

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th January 2024, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

Present: Cllr David Bardsley, Cllr Gary Fletcher Cllr Bill Burford, Cllr Dougie Bell and Claire Rankin, Parish Clerk. Cllr Michael Hanley, Westmorland and Furness Council was also present.

Two members of the public were present.

2024/001 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Chris Jones.

2023/002 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** there were no declarations of interest.

2023/003 **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.

2023/004 **Public Participation - RESOLVED** that the Vice-chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting for members of the public to speak. There were no items raised at this point.

Cllr Bardsley reported that a small group of volunteers from the emergency plan group had contacted households and offered support during the recent storm. Cllr Bardsley thanked all those involved.

2024/005 **Westmorland and Furness Council update – RESOVED** that the update from Cllr Hanley was noted. Cllr Hanley reported on a recent scrutiny meeting including the budget and priorities for the Integrated Care Board. He also reported that there were still funds available through the 0-19 youth fund from the Eden Locality Board. At the last meeting 4 projects were approved for Penrith from this fund.

2024/006 **20 mph speed limit consultation – RESOLVED** that the summary report be accepted and that the Parish Council approved the submission of an application to Westmorland and Furness Council for a 20 mph speed limit within the village.

It was reported that a consultation day had been held on 10th January regarding the 20 mph speed limit within the parish. Background information and 3 options were proposed for the village. There was a large turnout from the village and a clear wish to take the proposal forward. The application needs to be submitted by 16th February. The submission was proposed by Cllr Fletcher and seconded by Cllr Burford. All those present were in favour.

2024/007 **Highways – RESOLVED** that the clerk contacts Christine Rowley to follow up the offer at a previous parish Council meeting that the drains on the Gale Hall lanning would be cleared to try to ease the running water. It was also positively reported that the gritters (under Westmorland and Furness Council) had continued to grit the same route. It was again highlighted that the school bus route from Melmerby to Ousby is not gritted.

2024/008 **Penrith Parking Consultation – RESOLVED** that it was noted that Westmorland and Furness Council are undertaking a consultation on the permit parking scheme in Penrith.

2024/009 **Precept 2024/25 – RESOLVED** that a precept of £5360 would be requested for 2024/25. It was noted that the Council Tax Relief Grant (CTRG) for Melmerby will be £40 for 2024/25. This will be the last year that the CTRG will be offered to Parish Councils.

2024/010 **Finance – RESOLVED** that the payments in the RFO be approved. This was proposed by Cllr Fletcher and seconded by Cllr Burford.

2024/011 **Correspondence – RESOLVED** that the correspondence register be noted.

2024/012 **Matters in hand – RESOLVED** that the maintenance issues be actioned in Spring.

2024/013 **Date and time of next meeting – RESOLVED** that the next meeting will be held on 27th March 2024 and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting also held on 27th March 2024, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.25 p.m.

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