

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at Melmerby Village Hall.

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

Three members of the public were present. Cllr Michael Hanley, Westmorland and Furness Council was also present.

2024/051 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Dougie Bell and Cllr Mary Robinson, Westmorland and Furness Council.

2024/052 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley declared an interest in the planning application for Pear Tree House as he is a near neighbour.

2024/053 **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27th May 2024 – RESOLVED** that Cllr David Bardsley was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2024/054 **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.

2024/055 **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.

A member of the public spoke in terms of B4RN and reminded those present that the village meeting will be held on Saturday 20th July 2024. It was also reported that 27 properties were now live and a further 20 were ready to be connected.

A member of the public also reported that the village hall signpost from the A686 has been turned the wrong way.

2024/056 **Westmorland and Furness Council – RESOLVED** that the update from Cllr Michael Hanley was noted. Cllr Hanley reported that the Council Cabinet had met in Alston in June and several recommendations for Alston had been put forward. Cllr Hanley also reported that the Electoral Commission were undertaking a review to look at the number of councillors in the WaFC area. The Healthboard has recommended increased support for carers. The Locality Board has eight Place Action Groups, the Alston group is currently looking at a youth project and biodiversity issues. The Planning Committee met on 12th June and one of the applications discussed was the conversion of the barn on the A686 to a residential dwelling (barn on the way to Langwathby from Melmerby). The Planning Committee had raised concerns about the exit from the house onto the A686. Cllr Hanley was thanked for his input.

2024/057 **Appleby Horse Fair – RESOLVED** that the form completed at the meeting be submitted to WaFC for their consideration. There were several issues raised and a copy of the response is attached to these minutes.

2024/058 **20 mph Speed Limit – RESOLVED** that the consultation changes be noted. WaFC has adjusted the consultation period due to the general election. The public consultation will now take place during September and October 2024. One of the consultation hubs will be Melmerby Village Hall and an event will take place on 8th October 2024, 3.15p.m. - 7.15p.m.. It was noted that during a recent survey the average speed through Melmerby was 34 mph.

2024/059 **Defibrillator Training – RESOLVED** that the training be considered. It was reported that the last defibrillator training undertaken in Melmerby was only attended by 3 people (whereas the events in Culgaith and Gamblesby attracted 20 and 30 attendees). It was agreed that if the training was to go ahead in Melmerby there would need to be a focused effort in order to increase numbers.

2024/060 **Annual Accounts 2023/24 – RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved for submission to AGAR. It was reported that the annual accounts were approved at the Parish Council meeting in May and have subsequently been externally audited. The submission was proposed by Cllr Bardsley and seconded by Cllr Burford.

2024/061 Cllr Chris Jones, Vice Chair of the Parish Council took the chair for this item.

Planning Application 2024/1097/FPA – RESOLVED that the application for a two storey rear extension at Pear Tree House be supported. It was noted that there was concern that correct planning process had not been followed regarding this application as yellow site notices had not been displayed at the property and near neighbours had not been consulted. It was agreed that these planning process issues would be raised with WaFC. The resolution was proposed by Cllr Chris Jones and seconded by Cllr Gary Fletcher.

2024/062 **Planning Application 2024/0945/FPA – RESOLVED** that the application for change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling house at Fell Foot be supported. Concerns regarding parking space and entry/exit onto the Gamblesby road were noted and will be passed to WaFC but it was reported that Highways did not have any concerns. The resolution was proposed by Cllr David Bardsley and seconded by Cllr Bill Burford.

2024/063 **Planning application 23/0628 – RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Environment Agency had requested additional information with regard to the agricultural building for calves and milking at Broad Meadows.

2024/064 **Highways – RESOLVED** that there was a pot hole on the “top road” near Greenside. A W3W reference would be obtained and the issue reported to Highways.

2024/065 **Finance- RESOLVED** that the finance report be approved and payments made. The resolution was proposed by Cllr Gary Fletcher and seconded by Cllr Bill Burford.

2024/066 **Correspondence – RESOLVED** that the correspondence register be noted.

2024/067 **Date and time of the next meeting.** The next meeting of Melmerby Parish Council will be held on 25th September 2024 at Melmerby Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.