

# Melbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of the Melbourne Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 24 May 2021 in The Village Hall, Melbourne.

Present: Councillors Cooper (in the chair), Johnson, Lee, Kemp, Rollason, Tomalin, Braidley and Downes.

Apologies: Cllr Breeze

Members of the public present: 5

- 1. KCOM Fibre Optic** – A member of the public, Mr X, due to move into the village, presented an item on KCOM. He explained that BT had no plans to upgrade broadband in the village. The only options were to wait until BT made the decision to upgrade the network or to pay BT for it through community broadband. This would involve a cost to the public; for comparison, Mr X stated that in Leconfield, BT had quoted prices of £500 - £3,000 per home. Mr X had contacted a number of other providers. Only KCOM had responded who said if they could get 30% or more interest in the village, they would roll out the upgraded service. As of two weeks ago, over 30% had registered interest. KCOM has contacted Mr X to confirm it would roll it out, with an estimated timing of June – August 2021. Coverage would be 90% of the village and would offer 900Mb per second in speed which was 10 times the current speed.

Mr X stated KCOM was willing to consider community grants to local projects. It requested a Parish Council contact in order to share information with the community.

**Agreed that Parish Council Clerk would receive information from KCOM which would be disseminated as appropriate to the parish.**

- 2. Melbourne Sports and Playing Field Association (MSPFA)** - Two members of the MSPFA Committee attended. Thanks were offered to the Parish Council for its ongoing support of the MSPFA. Proposals for new developments on the site were put forward which would be dependent on funding. These included a 9-a-side football pitch with tree planting at the back of the field, an all-weather bike (pump) track, accessible seating, a meeting area for teenagers, infant play equipment and improvements to the tennis court, including netball posts.

The Committee had carried out consultation in the parish and received valuable feedback which had allowed it to firm up the above proposals.

The total costs for the proposals would be £92,490. The Committee was planning to put in a request to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for £73,000 from commuted sums, which left a shortfall of around £19,000. The Committee was currently seeking funding and grants from many sources, both local and national. It hoped the Parish Council would be willing to approve funds in the future in the form of a grant for the proposals over and above the normal annual grant request for grass cutting and maintenance etc.

If possible, the Committee wished to start work in spring 2022 if funding was achieved.

Cllr Braidley, in his capacity as a private resident and not a councillor, commented on the discussions he had had with the committee and following these their reassurance that no football would be played on the new tennis court. He made the requests that the Committee

amend the proposed new 9 a side football pitch so its goalpost was not parallel to the nearest residential property and the proposed teenage meeting place is located as far away from residential property as possible.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Committee for their attendance.

**Agreed that the Parish Council Chairman would email the Committee offering its formal support to the proposal.**

- 3. Yorkshire Water (YW) –** Two residents attended. They live in neighbouring properties at a low point in the village. Whenever the pumping station filled up it there were issues with overflowing sewage close to or into their properties. This has been occurring over 17 years and was not always due to heavy rainfall. One of the residents said he had reported these issues repeatedly to YW. Recently there had been a Consumer Council for Water resolution case where YW had agreed to implement a number of potential solutions. However, none of these plans had been carried out. Last week, there had been a large hailstorm which had caused the drains to back up. The main manhole outside the two properties had flooded which had caused sewage to flow down the drive and into the ground floor of both houses. YW had said it would not take responsibility for what had happened as it said the pumping station had capacity at the time of the incident. Later that day the drains backed up again. This had been reported again but YW continued to refuse to take responsibility.

YW had told the Chairman it would carry out work to the manhole by the pub over the summer. YW said this should potentially alleviate some of the issues the village was experiencing, including those being experienced at the residents' properties.

**Agreed that:**

- a) the Clerk would provide the residents with information about how to:**
  - i. report the issue of sewage ingress into their properties to East Riding of Yorkshire Council as an incident of alleged statutory nuisance; and**
  - ii. submit a petition to the relevant East Riding of Yorkshire Council overview and scrutiny committee.**
- b) the Chairman would write to the CEO of YW to inform them of the latest incidents which had resulted in sewage flooding the two properties.**

- 4. Annual report by Chairman – Noted.**