

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th March 2024, following the Annual Parish Meeting, 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.

Six members of the public were present.

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

2024/015 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley declared that he had raised the invoice for the Village Hall fees as Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr David Bardsley and Cllr Bill Burford also declared that they had both been involved with the B4RN project.

2024/016 **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th January 2024 – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2024/017 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2024 – RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Jones was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2024/018 **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.

2024/019 **Public Participation - RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting for members of the public to speak and also asked members of the public to speak at the start of the relevant agenda item.

2024/020 **Westmorland and Furness Council update – RESOLVED** that Cllr Hanley was not present at the meeting but had sent reports from WaFC committees which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors including details of the 0-19 community funding.

2024/021 **King's Portrait – RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should apply for a portrait of the King under the government scheme. The Parish Council will ask the Village Hall Committee if the portrait can hang in the village hall.

2024/022 **Information Board – RESOLVED** that the revised draft of the information board be approved which included a brief history of Melmerby and photos of the entrance to Melmerby Hall and the Clock Tower.

2024/023 **Appleby Fair – RESOLVED** that the information from Cumbria Police be noted. It was raised that the toilets need to be in position for 9am on the first day and that it would be ideal if the fallen branches on the village green are cleared before the Appleby Fair. Claire Rankin agreed to contact Emma Brass for information regarding toilets and signage.

2024/024 **B4RN – RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agreed to be the accountable body for any community funds under the B4RN scheme. This resolution was proposed by Cllr Gary Fletcher and

seconded by Cllr Dougie Bell. All Parish Councillors were in favour. It was agreed that a consultation exercise will need to be carried out to decide how any funds are used.

2024/025 **Defibrillator – RESOLVED** that the update be noted, in particular that Clyde Parsons is due to attend to the electricity issues. A query was raised regarding how temperatures affect the defibrillator.

2024/026 **Highways – RESOLVED** that the highways update be noted, in particular the progress with the potholes. The issue of water running down Gale Hall Lonning remains and it was suggested that a reminder email should be sent the landowner (The Rowley Estate).

2024/027 **Finance – RESOLVED** that the finance report was proposed by Cllr Chris Jones and seconded by Cllr Dougie Bell. All Parish Councillors were in favour.

2024/028 **Correspondence – RESOLVED** that the correspondence register be noted.

2024/029 **Date and time of the next meeting – RESOLVED** that the next meeting will be the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on 21st May 2024, 7.30 p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.08 p.m.