

# MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr David Bardsley, Cllr Bill Burford, Cllr Gary Fletcher, Cllr Dougie Bell and Claire Rankin, Interim Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public were present. Cllr Michael Hanley, Westmorland and Furness Council was also in attendance.

2023/060 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Chris Jones.

2023/061 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** there were no declarations of interest.

2023/062 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2023/063 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2023/064 **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.

2023/065 **Public Participation RESOLVED** that a member of the public wished to thank the speed watch group for their work to extend the 30mph speed limit and introduce the 40 mph buffer zones. The new signage was welcome.

A member of the public wanted to update the Parish Council in terms of the registration of the defibrillator on the national database “The Circuit”.

2023/066 **Westmorland and Furness Council Report – RESOLVED** that the report from Cllr Michael Hanley was received. Cllr Hanley reported that there had been a meeting of the Locality Board for Eden. Items discussed included hyperfast broadband investment of £180 million for Cumbria to benefit 60,000 Cumbrian homes. Safer, stronger communities scheme priorities are children and young people, travel, health and climate change and biodiversity. Cllr Hanley also gave an update on the Lake Action Group (Windermere) which will bring considerable revenue to the Westmorland and Furness area, the Planning Committee and the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.

2023/067 **Parish Clerk Recruitment – RESOLVED** that the update from the recruitment committee was received. Applications had closed on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Shortlisting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July and an extraordinary meeting will be held to complete the recruitment process.

2023/068 **Annual Audit – RESOLVED** that the audit of the accounts by Chris Dent be accepted and the AGAR submission be approved. The motion was proposed by Cllr Fletcher and seconded by Cllr Burford.

2023/069 **Highways – RESOLVED** that the following updates be noted:

- a) Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC) is undertaking a policy review on 20mph zones. The clerk will contact the relevant officer at WFC to express the Parish Council's interest in the policy.
- b) The pot holes at the bottom of Gale Lonning have been filled.
- c) The School Transport team has recommended new bus drop off points in the village (along the straight section of the village green). It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

2023/070 **AONB Information Board – RESOLVED** that the update from the AONB be noted. The draft of the information board will be ready by September. The clerk will contact the AONB to request the Parish Council has sight of the board before it is finalised and installed and that a link to the Parish Council website be included on the information board.

2023/071 **Defibrillator - RESOLVED** that the village defibrillator should be included on the national database "The Circuit". Nigel Longworth, who liaises with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) in terms of the ongoing maintenance contract for the defibrillator, will make contact with CHT to assess the current position regarding the "The Circuit".

2023/072 **Finance– RESOLVED** that the payments outlined in the RFO report be agreed. The motion was proposed by Cllr Fletcher and seconded by Cllr Bardsley.

2023/073 – **Correspondence – RESOLVED** that the correspondence register be noted.

2023/074 **Date and Time of Next Meeting – RESOLVED** that the proposed meeting schedule be approved. The dates of the next meetings are 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.