

MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of MEETING of MELSONBY PARISH COUNCIL on Held on Monday 23rd May 2023, at 7.00pm St James Church Meeting Room

The purpose of the meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and review and share all annual information for 2022/23.

Present: Gordon Angus (Chairman)
Cllr Vince Elrington (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Brian Bottle
Cllr William Nixon
Cllr Judith Stansfield
Cllr Terry Sutton
Cllr Tanya Henderson
County Councillor Angus Thompson (NYC)
Residents.

Officers: Jenny Pears (Clerk)

ACTIONS

To receive and note apologies of absence
None.

1. Elections

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The clerk called for nominations for Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Elrington and seconded by Cllr Nixon that Councillor Angus be elected Chairman. All Councillors agreed that Gordon Angus should continue his role as Chairman.

Councillor Angus was elected Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Nixon and seconded by Cllr Angus that Councillor Elrington be elected Vice Chairman. All Councillors agreed that Vince Elrington should continue his role as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Elrington was elected Vice Chairman.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillors were provided with DOAO document to sign and return to Clerk.

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2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd May 2022

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Annual summary from the Parish Council

Cllr Angus gave an update of work done by the Parish Council in the past year including:

From the 1st April 2023 North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council became a unitary authority and became North Yorkshire Council.

Community Speed Watch has been active however the weather and low number of volunteers meant it was less frequent.

A 3rd pole has been installed and additional matrix board has been purchased and installed. A donation of £100 was made to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Burial Ground annual maintenance inspection has taken place and remedial work is being carried out. Glebe Court Play Park is a community garden and social space for residents

to enjoy.

The precept for 2023/24 was increased to £11706. The village water and sewage infrastructure are being investigated by Northumbrian Water following a number of correspondences from Melsonby Parish Council to Rishi Sunak MP, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Northumbrian Water and Highways. The Parish Council is awaiting an update following full investigation by Northumbrian Water and plan to complete remedial and repair work. A donation of £90 was made to refurbish the Church clock. Limegarth Development (new housing development) - planning permission has been delayed and ON HOLD. The Parish Council has asked that the current water and infrastructure is resolved before it progresses. Natural England has issued guidance on nutrient enrichment of the Tees River Catchment and the impact that new development is having upon the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area for conservation. Part of the RDC area lies within the catchment (roughly to the north of the A66 and east/north east of Scotch corner). What this means is the Council should not be granting planning permission for any development that is likely to create nitrate emissions until we have in place a system to deal with this problem through specific assessments and effective mitigation. This will significantly delay the application and all future applications. A revised information booklet is available for all new households who move to the village and is available to download on the Parish Council website. The grass cutting contract for 2023/24 was awarded to GCH Garden Maintenance who will cut the grass and hedges in the 2 play parks as well as the village green, new burial ground and verges. North Yorkshire Council continue to conduct weekly inspections of the 2 play parks. The village bus shelter has received funding from RDC to repair the shelter. This has now been completed and the grants have been received. Grant has been received to replace the village noticeboard.

Grant of £174 has been received to support the celebrations of the Kings Coronation.

An outreach postal service is operating in the Church most Friday mornings.

A bi-monthly Newsletter has been posted on Facebook, the website and several places to provide information of support and activities. Lending Library is now in the church. It is a book sharing service library, independent of the county library service for everyone to use. The annual tidy gardens competition took place on 8th August 22. Scarecrow competition and grow a giant sunflower. A coffee morning in the Church – every Friday This year’s Christmas Eve Festival was a great festive celebration of Christmas music in the church. Snowdrop bulbs have planted after being donated to the Parish.

6. Annual Parish Show:

The Annual Parish Show is taking place on 12th August 2023.

7. Any other business:

The bench repair and replace project is now complete. Clerk will collate and send in the documentation/invoices to release the grant funding.

Clerk

8. Questions from residents:

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Signed by..... dated.....