

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN DYKE NEUK, MELDON

Present:

Councillors: G Sanger (Chairman)
H Waddington
A Taylor
A Frankland
J Garnett
A Lloyd

Clerk: Miss D Smith

Apologies: None

Three members of the public were also present.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

1. Election of Chairman for 2024/25

Proposals for the Chairman were invited.

Councillor Sanger was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED

The proposal was unanimously agreed.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2024/25

Proposals for the Vice-Chairman were invited.

Councillor Frankland was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED

The proposal was unanimously agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.



10.7.24

4. Parish Council Vacancies

Members were advised that there are two vacancies on the Parish Council and are asked to consider the co-option of two local residents. Completed co-option application forms were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were also informed that Freddie Bowles has resigned from the Parish Council due to moving out of the area.

RESOLVED

- a. To co-opt Alan Driver and Peter Herzberg on to the Parish Council. Declaration of Office forms were duly signed.
- b. To advise Northumberland County Council (NCC) of the current vacancy.

5. Minutes of the meetings held on 10th April 2024

Members were asked to approve the draft minutes of the above meeting.

RESOLVED

That the above minutes, a copy of which has been previously circulated to each member, be approved and signed as correct by the Chairman.

6. Public Participation Time

There were no public questions on this occasion.

7. Police Update

Members were informed that no police update had been received for the last few months.

RESOLVED

To write to the new Police and Crime Commissioner expressing concerns over the lack of police updates.

8. Report from the County Councillor

There was no update on this occasion.

9. Matters Arising From Previous Council Meetings

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

10. Year End Accounts 2023/24

Members were asked to scrutinise and approve the following documents in relation to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023/24.

- (i) Annual Internal Audit Report
- (ii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement
- (iii) Draft Accounts for 2023/24
- (iv) Section 2 – Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances
- (v) Certificate of Exemption

RESOLVED

Members unanimously approved all of the above documents.

11. Financial Matters

- a. Members were provided with a payments & receipts list and budgetary report up to 30th April 2024.
- b. Members were asked to consider a grant request for support for Meldon churchyard maintenance.

RESOLVED

- a. To approve the payments and receipts list and budgetary report.
- b. To approve a grant of £900 to Meldon PCC.

12. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Members were asked to consider planning application 24/01182/FUL – Pigdon Farm, Pigdon NE61 3SE: Proposed redevelopment of existing stable building(s) to create no.3 residential units.

RESOLVED

This application has been withdrawn.

13. Defibrillator - Molesden

Members were advised that all the residents of Molesden have received details and the code for the defibrillator. Online training is to be arranged and Councillor Lloyd is carrying out two weekly maintenance checks and updating the Circuit website.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

14. Highways
Members discussed highways issues within the parish.
RESOLVED
To arrange a site meeting with NCC at current problem areas in the parish.

15. Environment & Climate Change Issues
There was no update on this occasion.

16. Pigdon Update
There was no update on this occasion.

17. Any Other Urgent Business
There was no other business on this occasion.

18. Date & Time of Next Meeting
The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th July 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.