

# MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, at Melmerby Village Hall.

**Present:**

Parish Councillors:	Ruth Beaumont (Chair), David Bardsley, Marjorie Jones (Vice-Chair)
County Councillor:	Claire Driver
District Councillor	Raymond Briggs

Six members of the public were also present.

- 2022/0021. **Apologies for Absence: RESOLVED** that the following apologies were received;
- Councillor Gary Fletcher, due to work commitments.
  - Councillor Chris Jones, due to ill health.
- 2022/0022. **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that Councillor Bardsley declared an interest in item 22 on the agenda (minute number 2022/0042).
- 2022/0023. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 2022/0024. **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.
- 2022/0025. **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:
- Concerns from a resident regarding planning application 22/0071 at Hartside Café (item 19 on this agenda, minute number 2022/0039)
  - That an increased police presence monitoring traffic in the village had been noted.
  - That a meeting had taken place to discuss placement of a B4RN broadband cabinet, next to the bus shelter.
- 2022/0026. **Cumbria County Council Report: RESOLVED** that County Councillor Claire Driver informed the Council that the CRASH group would be meeting, and that an annual speed review for Melmerby would be discussed. Councillor Driver had also spoken to Highways Officer Laura McClellan, who was happy to go ahead with a daytime meeting with Councillors and residents.
- 2022/0027. **Eden District Council Report: RESOLVED** that District Councillor Briggs confirmed that the Eden district Council portion of Council Tax had been frozen, with the Police and Crime Commissioner portion increasing. He also informed the Council the District Council had not been able to extend the garden waste collection district wide. Finally, he confirmed that central government had now passed legislation to allow local government reform in Cumbria to go ahead.
- 2022/0028. **Public meeting: RESOLVED** that there were no further updates at this time.
- 2022/0029. **Traffic calming measures: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that a resident's group had been formed, and had met, to discuss issues related to traffic and speeding in the village.
- 2022/0030. **Speedwatch Group: RESOLVED** that enough interested parties had put their names forward. Councillor Beaumont would lead the group, and training would be requested from PC Black.
- 2022/0031. **Highways: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed of the following updates;
- Flooding on the road into the village near Town Foot Far – Highways requested that images are sent of the problem when it occurs.
  - Water run-off from the Melmerby to Ousby road opposite Scar View - Highways requested that images are sent of the problem when it occurs.
  - Surface damage to A686 heading east into the village on bends just before the 30mph sign – Highways requested that images are submitted of damage.
  - Sloping on the footpath on the bridge near the pub – images had now been submitted.

- e. Request for no parking sign on the bridge – Highways have no record of a sign on the bridge. The request will be considered as a traffic regulation order in the next financial year.
- f. Request from resident regarding highway mirror, at junction of A686 and Gamblesby road – Clerk was requested to submit a request to Highways.
- g. Road marking rubbing away at junction of A686 and Gamblesby road – Clerk to submit.
- h. Concerns over water run off down Hartside Road to the bakery – again, images would need to be supplied to Highways.

2022/0032. **Parish Projects: RESOLVED** that the coronation bench has no ben collected and was awaiting installation. Questions were raised as to whether gaps between the slabs could be cleared and mortared. However, this had not previously been a concern, and would require permission from the landowner, which was to be sought by the clerk. Re-installation of the bench to be arranged by Councillors. The goalposts had been ordered, and were awaiting delivery

2022/0033. **Damage to bench: RESOLVED** that the repair piece for the bench has been purchased. Concern was again expressed over weed between flagstones, and whether this should be mortared. Again, permission would be required form landowner, which would be sought by the clerk.

2022/0034. **Grant Request: RESOLVED** that a grant to Fellrunner Bus Service of £50 was agreed.

2022/0035. **Litter Bin: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed that concerns over a litter bin on the Village Green not being regularly emptied were reported to Eden District Council.

2022/0036. **Appleby Fair: RESOLVED** that representatives from Eden District Council and Cumbria Constabulary addressed the meeting, informing the Council that the Appleby Fair would take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, with parking in Melmerby allowed from Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Concerns were raised over a lack of police presence in the return week of travellers, and over horses being tethered too near the road.

2022/0037. **Planning update: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed that planning application 21/1052 at 6 Bridge Terrace has been withdrawn.

2022/0038. **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments on planning applications in the Parish received since the last meeting of the Parish Council were agreed:

- a. 22/0149 Melmerby Mill, Melmerby. Construct a steel portal frame roof over an existing silage pit. **No Objections**

2022/0039. **Hartside Café: RESOLVED** that it was agreed to submit comments on planning application 22/071 at Hartside Café, in Glassonby Parish, on the grounds of usage, size, visual impact and light impact.

2022/0040. **Website Renewal: RESOLVED** that this issue would be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

2022/0041. **Clerk Salary: RESOLVED** the Clerk would be paid back pay line with increases detailed in the newly issued NALC salary scales for 2021/22.

2022/0042. **Accounts and Finance: RESOLVED** that the following was considered and agreed:

- a. To renew the Council's annual insurance policy with Zurich.
- b. To pay the accounts as detailed in the RFO report.

2022/0043. **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence received was acknowledged, and that there were no matters arising at this time.

2022/0044. **Date of the Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm.**

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