

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MELDON

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025 AT THE DYKE NEUK, MELDON

1. PRESENT:

Councillors Sanger (Chairman of Meldon Parish Council), Garnett, Taylor, Garnick.

Dee Smith (Clerk)

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2025

The above minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Sanger reported the following:

- There have been major changes in the political landscape, both local and nationally which will no doubt have an impact on the running of the County Council at some point in the future;
- Hard and continued lobbying of the Highways Department for the improvement of roads and infrastructure has resulted in some success, but there is still room for continued improvements;
- The Parish Council has considered and commented on several planning applications;
- There are a number of vacancies on the Parish Council and recruitment of new councillors is proving as difficult as ever. It is my view that there should be a nationwide campaign to encourage citizens to support and join their local parish councils;
- Commissioning of a new bus service to provide public transport access to Morpeth for citizens of the Parish and beyond;
- Thanks to NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson, Dee Smith our Parish Clerk and the Dyke Neuk for their continued support.

RESOLVED

To write to Northumberland County Council, local MP and Downing Street asking for a nationwide campaign to encourage recruitment on town and parish councils.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions on this occasion.

The meeting concluded at 7.35pm.