



Little Melton Parish Plan

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Foreword

Little Melton's Parish Plan has been developed under the Government's scheme to return the development of communities to those who live in them. This plan has taken almost two years to complete and a great deal of thanks must go to those who have worked hard in its creation. The Parish Plan is more than just a report on the survey results. It draws together the identified needs of the community, addresses their feasibility and how and when they can be implemented. From the analysis of the returned questionnaire, a set of issues has been identified. Some of these issues are already being addressed and action plans have been formulated for the remainder. This plan will identify actions to be taken forward by Parish, District and County councils or groups within the village and act as guidance for those in their respective positions of influence to shape the community by the wishes of the community.

Parish Councillors are the unsung heroes of local government and the preparation of the Parish plan is in deed an heroic feat for which the Chairman, Stewart Cable, should take much credit. While the Plan is the culmination of hours of consultation and analysis, it is only the beginning of a movement which should revitalise parish life.

Garry Wheatley, South Norfolk District Councillor- Bawburgh, Colney, Cringleford, Keswick, Little Melton.

Parish Plans acknowledge the fact that all communities are unique and that local people are the "experts" in identifying the needs of their village therefore they should be instrumental in writing up an Action Plan for the future.

Parish Plans bring people together; they tap into local knowledge and foster a real sense of community. They provide evidence to support funding bids for community projects and give useful information to the Parish Council. Parish Plans contribute to the development of the Local Development Framework and the Community Strategy. They are a democratic process which gives everybody the chance to have their say.

Janet Peachey, Norfolk Rural Community Council

I see the compilation of the Parish Plan for Little Melton as a very important way of involving the whole community in shaping the future of the parish. It is an opportunity to influence the thinking, not only of the Parish Council, but District and County Councils as well. Who better to decide what is important to the whole community than those who live and work in the community? Key local facilities and services required for Little Melton in the next ten years need to be outlined and debated and the Parish Plan seems to me to be the right way for every resident to make his or her contribution to the debate.

Judith Virgo, Norfolk County Councillor- Humbleyard Division

*We are all playing a part in the shaping of our country. I believe the key to our village future is the question what actually constitutes a **'sustainable community'**?*

Community /kə'mju:nItI/ n. (pl. **-ies**) **1 a** all the people living in a specific locality. **b** a specific locality including its inhabitants. **2** a body of people having a religion, a profession, etc., in common**community spirit** a feeling of belonging to a community, expressed in mutual support etc. [ME f. OF comunité f. L communitas – tatis (as COMMON).]

*When most people hear the phrase 'planning' they fear swathes of houses. Whilst a part of this plan addresses this individual fear, it goes beyond that in addressing all aspects that affect our village life by listening to 'the village'. Our views of the world about are exactly that – our personal views. It would be idyllic to expect that every single suggestion put forward during consultation will be achieved. The practicalities of that are limited, specific individual comments can be contradictive. A Parish Plan gives power to our overall ideals and creates a spirit that extends beyond our 'personal' worlds and links together like-minded individuals. Modern lifestyle, the growing **'me'** culture, is in danger of suppressing and smothering the spirit of community.*

*With the creation of this plan, and its continued support by **'all the people living in a specific locality'** working **'in mutual support'** for a better environment in which to live will hopefully create what I see as a **'sustainable community'**. A community with spirit.*

Or is that just my personal opinion?

Stewart Cable, Parish Council Chair



Map of Little Melton

Introduction, Methodology and Summary of Responses

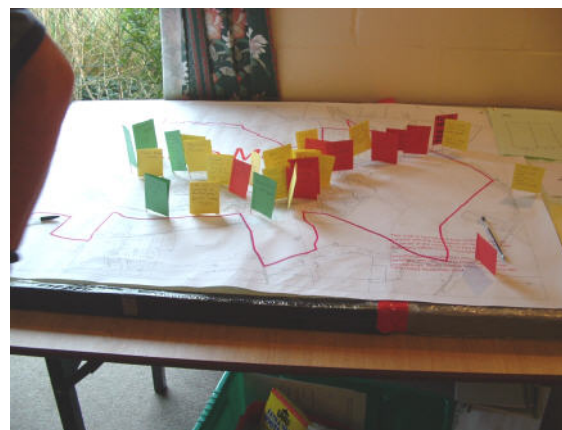
This plan represents an agreement between the Little Melton Community and the Parish Council as to how they would like the Village to develop in the future. It is designed to be used in the following ways:

- As an agreed set of objectives and outline plans for a range of proposals, using the data collected from questionnaire results.
- As a reference work for individuals, groups, Parish and District Councils wishing to introduce new proposals or projects in the future to check that what they propose is in line with villagers' wishes.

