

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024
AT 7.30PM IN DYKE NEUK, MELDON

Present:

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

Clerk: Miss D Smith

Apologies: None

Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor Glen Sanderson, NCC Officer Tony Derbyshire and one member of the public were also in attendance.

86. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

87. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

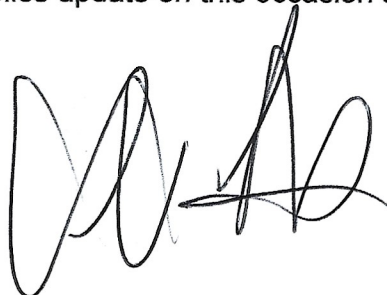
88. **Public Participation Time**

There were no public questions on this occasion.

NCC Officer Tony Derbyshire gave a presentation on NCC's Great Northumberland Forest Tree Planting Scheme.

89. **Report from the Police**

There was no police update on this occasion and no update email has been received.

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90. Report from the County Councillor

NCC Councillor Sanderson gave the following update:

- Potholes are continuing to be a huge problem, another £10m into Highway budget to tackle the problem;
- No cutbacks to frontline services;
- Work on the Northumberland train line is continuing and should be open in late summer 2024. There will be 2 trains running every hour;
- Hirst Masterplan has been agreed;
- Clean up being carried out at Lynemouth beach to tackle historical pollution with £5m allocated to undertake the work.

91. Minutes of the meetings held on 6th February 2024

- (i) 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.

92. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

93. Parish Council Vacancies

Members were advised that there are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council, however, one of the vacancies is still within the 14 days notice period which ends on 22nd April 2024.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted.
- b. To consider co-option at the next meeting and send a co-option application form to all those interested.

94. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning matters to consider on this occasion.

95. Financial Matters

- a. Members were provided with a payments & receipts list and budgetary report up to 31st March 2024.
- b. Members were asked to consider the following Year End Policies and Procedures:
 - Internal Audit Policy;
 - Financial Risk Assessment;
 - Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit.

RESOLVED

- i. To approve the payments and receipts list and budgetary report.
- ii. To review the Internal Audit policy to ensure it aligns with current banking procedures.

96. Defibrillator - Molesden

Members were advised that the defibrillator was recently used for reassurance. Online training is to be arranged and Councillors Lloyd and Taylor to carry out maintenance checks and update Circuit website.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

97. Highways

Members discussed highways issues within the parish.

RESOLVED

Videos to be taken of current problem areas in the parish and sent to NCC.

98. Environment & Climate Change Issues

Members discussed the Dial Up Dial Down work Councillor Lloyd is currently carrying out.

RESOLVED

To defer to the next meeting and any comments to be made via email.

99. Pigdon Update

Councillor Bowles gave an update on Maidens Hall Farm.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

100. Any Other Urgent Business

- i. Members advised of the 777 Arriva bus service, launched earlier this year, connecting Morpeth to Newcastle Airport and Kingston Park.
- ii. Concerns were raised regarding the gully under Molesden Burn, which NCC have previously advise they would maintain.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

101. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meetings (Annual Assembly and Annual Meeting) will take place on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.