



MELTON PARISH  
COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

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## REVISIONS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

No	Date of Revision	Reason	Sections
1	November 2006	Adoption of Model Standing Orders	All
2	October 2007	Public participation sessions at Parish Council Meetings & Paragraph 12(2) of the Revised Model Code of Conduct	58, 70A, 70B
3	October 2007	Revision to allow either the Chairman or Vice Chairman to be ex-officio members of committees rather than both and add 'as agreed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting each year	43
4	May 2009	To allow for meetings to commence at either 6.00 p.m. or 7.00 p.m. without resolution	1 (c)
5	May 2009	The Council shall <b>[not may]</b> at its Annual Meeting appoint standing committees and may at any other time appoint such other committees as are necessary,	42
6	May 2009	Include Terms of reference for committees as appendix to report	Appendix 1

## STANDING ORDERS

### 1. Meetings:

- a) Meetings of the Council shall be held in each year on such dates and times and at such place as the Council may direct.
- b) A programme of meetings for each year shall be agreed no later than 31st March of the preceding year.
- c) Meetings shall, unless otherwise agreed by resolution, commence at either 6.00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
- d) Smoking is not permitted at any meeting of the Council.

### 2. The Statutory Annual Parish Council Meeting:

**In an election year shall be held on, or within 14 days, following the day on which the councillors elected take office, and in a year which is not an election year shall be held on such day in May as the Council may direct.**

### 3. **In addition to the Statutory Annual Parish Council Meeting at least three other statutory meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times and at such place as the Council may direct.**

### 4. Chairman of the Meeting:

The person presiding at a meeting may exercise all the powers and duties of the Chairman in relation to the conduct of the meeting.

### 5. Proper Officer:

Where a statute, regulation or order confers function or duties on the proper officer of the Council in the following cases, he shall be the Clerk or nominated officer: -

- a) to receive declarations of acceptance of office;
- b) to receive and record notices disclosing personal and prejudicial interests;
- c) to receive and retain plans and documents;
- d) to sign notices or other documents on behalf of the Council;
- e) to receive copies of byelaws made by a District Council;
- f) to certify copies of byelaws made by the Council;
- g) to sign and issue the summons to attend meetings of the Council;
- h) to keep proper records for all Council meetings.

### 6. Quorum of the Council:

**Five members, or one-third of the total membership, whichever is the greater, shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Council.**

7. If a quorum is not present or if during a meeting the number of councillors present (not counting those debarred by reason of a declared interest) falls below the required quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned and business not transacted shall be transacted at the next meeting or on such other day as the Chairman may fix.
8. For a quorum relating to a committee or sub-committee, please refer to standing order 48.

### 9. Voting:

Members shall vote by show of hands or, if at least two members so request, by signed

ballot.

10. If a member so requires, the Clerk shall record the names of the members who voted on any question so as to show whether they voted for or against it. Such a request must be made before moving on to the next business.
11.
  - 1) Subject to (2) and (3) below the Chairman may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in any case of an equality of votes may give a casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.
  - 2) If the person presiding at the annual meeting would have ceased to be a member of the Council but for the statutory provisions which preserve the membership of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman until the end of their term of office he may not give an original vote in an election for Chairman.
  - 3) The person presiding must give a casting vote whenever there is an equality of votes in an election for Chairman.

## **12. Order of Business:**

**At each Annual Parish Council Meeting the first business shall be:-**

- a) **To elect a Chairman of the Council;**
- b) **to receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office or, if not then received, to decide when it shall be received;**
- c) **in the ordinary year of election of the Council to fill any vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations;**
- d) **to decide when any declarations of acceptance of office which have not been received as provided by law shall be received;**
- e) to elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council;
- f) to appoint representatives to outside bodies;
- g) to appoint committees and sub-committees;
- h) to consider the payment of any subscriptions falling to be paid annually;
- i) to inspect any deeds and trust investments in the custody of the Council as required;

and shall thereafter follow the order set out in the Standing Order 15

13. **At every meeting other than the Annual Parish Council Meeting the first business shall be to appoint a Chairman if the Chairman and Vice Chairman be absent and to receive such declarations of acceptance of office (if any) and undertaking to observe the Council's code of conduct as required by law to be made or, if not then received, to decide when they shall be received.**
14. In every year, not later than the meeting at which the estimates for next year are settled, the Council shall review the pay and conditions of service of existing employees. Standing Order 38 must be read in conjunction with their requirement.
15. After the first business has been completed, the order of business, unless the Council otherwise decides on the ground of urgency, shall be as follows:-
  - a) to read and consider the Minutes; provided that if a copy has been circulated to each member not later than the day of issue of the summons to attend the meeting, the Minutes may be taken as read;
  - b) **after consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes by the person**

