

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd February 2024, 8.15 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

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

Five members of the public were present.

2024/014 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Michael Hanley and Cllr Mary Robinson, Westmorland and Furness Council.

2023/015 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** there were no declarations of interest.

2023/016 **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.

2023/017 **Public Participation - RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting for members of the public to speak at the relevant agenda item.

A resident reminded those present that a meeting regarding the B4RN project would be held on 27th February 2024, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall to give an update on timescales and routes.

2024/018 **Hartside Café Planning Application – RESOLVED** that an update on the planning application was received. Comments had been received following contact with the planning officer. Westmorland and Furness Council had outstanding queries with the application and had already noted concerns about the traffic implications for Melmerby. Eight individual comments had been received from Melmerby parish before the closing date. Given that the application is not in the Melmerby parish area, the Parish Council abstained from taking a view. It was noted at the meeting that the application is for a replacement café and that there had been a café facility on the same site for many years. The development will bring employment to the area and support existing local businesses. Concerns regarding overnight stays and lighting were noted.

2024/019 **Planning application for Pars Haven – RESOLVED** that the Parish Council supported the application for a two storey rear extension and detached garage at Pars Haven. It was noted that the front of the property will remain unchanged. The support for the application was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Bell. All those present were in favour.

2024/020 **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 20.33 p.m.