The questionnaire distributed was compiled using responses from residents gathered at two public events held during 2005. Both events were organised by the Parish Council in collaboration with Janet Peachey of Norfolk Rural Community Council. The first event consisted of a meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th June 2005. Janet Peachey brought a display, and one-to-one discussions took place with Parish Councillors. The second consultation took place at the Village Show on Saturday 10th September 2005. Residents were invited to use different coloured flags on which they noted their comments, and to place them on a map of the village. Green flags denoted what is special about the village, red flags highlighted problems and yellow flags suggested improvements.

Steering Group

- Catherine Bibb
- Jo Buxton
- Jean Chamberlain
- Stewart Cable
- Annetta Evans
- John Heaser
- Harold Kerslake
- Michael Moore
- Margaret Waller



Questionnaires were delivered to all 358 households - 194 were returned (54% of households).

Of these respondents -

- 77 have lived in the village for more than 20 years
- 32 for 10 to 20 years
- 42 for 5 to 10 years
- 30 for 1 to 5 years
- 9 for less than 1 year

The respondents live in households that include -

- 80 people over 65
- 244 aged 17 to 65
- 29 aged 12 to 16
- 46 aged 5 to 11
- 20 under five.

34 people have offered to help in various ways. For the sake of clarity we have chosen to use actual numbers of people/households instead of percentages. Recommended actions are based on questionnaire results and accompanying comments. Help will be needed to implement the action plans either from existing or new groups. Approximate time scales have been included for each action.

The Parish Plan has been devised to involve all villagers in defining and recommending solutions to everyday problems as well as creating a vision of future development. We hope that villagers will be inspired to participate in action groups and share their knowledge and expertise in order to enrich community spirit and village life.

With support, we hope to achieve as many of the planned actions as is possible.

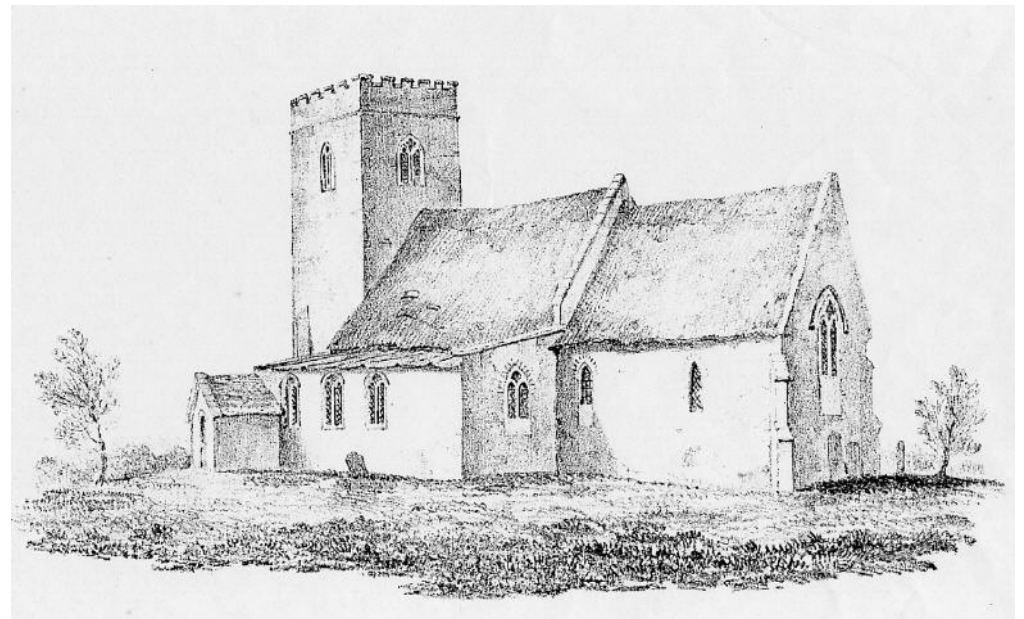
The plan will be reviewed and updated over the coming years.