**presiding as a correct record;**

- c) **to deal with business expressly required by statute to be done;**
- d) to dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting;
- e) to receive such communications as the person presiding may wish to lay before the Council I;
- f) to answer questions from Councillors;
- g) to receive and consider reports and minutes of committees;
- h) to receive and consider resolutions or recommendations in the order in which they have been notified;
- i) if necessary, to authorise the signing of orders for payment.

**16. Urgent Business:**

A motion to vary the order of business on the ground of urgency:

- a) may be proposed by the Chairman or by any member and, if proposed by the Chairman, may be put to the vote without being seconded; and
- b) shall be put to the vote without discussion.

**17. Resolutions Moved On Notice:**

Except as provided by these Standing Orders, no resolution may be moved unless:-

- a) the business to which it relates has been put on the Agenda by the Clerk; *or*
- b) the mover has given notice in writing of its terms and has delivered the notice to the Clerk at least ten clear days before the next meeting of the Council.

- 18. The Clerk shall date every notice of resolution or recommendation when received by him/her, shall number each notice in the order in which it was received and, if he/she considers it appropriate to the effective running of the council, shall enter it in a book which shall be open to the inspection of every member of the Council.
- 19. The Clerk shall insert in the summons for every meeting all notices of motion or recommendation properly given in the order in which they have been received unless the member giving a notice of motion has stated in writing that he intends to move at some later meeting or that he withdraws it.
- 20. If a resolution or recommendation specified in the summons is not moved either by the member who gave notice of it or by any other member, it shall, unless postponed by the Council, be treated as withdrawn and shall not be moved without fresh notice.
- 21. If the subject matter of a resolution comes within the province of a committee of the Council, it shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred without discussion to such committee or to such other committee as the Council may determine for report; provided that the Chairman, if he considers it to be a matter of urgency, may allow it to be dealt with at the meeting at which it was moved.
- 22. Every resolution or recommendation shall be relevant to some subject over which the Council has power or duties which affects its area.

**23. Resolutions Moved Without Notice:**

Resolutions dealing with the following matters may be moved without notice:-

- a) to appoint a Chairman of the meeting;
- b) to correct the Minutes;
- c) to approve the Minutes;

- d) to alter the order of business;
- e) to proceed to the next business;
- f) to close or adjourn the debate;
- g) to refer a matter to a committee;
- h) to appoint a committee or any members thereof;
- i) to adopt a report;
- j) to amend a motion;
- k) to give leave to withdraw a resolution or amendment;
- l) to extend the time limit for speeches;
- m) to exclude the public; (see Order 68 below)
- n) to silence or eject from the meeting a member named for misconduct; (see order 33 below)
- o) to give the consent of the Council where such consent is required by these Standing Orders;
- p) to suspend any Standing Order; (see Order 79 below) to adjourn the meeting.

24. Questions:

A member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the Clerk any question concerning the business of the Council, provided ten clear days' notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed, in writing.

- 25. No questions not connected with business under discussion shall be asked except during the part of the meeting set aside for questions.
- 26. Every question shall be put and answered without discussion.
- 27. A person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer.

28. Rules of Debate:

No discussion shall take place upon the Minutes except upon their accuracy. Corrections to the Minutes shall be made by resolution and must be initialled by the Chairman.

- 29. a) A resolution or amendment shall not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded, and, unless proper notice has already been given, it shall, if required by the Chairman, be reduced to writing and handed to him before it is further discussed or put to the meeting.
- b) A member when seconding a resolution or amendment may, if he then declares his intention to do so, reserve his speech until a later period of the debate.
- c) A member shall direct his speech to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or to a question of order.
- d) No speech by a mover of a resolution shall exceed three minutes and no other speech shall exceed three minutes except by consent of the Council.
- e) An amendment shall be either.
  - i) to leave out words;
  - ii) to leave out words and insert others;
  - iii) to insert or add words.
- f) An amendment shall not have the effect of negating the resolution before the

Council.

