

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th January 2022, at Melmerby Village Hall.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Ruth Beaumont (Chair), David Bardsley, Gary Fletcher, Chris Jones, Marjorie Jones (Vice-Chair)

Four members of the public were also present.

- 2022/001. **Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED** that the following apologies were received;
- County Councillor Clare Driver, due to work commitments.
 - District Councillor Raymond Briggs, due to ill health.
- 2022/002. **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that Councillor Beaumont and Councillor Bardsley declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda (minute number 2022/016).
- 2022/003. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd November 2021.
- 2022/004. **Exclusion of Press and Public (Public bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960): RESOLVED** that there were no items on the agenda that required this exclusion.
- 2022/005. **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that residents raised the following issues:
- Objections to planning application 21/1052 6 Bridge Terrace, Melmerby, Penrith, CA10 1HL for a proposed second floor extension to existing dwelling (item 2022/016). Residents questioned the appropriateness of extending the existing property to a third storey, raised concerns regarding loss of privacy and overlooking, and that the aesthetics of the scheme were not in keeping with the village status as an Area of Natural Beauty.
- 2022/006. **Cumbria County Council Report: RESOLVED** that County Councillor Claire Driver had confirmed that there was no update at this time.
- 2022/007. **Eden District Council Report: RESOLVED** that District Councillor Briggs had confirmed that there was no update at this time, and had offered to represent the Parish Council at planning committee if required.
- 2022/008. **Highways: RESOLVED** that there were no updates on the following issues:
- Flooding on the road into the village near Town Foot Farm/
 - Water run-off from the Melmerby to Ousby road opposite Scar View.
 - Surface damage to A686 heading east into the village on bends just before the 30mph sign.
 - Sloping on the footpath on the bridge near the pub.
 - Request for no parking sign on the bridge.
- The following was further **RESOLVED**:
- That the Clerk had contacted PC Norman Black, who had agreed to attend a public meeting regarding traffic issues in the village. Several potential dates were agreed.
ACTION: Clerk to finalise date with PC Black, and arrange meeting.
 - That Councillor Bardsley have reported an issue with standing water on the junction of the A686 and the Gamblesby road to United Utilities. UU had been to the site to inspect, and identified an issue with drainage from the adjacent field. They agreed it was causing a hazard, and would work with Cumbria Highways to resolve.
- 2022/009. **Parish Projects: RESOLVED** that transportation of the bench was agreed, and that it was agreed to restore to dark green. Councillors were informed that the goalpost would have to be paid for prior to delivery, and agreed to transfer cost directly to the Clerk to facilitate this payment. It was further agreed to proceed with the new noticeboard, as per the quote received.
ACTION: Clerk to arrange purchase and delivery of goalposts.
- 2022/0010. **Damage to bench: RESOLVED** that the repair piece for the bench has been purchased.

- 2022/0011. **Grant Request: RESOLVED** that a grant request was deferred to the March meeting.
- 2022/0012. **Heritage Assets: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed of a project by the District and County Council to record Local Heritage Assets, in order to help safeguard them against future development. Details have been posted on Facebook, and would be included in the MEMO.
ACTION: Clerk to add to MEMO submission.
- 2022/0013. **Queen’s Jubilee: RESOLVED** that the Council was informed that residents were organising a Jubilee Beacon as part of a national project. It was agreed to place a plaque on the restored coronation bench to commemorate the year of repair. Further considerations to be discussed at the March meeting.
- 2022/0014. **Planning Protocol: RESOLVED** that the letter to residents was agreed, and that Councillors would organise distribution of the letter and protocol to resident, to also include details of the public meeting to discuss traffic issues.
ACTION: Councillors to arrange delivery once Clerk confirms meeting date.
- 2022/0015. **Planning Decision Notices: RESOLVED** that the following planning decision notice received since the last meeting of the Parish Council was acknowledged;
- a. 21/0864 3 Maiden Way Close. Melmerby. Penrith. Retrospective addition of trellis to garden fence. **GRANTED**

Councillor M Jones Chaired the following item

- 2022/0016. **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed to planning applications in the Parish received since the last meeting of the Parish Council;
- a. 21/1052 6 Bridge Terrace, Melmerby, Penrith, CA10 1HL. Proposed second floor extension to existing dwelling.
Object: On the grounds of local planning policy, that the proposal would cause overlooking and loss of sunlight and was out of character for the Area of Natural Beauty. Unanimously agreed.

Councillor Beaumont resumed the Chair of the meeting.

- 2022/0017. **Accounts and Finance: RESOLVED** that the following was agreed;
- a. That payments as detailed in the attached RFO report were agreed.
- 2022/0018. **Communications: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed a £50 initial payment to the MEMO magazine, to be followed by additional payments as required.
- 2022/0019. **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence received was acknowledged, including an update from Cumbria Police. Correspondence was also received from the Open Spaces Group, with regard to open spaces provision in the Eden Local Plan. Councillor confirmed that the open spaces shown on the map for Melmerby were correct.
- 2022/0020. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7.30pm at Melmerby Village Hall.