History of Little Melton

Whilst most Norfolk parishes can boast that they are mentioned in Domesday Book (compiled in 1086 on the orders of William the Conqueror) Little Melton or Maeltuna (the name means "middle enclosure or settlement") as it was then called, can go one better, being mentioned in one of the oldest surviving wills in Norfolk! The will was that of Edwin, a Saxon nobleman. It is thought to have been drawn up sometime between 1030 and 1066. Edwin, mindful of the health of his soul after his death and in thankfulness for the good things he had received in this life made several bequests to religious foundations. One of these was to the Abbey of St Benet at Holm on the River Bure near Horning. The wording of the will has led scholars of the Late Saxon period in Norfolk to think that the area of the Meltons was widely settled by the early 11th Century. Sadly the bequest was never fulfilled as after the Norman invasion in 1066, William the Conqueror, in distributing the land to his supporters, gave the manor to one of his followers, Earl Ralf Gwader who came over with him from Northern France. This was further rescinded when Earl Ralf, not content with the honours that had been heaped upon him by William, was named as one of the ringleaders in a very serious plot against William. The plot is thought to have been hatched during Earl Ralf's wedding celebrations in Norwich Castle. Eventually we are told that the manor came under the administration of someone named in the Domesday Survey as Godric the Dapifer, or Steward.

The centuries passed and various archaeological investigations over the years have shown that the inhabitants of the parish gradually moved away from the comparative safety of the early enclosures near the Church to the edges of the many areas of common land. The population predominantly of subsistence farmers and labourers could farm the land, graze their animals and collect wood for their fires. It is difficult to know if the exchange of Melton Parva (now designated "Little" to distinguish it from its bigger neighbour, Melton Magna) for the parish of Codrington in Surrey by letters patent issued by Henry VIII in 1538 caused much of a stir. Henry wanted to build a state-of-the-art palace on the banks of the Thames for his long-awaited son and heir, Prince Edward, and Sir Richard Codrington probably knew better than to refuse Henry's request for the swap! Nor can we tell if the marching men and women of Kett's Rebellion gained any supporters from the parish as they passed within one-and-a-half miles of its boundary. Sadly the burial and other registers which might have given us some clue went missing many years ago.

In more recent times we know that the parish saw a big influx of new inhabitants in the first half of the 19th Century. The 1851 Census of England and Wales shows that a staggering 53 out of 82 heads of households at this time had been born in parishes other than Melton Parva. This represents a huge migration into the parish. Of the adult males who appear in the Census by far and away the greatest number were engaged in work as farmers or farm labourers or in allied trades such as milling and rat and mole catching. It was at about this time that the then vicar, Rev. John Barkley, became extremely concerned about the high level of poverty and associated ill health in the parish. He begged help from the Norwich Diocese and Charity Commissioners in London to try to alleviate some of the problems. His letters to the latter body (now in the National Archives) provide a rich source of information on the social conditions at the time in a small farming community.



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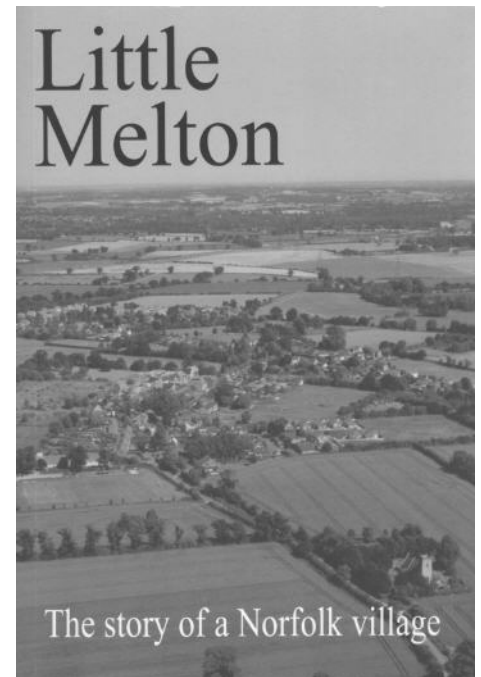


