

# MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.**

Chris Jones, David Bardsley, Gary Fletcher Bill Burford and Dougie Bell (all Melmerby Parish Councillors) were in attendance. Claire Rankin, Parish Clerk was also in attendance. Six members of the public were present. Cllr Michael Hanley, Westmorland and Furness Council sent his apologies.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chris Jones welcomed all those present to the Annual Parish Meeting for Melmerby.

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 were proposed by Alison Smith and seconded by Bill Burford and were approved.

### **Information update from Melmerby Parish Council**

Chris Jones updated the meeting on projects and initiatives completed or in progress during the year. These included:

- An Information Board through the FellFoot Forward programme is in progress and will be installed on the bus shelter shortly (Thanks were given to David Bardsley and Claire Rankin for their work on the project).
- An application for a 20mph speed limit in Melmerby has been submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council.
- The proposed playground project is awaiting further discussion with the landowner.
- Several planning applications have been considered and all planning deadlines adhered to.
- The parish projects have been completed. These included the new noticeboard, replacement goalposts and renovation of the coronation bench.
- Appointment of the Parish Clerk.
- Highways responses have been made particularly in terms of pot hole works.
- Updating of the Emergency Plan (special thanks were given to David Bardsley).
- Discussions regarding the bus drop off points for the secondary school bus.
- Joint working with Langwathby Parish Council regarding parking costs and waiting times at Langwathby Station.

The Parish Council were thanked for their work over the year.

### **Invitation for points of discussion from the parish**

Alison Smith reported that the new noticeboard has swollen due to the weather. Chris Jones agreed to speak to Mike Wilkinson.

Alison Smith gave an update on the B4RN project and confirmed that the initiative has started in Melmerby. The soft dig was nearly complete and progress had been made in terms of the hard dig (including the need for some small road closures). The first connections are due to commence on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Alison mentioned the opportunity for community funding. If the community undertake some of the drilling and trench digging, funds can be made available to the community. Martin Allison and David Monteith volunteered to help.

A resident also raised the issue of fallen branches from trees on the village green. Chris Jones agreed to contact the landowner to request removal of the branches.

The meeting closed at 7.43 p.m.

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