

# MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of MEETING of MELSONBY PARISH COUNCIL on Held on Monday 23rd May 2022, at 7.00pm St James Church Meeting Room

The purpose of the meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and review and share all annual information for 2021/22.

Present: Gordon Angus (Chairman)  
Cllr Vince Elrington (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Brian Bottle  
Cllr W Nixon (WN)  
Cllr Judith Stansfield  
District Councillor J Wilson-Petch  
County Councillor A Thompson  
Residents.

Officers: Jenny Pears (Clerk)

## ACTIONS

To receive and note apologies of absence  
Cllr T Sutton - ACCEPTED

### 1. Elections

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The clerk called for nominations for Chairman.

JS asked that she stand down and not be considered for Chairman as she would like another Councillor to have the opportunity to take the role.

It was proposed by Cllr Elrington and seconded by Cllr Nixon that Councillor Angus be elected Chairman.

**Councillor Angus was elected Chairman.**

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Nixon and seconded by Cllr Angus that Councillor Elrington be elected Vice Chairman.

**Councillor Elrington was elected Vice Chairman.**

#### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillors were provided with DOAO document to sign and return to Clerk.

**All**

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th May 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

### 3. Annual summary from the Parish Council

Cllr Angus gave an update of work done by the Parish Council in the past year including: Community Speed Watch has been active however the weather and low number of volunteers meant it was less frequent. There are now two Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) active in the village, volunteers are monitoring and turning the sign.

A donation of £50 was made to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Burial Ground annual maintenance inspection has taken place and remedial work is being carried out.

Glebe Court Play Park is becoming a community garden and social space for residents to enjoy.

The precept for 2022/23 was increased to £10888.68

The village water and sewage infrastructure are being investigated by Northumbrian

Water following a number of correspondences from Melsonby Parish Council to Rishi Sunak MP, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Northumbrian Water and Highways. The Parish Council is awaiting an update following full investigation by Northumbrian Water. This should take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A donation of £90 was made to refurbish the Church clock.

Limegarth Development (new housing development) - planning permission has been delayed. The Parish Council has asked that the current water and infrastructure is resolved before it progresses. Natural England has issued guidance on nutrient enrichment of the Tees River Catchment and the impact that new development is having upon the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area for conservation. Part of the RDC area lies within the catchment (roughly to the north of the A66 and east/north east of Scotch corner). What this means is the Council should not be granting planning permission for any development that is likely to create nitrate emissions until we have in place a system to deal with this problem through specific assessments and effective mitigation. This will significantly delay the application and all future applications.

A revised information booklet is available for all new households who move to the village. It was suggested that this could be available on line and uploaded to the PC website for viewing and downloading.

The grass cutting contract for 2022/23 was awarded to GCH Garden Maintenance who will cut the grass and hedges in the 2 play parks as well as the village green, new burial ground and verges.

Richmondshire District Council continue to conduct weekly inspections of the 2 play parks and an Annual Inspection was carried out by the Play Inspection Company in March 2022; no major issues were identified. Both Play Parks have received funding from RDC to install new play park equipment. This has now been completed and the grants have been received.

An outreach postal service is operating in the Church most Friday mornings.

A bi-monthly Newsletter has been posted on Facebook, the website and several places to provide information of support and activities.

Lending Library is now in the church. It is a book sharing service library, independent of the county library service for everyone to use.

A grant was received to replace the Parish Council noticeboard.

The village had competitions in the village, these were a Scarecrow competition and grow a giant sunflower.

There is a coffee morning in the Church every Friday.

A donated WI Rowan Tree that has been growing for the last few years in a pot and has now been planted. We would like to thank Westgarth's for kindly agreeing to planting it near the public footpath on their land.

This year's Christmas Eve Festival was a great festive celebration of Christmas music in the church.

Bollards have now been installed on Moor Road to deter cars from mounting the pavement. This was in response to concerns from residents on Moor Road.

#### **4. Update of the Strategic Parish Plan:**

Progress on the plan was updated, copy attached.

#### **5. Update on Play Parks:**

Glebe Court has now become a community garden. Funding has been granted and the transformation is nearly complete. Funding was received to replace equipment in both Moor Road and St James Play Parks.

#### **6. Annual Parish Show:**

The Annual Parish Show is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**7. Any other business:**

The Tidy Gardens Competition will be taking place this year. Details will be agreed and circulated in due course.

**Clr Elrington**

**8. Questions from residents:**

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed by..... dated.....