Rural poverty was still a source of concern at the end of the 19th Century and another family named Barclay (this time the family living at Colney Hall) showed their concern for the children at the new Board School by giving gifts of boots and cloaks at Christmas-time. The School, a substantial Victorian brick building built in 1875 with accommodation for the school-mistress, sited in the part of School Lane now cut off by the Norwich Southern by-pass, was to have the dubious distinction of being the only school in Norfolk destroyed by enemy action in World War II. Thankfully no one was seriously hurt but it led to many years in temporary buildings on the same site. It was eventually re-built on its present site next to the Village Inn and currently has pupils from Little Melton, Colney, Hethersett and Bowthorpe aged from four to eight years. In 2007 when it achieves Primary School status the upper age limit will be eleven years.

Another influx of population began as the post-World War II building development got under

way and by the Millennium there were nearly four hundred households. By now few parishioners are involved in agriculture, as the vast changes in the farming industry in the latter part of the 20th Century had decimated the work force needed. Instead the jobs of the present-day population reflect the many and varied occupations needed to keep our modern society ticking over. Our beautiful medieval church of All Saints and our fine, modern Village Hall are both great centres of social activities of all kinds.

Thankfully the abject poverty of the 19th Century has gone. Farming remains an important influence on parish life and the parish, now called "Little Melton", although only five miles from the centre of the City of Norwich retains much of its rural charm, and is still surrounded on all sides by fields under cultivation. Barley, wheat, sugar beet and hay are the main crops. Some years the fields in spring are full of lambs born to ewes over-wintered here. A magnificent herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle grazes in another field. In the past market-gardening has been important and glass-houses can be seen on aerial photographs taken in the mid-Twentieth Century. Many of the village "characters" from the old days are still remembered with affection by older, long-standing residents and many a tale was told to the Village History Group when it collected oral histories for "Little Melton – the Story of a Norfolk Village" published in 2003.




Parish Plan

Community Spirit

97 residents think that there is a community spirit in Little Melton and 51 do not. It is hoped that the Parish Plan will encourage a greater involvement in all areas of village life and that community spirit will grow from this.

Social and Community Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Village Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 people think there are enough village clubs for sports/social activities 92 do not 	Greater publicity for existing groups, clubs and facilities. Sub-committee to be formed to produce Parish Directory.	Short term	Parish Directory sub committee
What village clubs would you like? The most popular reply was a Youth Club	A Youth Club run by Church members already exists. Identify criteria for admission. Investigate whether additional hours are needed for older/ younger age groups. Investigate funding sources and help from statutory and voluntary youth services. (Local Network Fund for Children & Young People etc.)	Short term	Volunteers from questionnaires and existing leaders.
Followed by – Village events and celebrations,	Regular events are held by Church, School and Village Hall. Improve publicity, co-operation and timing.	Short term	Existing councils and committees
Keep fit, Adult Education	Recruit volunteers to investigate feasibility. Refer to single point of contact i.e. Village Hall Management Committee. Produce monthly bulletin for Good News magazine	Short term	Volunteers and Village Hall Management Committee
Bowls Club	Liaison with Great Melton – see http://www.greatmeltonbowlsclub.co.uk/ for more details.		Contact Margot on 01603 811339 or Norman on 01953 607936


Social and Community Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Football Club/Training	Training for school children already takes place. Adult team is using village facilities this season.		
Other activities put forward were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Club • Art Club • Dancing classes • Bridge • Toddlers Group 	Recruit volunteers to investigate feasibility		Being progressed by Village Hall Management committee Volunteers needed
Social Club	Meltonians social club for older residents already exists. Promote awareness of this and investigate feasibility of additional provision.		
Dances/Speakers	These could be covered by above		
Walking/cycling for keep fit	Humbleyard Hoofers walking group already exists. Promote awareness of this and investigate feasibility of cycling group		
Practical activities for teens	Recruit volunteers to investigate feasibility		Village Hall Management committee
Badminton	Badminton club already exists. Promote awareness of this as well as availability of village hall for casual games.		Parish Directory
Yoga	Yoga class has started at the village hall		Parish Directory
Cubs, Brownies, Cricket Club	These activities are well provided for by surrounding villages. Promote awareness		Parish Directory
Elderly self help group	This could be incorporated into the planned village directory		Parish Directory
Better Pub	See Village Inn		

