

Melbourn Futures Group Working Party

Summary of Meeting 2: 27thth January 2021

Agenda Item

- 1) Welcome new member, Tina Davey.

Apologies accepted from David Telford

- 2) **Terms of Reference:**

Melbourn PC voted to accept the Futures Working Group Terms of Reference.

- 3) **Greenways Initiative:**

This is an ongoing project and has funding in place. There hasn't been much progress due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but Susan was able to tell us that consultants for the Melbourn Greenways Project will be in place shortly. This will enable a more active relationship to be built. Susan will be our point of contact.

- 4) **Funding Initiative MPC**

Melbourn Parish Council has voted to assign funding of £5000 to MFGWP out of this coming April's precept. This

will be principally to spend on traffic cameras, but also for other measures such as flyers, signs etc.

5) Update on the removal of speed bumps along New Road

Melbourn PC voted to approve the proposal to attempt to halt the removal of the existing speed bumps on New Road. Graham has already liaised with the Parish Clerk who has already been in contact with the planners advising them of our request to block this change. At this meeting it was agreed that Graham would also discuss further with the Parish Clerk the possibility of introducing an additional calming measure in New Road. This would be a far cheaper option for Hopkins Homes, if approved. The first step will be to get Highways to approve the location and type of measure to be introduced. If Highways agree in principle, the Planners will be approached to see if they will approach Hopkins Homes requesting that they install an additional measure (using funds initially allocated to remove the speed bumps replacing them with cushions.)

6) Road Safety

- a. **Issues Raised:** After much discussion, it was decided that it would not be possible for the Melbourn Futures Working Party to address each individual issue brought to its attention from the public on road safety

matters. Nevertheless, the working party will collate a list (appendix) of road safety issues, as recommended by Steve, as a database. The current list includes installing a zebra crossing on Mortlock St. adjacent to the Primary School, a sign on Clear Crescent warning drivers to take care approaching the play park and making Back Lane safer for pedestrians. Graham will be discussing these requests with the Parish Clerk. The best way forward will be decided then, it may require going to full council for action, or approaching the relevant authority. However, in some cases there may be no options available and will have to be referred back to the resident who raised the issue.

- b. **Speed Cameras:** John Stenning presented his and David Telford's excellent research into the types of cameras available, their different features and comparative costs (they all came within our budget). They were asked to continue looking into this and also to find out the efficacy of cameras from neighbouring parishes that have installed them, i.e. have the cameras succeeded in slowing traffic down and has the data collected been useful?

Graham and Jose will start to identify possible sites for the cameras to be installed. Once identified we will

need to check with Highways that the sites are appropriate.

c. LHI Grant: It is not yet known how much we will be able to apply (no guarantee of receiving funding) for so this will be brought to the agenda again when the figures are available. Once we have an indication of funding value we will need to agree on what we would want to spend any allotment of funds on.

d. Police Speed Checks: This was discussed, but we have deferred it until we have identified the critical locations for speeding vehicles and also collected some data from the cameras when they're installed (to add to the existing data collected in 2019).

7) 'Our Melbourn' update:

No further suggestions were submitted prior to this meeting, but Bec has a list from the last brainstorm, and has worked on an 'Our Melbourn' logo. Any further ideas should be submitted to Bec.

One aspect of local engagement that was discussed was to look at getting residents to report on the Highways website any areas of road damage that need addressing.

Jose suggested that the Futures working party as a group should look at identifying around the village sites where road markings had deteriorated and or disappeared altogether and report these on the County Highways site. Susan has supplied the instructions to do this and when enough reports are made, she will follow them up. To action this initiative members of the working party will be allocated roads in the village to inspect and record/photograph any such issues and these will be added to the highways portal. Jose Hales suggested that future S106 monies from further developments in the village could be used to maintain the road markings and signage.

Graham noted that Melbourn may be able to apply for large numbers of tree saplings from The Woodland Trust, and that residents could get involved in suggesting possible sites to plant them.

ACTIONS

- **Graham to talk to Parish Clerk about the feasibility of installing an additional speed bump on New Rd.**
- **Graham to talk to Parish clerk re: installing a 'Slow Down, Children Playing' sign near Clear Crescent play park**
- **Roads to be allocated to Working Party members to inspect for signage/road markings that need refreshing, replacing or repairing.**

- **Jose and Graham to identify possible sites for installing the mobile camera unit.**
- **John and David to continue their research into the cameras and their use in other parishes.**
- **Consider what we could use LHI grant for (All)**
- **Brainstorm ideas for “Our Melbourn” project and send to Bec Barnes (All)**

Next meeting in approx. 6 weeks time, tbc.

THANKS EVERYONE!