

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026
AT 6PM IN THE DYKE NEUK, MELDON**

Present:

Councillors: G Sanger (Chairman)
T Garnick
A Taylor
J Garnett

Clerk: Dee Smith

Apologies: Cllr A Frankland
Cllr A Lloyd

74. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

75. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

76. Public Participation Time

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

77. Co-option – Three Vacancies in the Office of Councillor

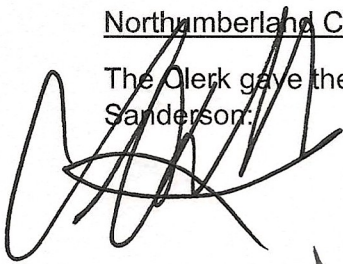
Members were advised that there are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council. Members were asked to consider co-option for these vacancies, with one candidate being identified.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

78. Northumberland County Councillor Update

The Clerk gave the following update from NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson:



6/8/24.

- The budget was agreed almost unanimously with cross party agreement. Council tax will go up 4.99%, which breaks down to 2% solely for adult social care and 2.99% for council services.
- Front line services are to be protected.
- Keeping free town centre parking.
- Building new super schools.
- Keeping leisure offer as fresh and well liked as it is.

79. Minutes of the meetings held on 8th January 2026 and 17th February 2026

Members were asked to approve the draft minutes of the above meetings.

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.

80. Matters Arising from previous Council meetings

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

81. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

82. Financial Matters

Members were provided, for information, with a payments and receipts list and budget report up to 28th February 2026.

RESOLVED

Members noted the above.

83. Highways

a. Mitford Road Closure

Members were advised that a large hole has been dug at the site over both carriageways. Northumberland County Council have advised that two monthly updates will be given. A new update is due around this time.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

b. Any Other Highway Issues

Councillor Taylor advised members that he had contacted Northumberland County Council about the recent flooding on the Molesden road. A site visit has taken place with officers from Northumberland County Council and repair work is to be carried out.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted.
- b. To write to Northumberland County Council and thank them for all the recent road works carried out.

84. Draft Policies – Assertion 10

- a. Members were asked to consider the draft IT & Cybersecurity Policy.
- b. Members were asked to consider the draft Data Protection & Retention Policy.
- c. The Clerk advised members that the new website is up and running. All new email logins have been sent to councillors and must be in place by 1st April 2026.

RESOLVED

- a. The above policies were approved.
- b. Information duly noted.

85. Policies – Year End Procedures 25/26

Members were asked to approve the following policies:

- Internal Audit Policy
- Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit
- Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED

Members approved all the above.

86. Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other urgent business on this occasion.

87. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm
in the Dyke Neuk.