Social and Community Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Village Facilities			
114 people use village facilities, 73 do not. The most popular facilities are - <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Village Hall and Play equipment,○ Tennis court/short tennis○ Playing field.○ Also listed are Meltonians Oil economy group School Playgroup Allotments Mothers Union Charity Bingo Church/Church events Football training Village Show and Homewatch.	Publicise facilities and Village groups. See proposed Village Directory		Parish Directory
Village Inn <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72 people use the Village Inn• 115 do not use it• 91 people would use it if it were different and• 27 would not.• 49 people would like to see better food/menu.• 36 would like a “more Traditional Local”• 21 would prefer it was not allied to a large chain.• 18 would like a better atmosphere/character.• 12 would like better wine/beer.• 9 would like it to be more community orientated. Other comments included - better décor, better management, live music/entertainment, no smoking, cleaner, more polite staff, more control over children, better service, new play area, cheaper bar, more teenage orientated (club).	Arrange meeting owners/managers		Parish Council




Services Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Street Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44 households said yes they would like street lights, 139 people said no. <p><i>"definitely not! Little Melton is supposed to be a rural village"</i></p>	No further action		Review in parish plan re-view in 5 years
Post Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 170 people felt it was important to have a post office 9 villagers said post office was not a priority <p><i>"A Post Office is a vital part of village life, presently absent"</i> <i>"We need a Post Office"</i> <i>"Post Office is main deficiency"</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate possibility of reinstating village post office or mobile Post Office. Improve links to Hethersett/Wymondham Publicise partial service provided by Village Shop. 	High Priority. Short Term.	Parish Council along with District and County Councillors.
Village Shop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 people use the shop everyday 68 more than once a week 33 once a week 27 more than once a month 15 once a month 25 less than once a month 10 never <p><i>"I feel the Store is a really good asset"</i></p>	The shop is an important part of Village life and we should encourage everyone to support it.	High Priority. Short term.	Encourage publicity of services offered – Florist, Postal services, Off-Licence, Paper delivery, General Supplies, Fresh Produce.
Gas Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95 people would like to have gas 73 people said no 	Parish Council to contact gas suppliers to investigate feasibility	Medium Term	Parish Council


Services Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Village Garage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 86 people use the garage regularly 42 use it in an emergency 60 never 	An important service to be supported		
Other Services Used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73 people stated they did not use any other village service 102 do, these include, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Newspaper delivery (17) * Bottle Bank (13) * Gardener (10) * Greengrocer (7) one or two use a handyman, builder, taxi, mobile library, dog groomer, heating engineer, gas delivery, hairdresser.	Some Villagers unaware of these services, improve publicity possibly through Village Directory including commercial and non-commercial services.	High Priority. Short term.	Form Village Directory sub-committee
Other Services Wanted (other than health) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 92 people did not want more services 54 did 			
Are Services Adequate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89 people said yes 49 no 36 said they didn't know 			


Transport Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<p>Public Transport 65 households use public transport of whom 44 use it once per month or more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily-13, • several times/week-11, • Weekly-7, • several times/month-10 , • Monthly-3 <p>45 of the Bus users requested an improved service -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later/weekend-11, • Earlier-4, • More reliable-5, • More Frequent-25 <p>Other suggestions included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to Park and Ride and to the Hospital interchange • Dial a bus • Wider distribution of timetables • Weekly/Monthly tickets <p>The factors most likely to persuade households to use public transport are (marks out of 10) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Frequent-7, • More Reliable-6, • Cheaper-5, • Feel Safer-2, • Better Disabled access-2 <p><i>"as a car driver, I don't think any improvements would make me change, Trying to change people's habits is the biggest challenge"</i></p>	 <p>Get more frequent service, links to P&R Investigate dial a bus – service is now being provided. Timetables are on notice boards. Contact telephone number in Parish Directory (page 21).</p>	<p>High priority</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>

