

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MELDON

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026 AT THE DYKE NEUK, MELDON

1. PRESENT:

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

Dee Smith (Clerk)

Four members of the public

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2026

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:

- Relatively quiet year across the Parish but Global events and UK government policies have the potential to impact the lives of Parishioners.
- The US/Iran war is causing turmoil in oil price, which has led to the doubling of domestic heating oil, which is the main source of heating for many across our Parish. In addition, fuel for motor vehicles has risen, as has the cost of raw materials such as fertilizer, which will impact car users and farmers.
- The Government has come under increasing pressure and the local elections being held tomorrow, may have an impact on the running of the County Council at some point in the future.
- We continue to make progress with the Highways Department for the improvement of roads and infrastructure. Continued lobbying and reporting of highways issues has resulted in some success, but there is still room for improvement.
- The Parish Council has considered and commented on a number of planning applications.
- There are still a number of vacancies on the Parish Council and recruitment of new councillors is proving as difficult as ever.
- The new bus service to provide public transport access to Morpeth for citizens of the Parish and beyond continues to prove popular.
- There are few reported incidents of Crime and anti-social behaviour across the Parish but citizens need to remain vigilant, especially with the high cost of fuel and heating oil.
- Thanks to NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson, Dee Smith our Parish Clerk and the Dyke Neuk for their continued support.

The meeting concluded at 7.39pm.