

**MELDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**  
**AT 7.30PM IN DYKE NEUK, MELDON**

**Present:**

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

**Clerk:** Miss D Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr P Cookson  
Cllr A Frankland  
Cllr Glen Sanderson (Northumberland County Council (NCC))

One member of the public was also present.

50. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

51. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Lloyd declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 (ii) – Town & Country Planning Act 1990 - Neighbour

52. **Report from the Police**

The police have reported no issues at this time.

**RESOLVED**

- a. Information duly noted.
- b. To write to the Police Crime Commissioner to express concern regarding not receiving regular updates.

53 **Report from the County Councillor**

The Clerk reported that NCC are working on their budget and trying to ensure they do not cut frontline services. The recent bad weather of

frost and flooding has caused a lot of extra work for their new gully emptiers and created a lot of new potholes.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

54. Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. A local resident, present at the meeting, expressed an interested in joining the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED**

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

55. Minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- (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.

56. Matters Arising

1. **Min 42 – Financial Matters**

Members were advised that a precept of £2345 was levied on Northumberland County Council, representing a 0% increase for 2023/24.

2. Min48(i) – Any Other Urgent Business

Members were advised that the broken grit bin discussed at the previous meeting has been reported to Northumberland Couty Council.

3. Min 48(ii) – Any Other Urgent Business

Members were advised that the grant application for a defibrillator in Molesden has been successful.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

57. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.
- (ii) Members were advised that there has been a static caravan recently sited at a property in South Molesden. Members were advised that there has been no increase in noise or nuisance in the garden.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

58. Financial Matters

- (i) Members were provided, for information, with a payments and receipts list up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Members were also advised that an additional payment of £35.00 has been made by direct debit to the Information Commissioners Office. The funds in the TSB bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 are £5622.07.
- (ii) Members were advised that the insurance with Zurich is due for renewal at a cost of £224.90..

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted. The Clerk advised members she would present a budget report at the next meeting.
- (ii) To approve the insurance renewal with Zurich at a cost of £224.90..

59. Grant Funding

Members were asked to consider grant funding to Hartburn with Meldon Parishes PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard.

**RESOLVED**

To approve funding of £800.

60. Highways

Members were advised that the gully is blocked and the road is flooding at Meldon Burn.

**RESOLVED**

Members agreed to monitor the area and report back if necessary.

61. The Energy Crisis & Inflation

Members were advised that the cost of living letters have been printed and are ready for distribution.

**RESOLVED**

Members to arrange for the distribution of the letters.

62. Environment & Climate Change Issues

Members were advised of Northumberland County Council's Free Tree Giveaway.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To identify potential sites.

63. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Members were provided with details of the Northumbria Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) The Clerk to be the main point of contact.

64. Any Other Urgent Business

- 1. Location for the defibrillator in Molesden.
- 2. Seat for His Majesty The King's Coronation.
- 3. To include on every agenda – Pigdon Update

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to investigate the cost of a seat for the Coronation and to include on the next meeting agenda.

65. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The Clerk to circulate dates for the next meeting in March 2023.