Transport Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<p>Cycling 68 households use bicycles, 49 once a month or more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily-9 • Several times per week-16 • Weekly-7 • Several times per month-11 • Monthly-6 <p>Destinations include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure-22 • Hethersett-19 • UEA/Research Park-8 • within the village-6 • Wymondham-2 • Easton College-2 <p><i>10 households made written comments that requested better and safer cycling and walking facilities. 4 households said that they would cycle if safer routes out of the village were provided</i></p> <p><i>"Don't feel the roads are safe enough, would be tempted to cycle if better arrangements were made for cyclists"</i></p> <p><i>"It is not safe to walk or jog anywhere after dark because of the road situation, nor is it safe to let children walk to Hethersett, even in daylight"</i></p>	<div data-bbox="1198 351 1966 1136" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Development of Cycle Paths. Research is needed to determine the best routes that could be made available.</p>	<p>High priority</p>	<p>Parish Plan committee and people who expressed an interest at the Village Show 2006</p>

Policing and Safety Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 171 Households answered that they felt safe in the Village 11 answered No, they did not feel safe. <p>The main concerns regarding safety were speeding vehicles.</p> <p><i>"A scheme to prevent the village being used as a rat run to Hethersett, usually at reckless speeds"</i></p> <p><i>Several households requested improvements to Mill Rd footpaths, there were requests for an off road footpath to Hethersett to enable children to walk to school</i></p>	Continued review of all high-ways issues by Parish Council, to include traffic control issues, new pavements and conditions of roads, pavements verges and footpaths	Short Term	Parish Council County Council Highways Department
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 131 households felt we did not have enough visible policing in the Village 47 were happy with the level of policing. 	Liaison with the police authority via the Parish Council to explore ways of making policing more visible throughout the village.	Short Term	Police Authority via Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 106 households would like more 20mph restrictions in the Village 79 would not <p>Of the 106 households who would like to see more 20mph restrictions, the following sites were given - School Lane 45, Outside School 23, Mill Road 22, Throughout village 16, Green Lane 11, other sites 26</p> <p>When asked how the restrictions should be enforced the responses were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More signs 71, More policing 49, Speed Bumps 48, Road Narrowing 25, Other 30 <p><i>"Lorries, cars and vans on the whole go too fast, far in excess of the 30mph limit .. I have 3 children and cannot allow them to play in the front garden because of this"</i></p>	Parish Council to liaise and consult with residents and Local Authority		Short Term

Housing Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<p>190 replies were received to the question, "Do you think there should be more Housing developments in the village?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 137 replied "No" • 36 replied "Yes" • 18 replied "Don't know" 	<p>South Norfolk Council has used 0.24 ha of land in the parish in the Local Plan (Dec 2003) HOU 2 for site-specific housing land.</p>	<p>This is in line with the provision of 3,515 completed dwellings in the Norwich Area Local Plan Requirement Jan 2000-July 2006</p>	<p>Parish Council and South Norfolk Council</p>
<p>In response to the question "If houses are to be built, what type of housing do you feel is needed?", family homes, shared ownership housing & low cost rented accommodation were almost equally favoured by the majority, followed by retirement homes, homes for the vulnerable/elderly and then semi-detached/terraced houses. Executive homes were less favoured and flats/maisonettes least favoured.</p>	<p>That the P.C. continues to support the provision of low numbers of family homes but incorporates affordable housing (either as shared-ownership or low cost rented accommodation in line with HOU 12) and retirement homes for the elderly and/or vulnerable. Executive homes and flats/maisonettes not considered necessary. The latter would be out of keeping with present housing.</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
<p>194 replies were received to the question "How many new houses should be built in the next 15 years"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 102 replies indicated fewer than 25, • 57 indicated 25-50 • 15 indicated 50-100 and • 8 indicated 100 or more houses 	<p>It is clear from the replies that the majority of respondents do not favour large-scale development over the next 15 years. It is important that future development in the next Local Plan should be on such a scale to maintain the character of the village and not exacerbate current environmental concerns</p>	<p>2006-2021</p>	<p>Parish Council and South Norfolk Council</p>
<p>The question, "Do you think there should be more control over design and style?" received affirmative replies from 131 respondents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 answered "no" to the question • 28 answered "Don't know". 	<p>That the Parish Council and South Norfolk Council continue to give strict statutory consideration to the design and lay-out of future planning applications so that these are in keeping with existing housing.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Parish Council and South Norfolk Council</p>