- g) If an amendment be carried, the resolution, as amended, shall take the place of the original resolution and shall become the resolution upon which any further amendment may be moved.
- h) A further amendment shall not be moved until the Council has disposed of every amendment previously moved.
- i) The mover of a resolution or of an amendment shall have a right of reply, not exceeding three minutes.
- j) A member, other than the mover of a resolution, shall not, without leave of the Council, speak more than once on any resolution except to move an amendment or further amendment, or on an amendment, or on a point of order, or in personal explanation, or to move a closure.
- k) A member may speak on a point of order or a personal explanation. A member speaking for these purposes shall be heard forthwith. A personal explanation shall be confined to some material part of a former speech by him which may have been misunderstood.
- l) A motion or amendment may be withdrawn by the proposer with the consent of the Council, which shall be signified without discussion, and no member may speak upon it after permission has been asked for its withdrawal unless such permission has been refused.
- m) When a resolution is under debate no other resolution shall be moved except the following:-
  - i) to amend the resolution;
  - ii) to proceed to the next business;
  - iii) to adjourn the debate;
  - iv) that the question be now put;
  - v) that a member named be not further heard;
  - vi) that a member named leave the meeting;
  - vii) that the resolution be referred to a committee;
  - viii) to exclude the public and press;
  - ix) to adjourn the meeting.

30. A member shall remain seated when speaking unless requested to stand by the Chairman.

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- a) The ruling of the Chairman on a point of order or on the admissibility of a personal explanation shall not be discussed.
  - b) Members shall address the Chairman. If two or more members wish to speak, the Chairman shall decide who to call upon.
  - c) Whenever the Chairman speaks during a debate all other members shall be silent.

**32. Closure:**

At the end of any speech a member may, without comment, move "that the question be now put", "that the debate be now adjourned" or "that the Council do now adjourn". If such motion is seconded, the Chairman shall put the motion but, in the case of a motion "that the question be now put", only if he is of the opinion that the question before the Council has been sufficiently debated. If the motion "that the question be now put" is

carried, he shall call upon the mover to exercise or waive his right of reply and shall put the question immediately after that right has been exercised or waived. The adjournment of a debate or of the Council shall not prejudice the mover's right of reply at the resumption.

### 33. Disorderly Conduct:

- a) **All members must observe the Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2002, a copy of which is annexed to these Standing Orders.**
- b) No member shall at a meeting persistently disregard the ruling of the Chairman, wilfully obstruct business, or behave irregularly, offensively, improperly or **in such a manner as to bring the Council into disrepute.**
- c) If, in the opinion of the Chairman, a member has broken the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this Order, the Chairman shall express that opinion to the Council and thereafter any member may move that the member named be no longer heard or that the member named do leave the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forthwith and without discussion. **If a member reasonably believes another member is in breach of the Code of Conduct, that member is under a duty to report the breach to the Standards Board for England.**
- d) If either of the motions mentioned in paragraph (c) is disobeyed, the Chairman may suspend the meeting or take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce them.

### 34. Right of Reply:

The mover of a resolution shall have a right to reply immediately before the resolution is put to the vote. If an amendment is proposed the mover of the amendment shall be entitled to reply immediately before the amendment is put to the vote. A member exercising a right of reply shall not introduce a new matter. After the right of reply has been exercised or waived, a vote shall be taken without further discussion.

### 35. Alteration of Resolution:

A member may, with the consent of his seconder, move amendments to his own resolution.

### 36. Rescission of Previous Resolution:

- a) A decision (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special resolution, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least five members of the Council, or by a resolution moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee.
- b) When a special resolution or any other resolution moved under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Order has been disposed of, no similar resolution may be moved within a further six months.

### 37. Voting On Appointments:

Where more than two persons have been nominated for any position to be filled by the Council and of the votes given there is not an absolute majority in favour of one person, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken, and so on until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person.

