

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
MELMERBY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 31st 2023 AT 7.30
IN MELMERBY VILLAGE HALL**

1. Those Present: Cllr J Foster; Cllr S Duckett; Cllr A Richardson; Cllr Blythe; Cllr Kettlewell
2. Apologies -none
3. Minutes of last meeting agreed and accepted
4. Chairman's report

Chairman J Foster said how pleased he was that at last after ten years Green Lane has finally been resurfaced completely up to Barkers Business Park

Dog poo bins have been removed and replaced with larger waste bins which seem to work well.

The grass cutting needs to be kept up and the field is well used.

Speeding in the village is still an issue.

Costs have increased with insurance and grass cutting but not as bad as it could be.

5. Police report none available
6. County Councillor Report.

Count Councillor Nick Brown

April first the change over from seven boroughs to one went fairly smoothly. Trying to get in touch on the phone is still an issue but hopefully this will be resolved.

The county are budgeting for three years of deficit and trying to see if there are any properties that can be disposed of. They are also reviewing staffing levels. Fuel costs have come down a little which will help with the deficit.

Planning will all be based around the six parliamentary constituencies with one other group looking at large scale projects. Skipton and Ripon will meet at Skipton which will require a lot of travelling for some county councillors. Cllr Brown has attended a lot of meetings but will not be able to sustain this with 16 Parishes most of whom meet monthly.

North Yorkshire Council are budgeting for a £30, 000 loss in the first year but will be trying to reduce this in the next three years.

Each Councillor has a pot of £10,000 to spend in their constituencies. If the Council can think of any small projects they need some money for then please ask him.

There is a Parish Council charter in the process of being created.

Pot holes in the past were not treated well but it is hoped the new in house team will do a better job.

7. Open forum.

A councillor asked how the Police Commissioner recent talk went. Cllr Brown said he was only able to observe online and nothing of the meeting has been published yet. N Yorkshire has the best crime record in the Country.

A councillor asked Cllr Brown about the possibility of money towards a second speed sign and he agreed this was something he would consider.

A resident asked if the money Cllr Brown was offering could be used to hire a skip for him to fill while clearing up around the village. The subject of insurance came up and the siting of a skip.

A resident asked if she could have funding to provide a course to explain how to do resuscitation CPR. Cllr Brown said to put it to the Parish Council and they could pass it on to him and he would see if it is within his remit.

It was suggested that anyone interested in CPR training should be asked to sign up and if there is enough interest funding will be provided.

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting 31.05.2023

1. Election of Chairman - Cllr foster was re-elected.
2. Apologies none
3. Minutes of last meeting seen and agreed
4. Matters arising:
 - Dogs n Dales answer to question about their licence. They have a license to provide boarding and overnight care for up to 8 dogs till February 2025.
 - The clerk has purchased two signs to be attached to the wall surrounding the playing field to ask drivers not to park there.
5. Planning Matters
 - Alfred Hymas change of appearance of storage building APPROVED
 - Retrospective panning for change of use from residential use to short term lets APPROVED
 - The Grange installation of stone track from York Lane to farm PENDING
 - Wood End singles storey Annexe APPROVED
6. Playing field

The equipment is in good condition and some painting has been completed with more to be done over the summer.

Some heavy pruning needs to take place on the West Side of the playing Field. Cllr Foster has agreed to look into this.
7. Accounts
 - End of year audit sheets to be signed.
8. Highways

Cllr Blythe had a conversation with a representative of highways about flood points on Green Lane. The representative said it would be too expensive to put a drainage pipe in. He asked if they could raise the road surface to allow it to drain away but there was no definitive answer. The situation is to be monitored.

9. Correspondence

10. AOB

The meeting moved outside to insert new pads into the defibrillator and it was agreed as it was very difficult to access. The Parish council would purchase a new cabinet.

The meeting ended at 9pm

11. Date of next meeting 9th August 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Precept	£ 4,853.00	£ 4,702.00
HBC Grant		
Vat Refund	£ 309.85	
Total Income	£ 5,162.85	£ 4,702.00
Expenditure		
Direct Expenditure	£ 1,253.25	£ 1,109.52
Management and Administration	£ 1,794.98	£ 1,659.62
Total Expenditure	£ 3,048.23	£ 2,769.14
Net	£ 2,114.62	£ 1,932.86
Bal B/F	£ 8,655.34	£ 6,722.48
Bal C/F	£ 10,769.96	£ 8,655.34
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021		
Cash in Bank		£ 10,769.96
Les unrepresented cheques		
	£ -	£ 10,769.96