Environmental Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<p>Walking 167 households walk for exercise or recreation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily-45, • Several times per week-48, • Weekly-26, • Several times per month-24 , • Monthly-14 <p>Most households use both the roads and the footpaths, 44 walk a dog.</p>			
<p>Dog Bins & Litter 142 households would like dog bins to be provided. Bins are slightly more popular with dog walkers than non dog walkers. 5 households made strong complaints about dog excrement on pavements and footpaths.</p> <p><i>"dog waste is a real problem and there is a lot of litter"</i></p> <p>Sites in order of preference –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All roads / Everywhere • Playing Field / Village Hall • School Lane • Outside school/pub • Mill Rd • Crossroads • Church • Shop 	<p>Parish Council will install 2 bins during 2006. (Mill Road serving also Playing Field and outside the school.)</p>	<p>Review annually and add further units if successful.</p>	<p>Parish Council on-going funding from precept</p>
<p>Several households complained about litter and fly tipping</p>	<p>Litter picks – hold a social event afterwards.</p>	<p>Several people have volunteered – more welcome!</p>	

Environmental Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
Footpaths 122 households would like to see a rural footpath around the outside of the village, 40 were against. Several households requested that circular walks and footpath maps be made available.	Feasibility Study 	Medium	Volunteers needed
Wildlife 109 households thought that the village would benefit from a wildlife area, 47 were against.		Long	
Wind Turbines 45 households would like to see wind turbines, 110 were against.		Ongoing	Parish Council



Parish Council Villager Response	Recommended Action	Priority / Timescale	To be taken forward by
<p>76 households thought that the Parish Council could communicate more effectively, 42 were happy with the present situation. Suggestions included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletters • E-mail • More meetings • More use of notice boards / more boards • More in Good News magazine • Display minutes in shop / deliver to all • More on web site <p><i>"The PC has already communicated with the residents very efficiently and is keeping us informed of suggestions etc"</i></p> <p><i>"Who is the PC?"</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Web site • Maintain use of Parish Magazine & Promote circulation • Facilitate use of email 	Short	Parish Council funding from precept
42 households have visited www.little-melton.org.uk and gave it a rating of 6 out 10			
<p>Household views on the role of the PC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work well within limited powers – 107 • A reasonable service – 71 • Work hard to represent the community – 50 • Manage village facilities well – 39 • A bunch of busy bodies with no real purpose – 11 • A waste of time and money – 9 			
<p>The Parish Council will cost each voter 31p/week for 2006/07.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 households consider this to be good value for money • 20 do not. 	No action required as the majority of Parishioners are satisfied		

Village Directory

Parish Council Clerk Richard Sinclair	www.little-melton.org.uk	01603 811432
South Norfolk District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Environmental Health • Refuse collection • Housing • Council Tax • Electoral Roll. 	South Norfolk House, Swan Lane, Long Stratton, Norfolk, NR15 2XE www.south-norfolk.gov.uk	01508 533633
Norfolk County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways • Education • Social services 	County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH www.norfolk.gov.uk	0844 800 8020
Member of Parliament for South Norfolk Richard Bacon MP	House of Commons Westminster London SW1A 0AA. Constituency Office Grasmere, Denmark Street Diss, IP22 3LE	01379 642097

Police General Enquiries Mobile Police Office visits Village Inn car park once a month between 1.50 and 3.20pm. approx	Operations & Communications Centre Jubilee House Falconers Chase Wymondham NR18 0WW	01953 424242
Doctors Humbleyard Practice	Hethersett Surgery, Great Melton Road, Hethersett NR9 3AB	01603 811323
Health Visitor Rosemary Zammit-Haber,	Wymondham Health Centre	01953 606201
All Saints Church	Vicar: The Rev Di Lammas Churchwardens: Mr Graham Tomlin Mrs Margaret Waller	01603 810273 01603 812209 01603 811890
Friends of Little Melton Church Chairman David Perrin	A secular society set up to help maintain the fabric of the Church of Little Melton for the benefit of the public	01603 810040
Mothers' Union Rosemary Manley	Meetings in the Village Hall on the 1st Monday of the month (not Bank holidays) 1.30pm	01603 810660
Visiting Team Liz Tomlin	Members will visit anyone ill, housebound or in need of a chat.	01603 812209

