

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2023
AT 7.30PM IN DYKE NEUK, MELDON

Present:

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

Clerk: Miss D Smith

Apologies: Cllr A Lloyd
Cllr R Johnson

19. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

20. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

21. **Public Participation Time**

There were no public questions on this occasion.

22. **Report from the Police**

There was no police update on this occasion. Update emails from the police will continue to be circulated.

23 **Report from the County Councillor**

There was no update on this occasion.



13/9/2023

24. Minutes of the meetings held on 10th May 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.

25. Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that somebody has shot through the door of a local resident's home in the early hours of the morning. The resident then heard a quad bike start up and leave the premises.

The incident has been reported to the police but two days later, no one has attended.

Concerns were raised regarding the safety of the resident who lives on her own.

RESOLVED

The Chairman to arrange to meet with the police and discuss the incident. Councillor Waddington will also go visit the resident.

26. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Members were advised that planning application 23/01254/VARYCO – 2 West Molesden, has been granted permission.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

27. Year end Accounts for 2022/23

Members were requested to scrutinise and approve the following documents in relation to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23 (see appendix B).

- (i) Annual Internal Audit Report
- (ii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement
- (iii) Draft Accounts for 2022/23
- (iv) Section 2 – Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances
- (v) Certificate of Exemption

RESOLVED

Members approved the above documents.

28. Defibrillator - Molesden

The Chairman advised that following a site meeting, two new sites have been identified for the defibrillator.

RESOLVED

Councillors Frankland, Sanger and Lloyd to look at the installation of the defibrillator.

29. Commemorative Bench

Members were advised that the bench has now been delivered and were asked to consider a plaque/inscription on the bench to commemorate the Coronation.

RESOLVED

A brass plaque to be installed and Councillor Sanger to look at the wording for the plaque.

30. Highways

Members were provided with the Molesden speed monitoring data and we asked to consider the next steps. A discussion took place regarding contractor vans speeding through the village

RESOLVED

Members noted the speed monitoring data.

To ask Northumberland County Council why the grass verges are not being cut and also for a copy of their Grass Cutting Policy.

31. The Energy Crisis & Inflation

A discussion took place around falling fuel costs.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

To remove this item from future agendas.

32. Environment & Climate Change Issues

There were no issues raised at the meeting.

33. Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2024-2025

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

RESOLVED

To submit the following

- (i) Reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph through Pigdon.
- (ii) Install extra signage in Pigdon highlighting tight bends.

34. Pigdon Update

The following update was given:

- Concerns were raised over the 60mph speed limit through Pigdon;
- Slow Broadband speed however, Northumberland County Council have advised that faster broadband will be installed in approximately 14 months' time;
- A new noticeboard is to be installed.

35. Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other urgent business on this occasion.

36. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm.