

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Friday 29th December 2023, 6.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Chris Jones, Cllr David Bardsley, Cllr Bill Burford, Cllr Dougie Bell and Claire Rankin, Parish Clerk.

2023/120 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Gary Fletcher.

2023/121 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** there were no declarations of interest.

2023/122 **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.

2023/123 **Public Participation - RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting for members of the public to speak. There were no members of the public present.

2023/124 **20 mph speed limit – RESOLVED** that a consultation event will be held on 10th January 2024 to consider options for a 20mph speed limit in Melmerby. The consultation event will be open 10am-12, 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm. Every resident over 18 will be allowed to express their preference for one of the 3 proposed options. Comments and experiences are most welcome. Residents under 18 are very welcome to attend and express their views. All comments will be recorded, collated and anonymised. Residents are welcome to leave their contact details for further information.

3 consultation options were proposed:

1. 20 mph from the existing 30 mph limit on the approach from Langwathby and the old 30 mph limit on the Hartside road.
2. Maintain the 30mph limit on the A686 and 20 mph on all other surrounding roads within the village envelope.
3. Maintain the current speed limits.

Reasons put forward for pursuing a 20mph limit included:

- Crossing the A686 for children accessing the school bus provision.
- The need to cross the A686 to get from one part of the village to the other.
- A number of collisions and near misses accessing the A686.
- Contribute to noise reduction.
- Reduce emissions and improve air quality.
- Evidence from the Speed Watch Group and the Action Group in conjunction with Cumbria Police and Highways.
- Facilities within the village are located either side of the A686.
- Limited street lighting. Of the existing street lights only one is located on the A686.
- The A686 includes sharp bends and pinch points.
- Lack of footways/pavements throughout large parts of the village.

Following the consultation event, a report will be produced for approval at the ordinary Parish Council meeting on 24th January 2024 for submission to Westmorland and Furness Council before the deadline of 16th February 2024.

Communication of the consultation event will be a poster on the noticeboard, resident's facebook page and the PC website. A leaflet drop to all households in the parish will also be undertaken.

2023/125 **Date and time of the next meeting** - The next meeting of Melmerby Parish Council will be held on 24th January 2024 at Melmerby Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 19.08

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