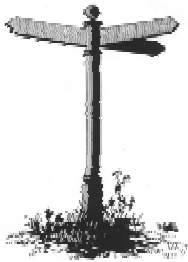
Little Melton First School (Primary School from September 2007)	School Lane, Little Melton, Headteacher Mrs Ann Clements www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk email office@lm.norfolk.sch.uk	01603 811446
Little Melton Pre-School Nursery	Village Hall, Mill Road Open Mon – Fri mornings in term time. Run by friendly experienced staff. Ofsted registered	01603 812362
Little Melton Parochial Charity The Charity is able to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. The charity also administers allotments in the village.	Trustees:- Mr C Doggett Mr N Duffield Mrs J Chamberlain Mr J McDonald Rev D Lammas	01603 812146 01603 810517 01603 812031 01603 810321 01603 810273
Hethersett and District Nursing Association	Mrs M Morrad Assistance for those who are sick and in financial need.	01603 810891
Homewatch	Co-ordinator: Ron Websdale	01603 810652

Meltonians Social Club & Outings	Harold Kerslake Meetings 4 th Thursday of the month in the Village Hall 2.15pm – 4pm	01603 811228
Scy Youth Group	Liz Tomlin. Run by church members Meetings on 1 st and 3 rd Sundays of the month in the Village Hall	01603 812209
Little Melton History Group	Anne Carter Annetta Evans	01603 810266 01603 810007
Little Melton Village Hall •Bookings •Badminton Group •Short Tennis •Yoga •Bingo •Worldwide Church	Jean Chamberlain Marian Broughton Monday evenings Rachael Goldson Mondays 4pm-6pm Lou Kitchener Thursdays 6.30-7.45 Rosemary Warnes Last Sunday in the month 7.30pm Proceeds to the East Anglian Air Ambulance Kevin Shaw Saturday mornings 10am-1pm	01603 812031 01603 811594 07979 093688 07771 778122 01603 810088 01493 304370

Little Melton Oil Economy Group Saving on oil prices.	John (Little Melton) Harry (Bawburgh) Forms available from Village Shop	01603 810720 01603 746020
Humbleyard Hoofers Walking Group	Barry & Sandra Butler	01603 811795
Postal Services	Stamps and some postal services at the Village Shop Nearest Post Office 28 Great Melton Road, Hethersett, NR9 3AB	01603 810321 01603 810241
Mobile Library	Visits Little Melton every 4 weeks on a Wednesday Morning www.library.norfolk.gov.uk	01603 222267
Bus Services	Anglian Coaches Service 59 Flexibus (Little Melton to Thickthorn or Wymondham, 'taxi' type service) www.passengertransport.norfolk.gov.uk	0870 6082 608 0845 6002315
Waste Disposal and Recycling	Wheelie bin (Black or Green) Collection is normally on Fridays. Garden Waste (Brown Bin) alternate Thursdays South Norfolk help line South Norfolk Freecycle http://uk.freecycle.org/groups/norfolk	 01603 819999

Hethersett and the Meltons Road Safety Committee	Clerk/coordinator Mr C Murfin Formed to deal with problems of road safety. <i>No Little Melton representative at present</i>	01603 810885
Hethersett Woodside First & Nursery School	Firs Road, Hethersett, NR9 3EQ Head Teacher: Mrs H Lamb	01603 810674
Hethersett V.C. Middle School	22 Queens Road, Hethersett NR9 3DB Headteacher: Mr A Whittle	01603 810498
Hethersett High School	Queens Road, Hethersett, NR9 3DB Head Teacher: Mrs R Allen	01603 810924
Library	Queens Road , Hethersett, NR9 3DB www.library.norfolk.gov.uk	01603 810188
Good News – Parish Magazine	Church-based monthly magazine containing news from Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton. Also a useful source of local trades people and services. £2.40 per year Distribution: Barry Butler	01603 811795

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