

MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Melmerby Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at Melmerby Village Hall.

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

Two members of the public were present.

2024/068 **Apologies for absence – RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr David Bardsley. Apologies were also received from Cllr Michael Hanley and Cllr Mary Robinson, Westmorland and Furness Council.

2024/069 **Declarations of Interest – RESOLVED** that there were no declarations of interest.

2024/070 **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2024 – RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Jones was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

2024/071 **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.

2024/072 **Public Participation - RESOLVED** that the Vice-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.

It was reported that officers from Westmorland and Furness Council would be present at the November Parish Council meeting to discuss the management of the Horse Fair in the village.

A query was raised regarding the unoccupied dwelling in the village (grass roof). It was agreed that the issue would be raised with Cllr Michael Hanley.

2024/073 **Westmorland and Furness Council – RESOLVED** that there were no councillors from Westmorland and Furness Council present to give an update due to the change of date of the meeting. It was noted that the first meeting of the Alston and Fellside Place Action Group had taken place and that Melmerby Parish Council would be updated and sent copies of the minutes.

2024/074 **20 mph Speed Limit – RESOLVED** that the Parish Council position in terms of the 20mph speed limit remains the same following the parish consultation held in January. It was noted that the Westmorland and Furness Council consultation will take place on 8th October 2024. A member of the public raised this issue of double white lines around the bends in the village (from the bus shelter to the foot of the Hartside Road). It was agreed this would be investigated with the Highways Authority.

2024/075 **Electoral Review of Westmorland and Furness Council – RESOLVED** that it was noted that the review is taking place.

2024/076 **RoSPA report – RESOLVED** that the RoSPA inspection report for the swings, goalposts and other Parish Council owned assets on the village green to be noted. The presence of molehills near the goalposts was highlighted.

2024/077 **Planning protocol – RESOLVED** that the Parish Council planning protocol needs to be updated and amended due to the changes within Westmorland and Furness Council. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would work to amend the document and present a draft for consideration at the January Parish Council meeting.

2024/078 **Highways – RESOLVED** that the issue of double white lines in one part of the village be discussed with highways and the consideration of a speed indicator sign.

2024/079 **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.

2024/080 **Correspondence – RESOLVED** that the correspondence register be noted. It was reported that Cllr Bill Burford is the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

2024/081 **Date and time of the next meeting.** The next meeting of Melmerby Parish Council will be held on 27th November 2024 at Melmerby Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.