### 38. Discussions and Resolutions Affecting Employees of the Council:

If at a meeting there arises any question relating to the appointment, conduct, promotion, dismissal, salary or conditions of service, of any person employed by the

Council, it shall not be considered until the council or committee (as the case may be) has decided whether or not the public shall be excluded. (see Standing Order No. 68 below)

**39. Resolutions on Expenditure:**

Any resolution (which is moved otherwise than in pursuance of a recommendation of the Finance Committee or of another committee after recommendation by the Finance Committee) and which, if carried, would, in the opinion of the Chairman substantially increase the expenditure upon any service which is under the management of the council or committee reduce the revenue at the disposal of any committee, or which would involve capital expenditure, shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council, and any committee affected by it shall consider whether it desires to report thereon (and the Finance Committee shall report on the financial aspect of the matters).

**40. Expenditure**

**Orders for the payment of money shall be authorised by resolution of the Council and signed by two members.**

**41. Sealing of Documents**

- a) A document shall not be sealed on behalf of the Council unless its sealing has been authorised by a resolution.
- b) Any two members of the Council named in a resolution may seal, on behalf of the Council, any document required by law to be issued under seal.

**42. Committees and Sub Committees:**

The Council shall at its Annual Meeting appoint standing committees and may at any other time appoint such other committees as are necessary, clearly defining roles of the committees and any delegated powers, but subject to any statutory provision in that behalf:-

- a) shall not appoint any member of a committee so as to hold office later than the next Annual Meeting;
- b) may appoint persons other than members of the Council to any Committee; and
- c) may subject to the provisions of Order 36 above at any time dissolve or alter the membership of committee.

43. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman ex-officio shall be members of every committee as agreed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting each year.

44. Every committee shall at its first meeting before proceeding to any other business, elect a Chairman and may elect a Vice-Chairman who shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the council, and shall settle its programme of meetings for the year.

**45. Special Meeting:**

The Chairman of a committee or the Chairman of the Council may summon an additional meeting of that committee at any time. An additional meeting shall also be summoned on the requisition in writing of not less than a quarter of the members of the committee. The summons shall set out the business to be considered at the special meeting and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

**46. Sub-Committees:**

Every committee may appoint sub-committees for purposes to be specified by the

committee.

47. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee shall be members of every sub-committee appointed by it unless they signify that they do not wish to serve.
48. Except where ordered by the Council in the case of a committee, or by the council or committee by the appropriate committee in the case of a sub-committee, the quorum of a committee or sub-committee shall be one-half of its members.
49. The Standing Orders on rules of debate (except those parts relating to standing and to speaking more than once) and the Standing Order on interests of members in contracts and other matters shall apply to committee and subcommittee meetings.

50. Advisory Committees:

- a) The Council may create advisory committees, whose name, and number of members and the bodies to be invited to nominate members shall be specified.
- b) The Clerk shall inform the members of each advisory committee of the terms of reference of the committee.
- c) An advisory committee may make recommendations and give notice thereof to the Council I.
- d) An advisory committee may consist wholly of persons who are not members of the Council I.

51. Voting in Committees:

Members of committees and sub-committees entitled to vote shall by show of hands, or, if at least two members so request, by signed ballot.

52. **Chairmen of committees and sub-committees shall in the case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.**

53. Presence of Non-Members of Committees at Committee Meetings:

A member who has proposed a resolution which has been referred to any committee of which he is not a member, may explain his resolution to the committee but shall not vote.

54. Accounts and Financial Statement:

- a) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order or by statute, all accounts for payment and claims upon the Council shall be laid before the Council.
  - b) Where it is necessary to make a payment before it has been authorised by the Council, such payment shall be certified as to its correctness and urgency by the appropriate officer. Such payment shall be authorised by the committee, if any, having charge of the business to which it relates, or by the proper officer for payment with the approval of the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council.
  - c) All payments ratified under sub-paragraph (2) of this Standing Order shall be separately included in the next schedule of payments before the Council.
55. The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each member at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, or as soon as practicable after <sup>31<sup>st</sup></sup> March in each year, a statement of the receipts and payments for the Council for the completed financial year. A Financial Statement prepared on the appropriate accounting basis (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for a year to 31st March shall be presented to each member before the end of the following month of May. The Statement of Accounts of the Council (which is subject to external audit) shall be presented to Council for formal approval before the end of the following month of September.

