

MELDON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026
AT 7.30PM IN THE DYKE NEUK, MELDON**

Present:

Councillors: G Sanger
A Frankland
T Garnick
A Taylor
J Garnett
A Lloyd

Clerk: D Smith - Clerk

Apologies: None

One member of the public was also in attendance.

13. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

14. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations on this occasion.

15. **Public Participation Time**

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

16. **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.

RESOLVED

To co-opt Donna Ferguson on to Meldon Parish Council. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed.

17. Northumberland County Councillor Update

There was no update on this occasion.

18. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6th May 2026

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.

19. Matters Arising from previous Council meetings

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

20. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Members considered planning application 26/01753/FUL – Newton Redhouse Farm, Mitford.

RESOLVED

To circulate comments via email before 19th June 2026.

21. Financial Matters

- a. Members were provided, for information, with a payments and receipts list and budget report up to 26th May 2026.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

- b. Year End Accounts for 2025/2026

Members were asked to scrutinise and approve the following documents in relation to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26 .

- (i) Annual Internal Audit Report
- (ii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement
- (iii) Draft Accounts for 2025/26

- (iv) Section 2 – Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances
- (v) Certificate of Exemption

RESOLVED

Members approved all of the above documents.

22. Highways

Councillor Garnick advised that it looks like the road works at Mitford Road is on target. Also the local bus service has been extended for another year.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

23. Grant Funding

Members were asked to consider a donation to Northumberland Citizens Advice.

RESOLVED

To approve a donation of £100.

24. Any Other Urgent Business

The new Northumberland Local Plan consultation was discussed. The Clerk advised that she had not been notified of this. The closing date of the latest consultation is 1st July 2026. The Clerk to register on the planning portal.

25. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Thursday 27th August 2026, 7.30pm in the Dyke Neuk.

The meeting concluded at 8pm.