

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024
AT 7.30PM IN DYKE NEUK, MELDON

Present:

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

Clerk: Miss D Smith

Apologies: P Herzberg

34. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

35. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

36. Public Participation Time

There were no public present or public questions on this occasion.

37. Police Update

There was no update on this occasion.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

38. Report from the County Councillor

The Clerk gave an email update from Councillor Glen Sanderson.



13-11-24

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted.
- b. Councillor Garnick to report outstanding road issues to Northumberland County Council.
- c. To write to the Chairman of Northern Powergrid to request an explanation for the frequent power cuts in the Molesden area in the last few weeks.

39. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 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.

40. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

41. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

42. Financial Matters

Members were provided, for information, with a payments and receipts list and budget report up to 31th August 2024.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

43. External Audit 2023-2024

The Clerk advised that no issues were raised during the above audit.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

44.

Defibrillator - Molesden

Councillor Lloyd reported that the defibrillator is running well and she is checking the defibrillator on a regular basis. The defibrillator has been registered on The Circuit however, the location is incorrect and this is still to be amended.

A leaflet drop has been carried out and Molesden residents requested a village emergency plan to be developed. This has now been completed and circulated.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

45.

Highways

a. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2025-2026

Members were asked to consider the top three highways and transport priority issues for Meldon.

b. Bus Service Improvement Plan

Members were asked to consider the above plan. A detailed discussion took place. Members were informed that a previous bus service ran through Molesden on a Wednesday and other services touched the edge of the parish area.

A petition was considered and to write to all parishioners to ask for their opinions.

RESOLVED

- a. To submit the following to the LTP:
Installation of passing places on the unclassified road (U6029) leading to Molesden. The increasing mixed use of this road has made it more dangerous for all users. It serves as an essential link for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders, in addition to regular traffic from residents, agricultural vehicles and HGVs.

There are wide verges along the sides of the road. We propose that these verges be utilised to create designated passing places, which would enhance safety and improve traffic flow.

46. Environment & Climate Change Issues

a. Members were informed that CPRE are hosting an online zoom meeting on 1st October looking at the emerging second hand EV market.

b. Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Members were asked to consider comments to the above plan.

RESOLVED

a. Information duly noted.

b. All members to complete individually as residents. Councillor Sanger to submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

47. Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Autumn Conference

Members were advised that the above conference takes place on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at County Hall, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

Councillor Lloyd to attend the conference.

48. Any Other Urgent Business

a. To obtain a cost for new grit bins.

b. To order a wreath for Remembrance.

49. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th November 2024.