56. Estimates / Precepts / Budget:

- a) The Council shall approve written estimates for the coming financial year at its meeting no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- b) Any committee desiring to incur expenditure shall give the Clerk a written estimate of the expenditure recommended for the coming year no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- c) Members of the public shall be regularly advised, by notices placed in the *Melton Messenger* published, that any requests for grants from the Council should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October for the council's consideration in November.

57. Interests:

**If a member has a personal interest as defined by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006 then he shall declare such interest as soon as it becomes apparent, disclosing the nature and extent of that interest as required.**

58. Replaced by Standing Order 70a & 70b

59. Not used

60. The Clerk shall compile and hold a register of members' interests in accordance with agreement reached with the Monitoring Officer of the Responsible Authority and/or as required by statute.

61. If a candidate for any appointment under the Council is to his knowledge related to any member of or the holder of any office under the Council, he and the person to whom he is related shall disclose the relationship in writing to the Clerk. A candidate who fails to do so shall be disqualified for such appointment, and, if appointed, may be dismissed without notice. The Clerk shall report to the council or committee to the appropriate committee any such disclosure. Where a relationship to a member is disclosed Standing Orders 57, 58 and 59 shall apply as appropriate.

62. The Clerk shall make known the purpose of Standing Order 61 to every candidate.

63. Canvassing of and Recommendations by Members:

- 1) Canvassing of members of the council or of any committee, directly or indirectly, for any appointment under the Council shall disqualify the candidate for such appointment. The Clerk shall make known the purport of this sub-paragraph of this Standing Order to every candidate.
- 2) A member of the council or of any committee shall not solicit for any person any appointment under the council or committee recommend any person for such appointment or for promotion; but, nevertheless, any such member may give a written testimonial of a candidate's ability, experience or character for submission to the council or committee with an application for appointment.

64. Standing Order Nos. 61 & 63 shall apply to tenders as if the person making the tender were a candidate for an appointment.

65. Inspection of Documents:

A member may for the purpose of his duty as such (but not otherwise), inspect any document in possession of the council or a committee, and if copies are available shall, on request, be supplied for the like purpose with a copy.

**66. All minutes kept by the Council and by any committee shall be open for the inspection of any member of the Council.**

67. Unauthorised Activities:

No member of the council or of any committee or sub-committee shall in the name of or on behalf of the Council:-

- a) inspect any lands or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect; or
- b) issue orders, instructions or directions;

unless authorised to do so by the council or the relevant committee or sub-committee.

68. Admission of the Public and Press to Meetings:

**The public shall be admitted to all meetings of the Council and its committees** and sub-committees, **which may, however, temporarily exclude** the public by means of the following resolution:-

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw".

69. Not used.

70. [A] At all meetings of the Council, the Chairman may at their discretion and at a convenient time in the transaction of business, allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting. Such sessions form part of the Council meeting in law and shall be duly minuted. The Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 shall apply to members of the council in respect of the entire meeting. Where, however, members of the council exercise their rights pursuant to Standing Order 70 [B], below, members of the public shall be allowed to attend the meeting to (a) make representations. (b) answer questions or (c) give evidence relating to the business to be transacted.

[B] At all meetings of the Council, the Chairman may permit members of the council [including co-opted members as defined by S.49 (7) Local Government Act 2000] who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business to be transacted at the meeting to (a) make representations, (b) answer questions or (c) give evidence relating to the business to be transacted. Such sessions form part of the Council meeting in law and shall be duly minuted. The Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 shall apply to members of the council in respect of the entire meeting.

71. The Clerk shall afford to the press reasonable facilities for taking of their report of any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present. There shall be no audio or video recording or photographs of the meeting without the express approval of the Council.

72. If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting, the Chairman may, after warning, order that he be removed from the meeting.

73. Confidential Business:

- 1) No member of the council or of any committee or sub-committee shall disclose to any person not a member of the Council any business declared to be confidential by the Council, the committee or the sub-committee as the case may be.
- 2) Any member in breach of the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Standing Order shall be removed from any committee or sub-committee of the Council by the

Council.

74. Liaison with County and District Councillors:

A notice of meeting shall be sent together with an invitation to attend to the County, and District Councillors for the appropriate division or ward.

75. Unless the Council otherwise orders, a copy of each letter ordered to be sent to the County Council or District Council shall be transmitted to the County Councillor for the division or to the District Councillor for the ward as the case may require.

