

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

Present:

Councillors: G Sanger (Chairman)
A Lloyd
H Waddington
J Garnett
A Frankland
P Herzberg
A Driver

Clerk: Miss D Smith

Apologies: None

One member of the public and two officers from Northumbria Police were also present.

19. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and addressed the uncertainty surrounding the new government's impact on regional matters.

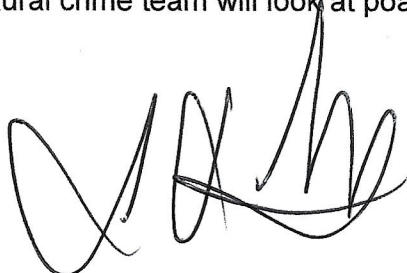
20. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

21. Report from the Police

The police reported the following:

- Safeguarding advice has been sent out regarding quads and other vehicles stolen in the north west area;
- Encouraging residents to sign up to Northumbria Police Northumbria Connected website;
- Speed cameras/Speed Watch can be used to help with the issue of speeding vehicles;
- Northumbria Police now has a motorbike unit and drone teams;
- Rural crime team will look at poaching issues;



11-9-24

- A message will be communicated through the Farmwatch system regarding concerns related to tractor driving in the area.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

22. Report from the County Councillor

There was no update on this occasion.

23. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May 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.

24. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

25. Parish Council Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council. A local resident, present at the meeting, expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

RESOLVED

Members unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Terry Garnick to the vacancy of Councillor. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

26. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

27. Financial Matters

Members were provided, for information, with a payments and receipts list and budget report up to 30th June 2024.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

28. Defibrillator - Molesden

Councillor Lloyd reported that signage has been installed and she is checking the defibrillator on a regular basis. Training is still to be arranged.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

29. Highways

- a. The Chairman advised that some major improvements have been made to the issues in the parish.
- b. Members were asked to consider the top three highways and transport priority issues for Meldon.

RESOLVED

- a. To write to NCC Highways and thank them for the work that has been carried out, and to request an update on the timeline for the remaining issues.
- b. To also request a site meeting with NCC Highways.

30. Environment & Climate Change Issues

There were no issues to discuss on this occasion.

31. Pigdon Update

There was no update on this occasion.

RESOLVED

To remove this item from the agenda.

32. Any Other Urgent Business

- a. Members asked when the bench in Meldon will be fixed. The Clerk advised that she has contacted the supplier and it should be done as soon as possible.
- b. Councillor Lloyd advised all members of a new publication: Building Tomorrows Rural Communities – A Design Guide. A copy will be sent to every town and parish council in England.
- c. The Chairman highlighted areas of concern and development under the new Labour government, specifically grey belt areas, offshore windfarms and the change of use for unused farm buildings.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

33. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th September 2024.