved signage to warn of the crossroads.
- Agreed that Councillor Rudd request an update and feed back to the Parish Council.**
- 17/106 Planning applications received:**
- a) 17/03869/PLF - Erection of annexe to rear, Bridge Farm, Main Street – having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Lee left the room and took no part in the discussions or voting on this matter - **no comments**
 - b) 17/03801/PLF - Erection of a dwelling and attached garage following demolition of existing commercial buildings, L & S Kendra, Meadowbank Main Street, Melbourne – **that comments are recorded that the proposed building was outside the building line.**
- 17/107 Financial Report** – the Clerk confirmed the current balance stood at £15,722.22 plus the savings account of £2062.67.
- 17/108 Requests for payment** – **agreed that the following requests for payment be approved:**
- a) Clerk’s salary October – December 2017 - £997.76
 - b) HMRC October – December 2017 - £441.55

- c) Hire of Village Hall 17 July 2017 and 13 November 2017 - £44 (in total)
- d) Val Spence - £51 to repay her for flowers and whiskey purchased for Mr Floyd and Mrs Steels
- e) Councillor Lewin - £16 to repay her for flowers purchased for Alice King and Hannah McGouran
- f) Jane Stewart - £24.90 for colour ink cartridges and £8.98 for two frames for the certificates
- g) Hire of Methodist Church 8 January 2018 - £20

17/109 Correspondence - the Parish Council noted the items of correspondence received since the last meeting. In relation to the information provided by Frackure it was **Agreed that Councillor Tomalin write to North Yorkshire County Council's Chief Executive in relation to the lack of transparency regarding plans for fracking in North Yorkshire.**

17/110 Outstanding actions – none.

17/111 Councillors' Forum:

- a) Councillor Lee had stores of salt and an applicator at Bridge Farm for gritting the pavements. Parishioners who wanted salt should contact Councillor Lee. It was agreed the Clerk would publicise this on the noticeboard and website.
- b) Councillor Kemp was still storing the old Melbourne street lights. It was agreed to consider ways in which they could be sold to raise funds for the parish.
- c) Grass verge at Sherbrook Farm would need reinstating following the building work.
- d) A bollard was reported at the far end of Campey Lane. It was agreed Councillor Hawley would investigate and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- e) Road to the west of the village had a lot of water retention when it rained. **Agreed that the Clerk report that issue to Highways and request grips be dug in the drain to allow drainage to the dyke.**
- f) Street names – **it was agreed that the Clerk request an article in the village newsletter asking parishioners to put forward names for the name bank.**
- g) Dog fouling – it was reported that the situation with dog fouling in the village had improved recently. Councillor Bradley agreed he would put up some of the posters designed by the school children and Melbourne School in the village.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm

Date and time of next meeting – Monday 12 March 2018 in the Village Hall.