76. Planning Applications:

The Clerk shall, as soon as it is received, enter in a book kept for the purpose the following particulars of every planning application notified to the Council:-

- a) the date on which it was received;
- b) the name of the applicant;
- c) the place to which it relates;
- d) the Clerk shall refer every planning application received to the Chairman / Chairman of the Planning Committee or in the Chairman's absence to the Vice-Chairman within 48 hours of receipt.

77. Financial Matters:

- 1) The Council has considered and approved Financial Regulations which were adopted by the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006, a copy of which is annexed to these Standing Orders.
- 2) Any proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £2,500 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender as summarised in (3) below.
- 3) Any formal tender process shall comprise the following steps:-
  - a) a public notice of intention to place a contract to be placed in a local newspaper;
  - b) a specification of the goods, materials, services and the execution of works shall be drawn up;
  - c) tenders are to be sent, in a sealed marked envelope, to the Clerk by a stated date and time;
  - d) tenders submitted are to be opened, after the stated closing date and time, by the clerk and at least one member of Council;
  - e) tenders are then to be assessed and reported to the appropriate meeting of Council or Committee.
- 4) The council, or any Committee, is not bound to accept the lowest tender, estimate or quote. Any tender notice shall contain a reference to the Standing Orders 61, 63 & 64 regarding improper activity.
- 5) The Financial Regulations of the Council shall be subject to annual review, as required by Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003.

**NB** Council is reminded that the European Union Public Sector Procurement Rules are likely to apply to contracts with a value in excess of £140,000 and advice should be sought at this level.

**78. Code of Conduct on Complaints:**

The Council shall deal with complaints of maladministration allegedly committed by the council or by any officer or member in such manner as adopted by the Council except for those complaints which should be properly directed to the Standards Board for consideration.

**79. Variation, Revocation and Suspension of Standing Orders:**

Any or every part of the Standing Orders except those printed in **bold type** may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business.

80. A resolution permanently to add, vary or revoke a Standing Order shall when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

**81. Standing Orders to be Given to Members:**

A copy of these Standing Orders shall be given to each member by the Clerk upon delivery to him of the member's declaration of acceptance of office and written undertaking to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES

EMPLOYMENTPurpose

- To be responsible for the employment of council staff
- To provide contracts and other such documents as required by employment legislation
- To provide a staff appraisal system
- To agree salary levels for council employees
- To provide a Disciplinary Panel
- To provide an Appeals Panel

Composition

- Five members

The Disciplinary Panel should consist of three members of the Employment Committee

The Appeals Panel should consist of one member from the Employment Committee not on the Disciplinary Committee

and two other councillors who are *not* members of the Employment Committee

Meeting frequency

- *Ad hoc* as necessary

## FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Purpose

- Oversight of the internal financial controls
- Authorisation of all payments within budget
- Preparation of the budget for approval by full council
- Provision of financial information to the full council
- To be the authorised bank signatories for the council
- To make whatever banking and investment arrangements are appropriate
- To enter into and review contracts for the provision of services to the council
- To oversee the provision of office accommodation
- To make recommendations of expenditure from reserves
- To oversee the risk management of all council operations
- Raising of funds

Composition

- Five Members

Meeting frequency

- 5 times a year

## PLANNING

Purpose

- To consider all planning applications affecting Melton submitted to the district council
- To decide the appropriate response to the district council taking into consideration the impact on the residents of Melton
- To decide if a particular application, due to its impact on the village, requires consideration by the full council
- To consider future rounds of consultation by the district council on the Local Development Framework and make recommendations to full Council
- To act for the council on matters of Trees – i.e. advice on Tree Preservation Orders etc.

Composition

- Six members

Meeting frequency

- Monthly

## RECREATION

### Purpose

- To manage and promote the playing fields
- To manage and promote Burkes Wood
- To manage and promote the footpaths and rights of way
- To manage and promote the pavilion
- To manage and promote the play equipment on the playing field
- To manage and promote the tennis courts
- To manage items delegated from the Village Plan Implementation Committee
- Village Identity
- Access to training
- Jobs and local economy
- Local schools
- Energy
- Built and natural environment – information boards
- Recycling
- Facilities for young people
- Cultural and sporting facilities
- Facilities for older people
- Natural environment
- Community safety including dog fouling and anti social behaviour

### Composition

- Five members

### Meeting frequency

- Quarterly