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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6:30pm on Monday 12 January 2026.

Present: Councillors Cooper (in the chair), Tomalin, Lee, Thomas, Rollason, Johnson, Breeze, Downes and Kemp.

Ward Councillor West was in attendance.

25/55 Apologies – None

25/56 Members of the public present – 0

25/57 Declarations of interest – None

25/58 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2025 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

25/59 Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 24 November 2025 - Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

25/60 Matters arising from the minutes:

25/33 Bench – the Parish Council thanked Cllr Downes for repairing the bench.

25/14 Planter repairs – Clerk to remind the builder to complete the work

25/50 SOAY – Cllrs Tomalin and Cooper agreed to attend the next meeting of SOAY on 27 January 2026.

25/44 Greener Pocklington – Agreed that the proposals put forward by Greener Pocklington for the next round of SOAY grants be approved and the Clerk inform Greener Pocklington of this.

25/61 Parish Council's current financial position - £25,103.69 – Noted.

25/62 Requests for payments (Clerk): Agreed:

a. Village Hall Rental – £22

b. Phoenix Accountants - £19.80 (amended payment of £80.60 made to include arrears owed as discussed at November 2025 meeting).

c. ICO Annual Fee - £52 (by direct debit)

25/63 3-year budget forecast and Precept for 2026/27 - Agreed that:

a. The budget forecast be approved; and

b. The precept for 2026/27 be increased by 4.5%

25/64 Public Rights of Way (PRoW) – Cllr Breeze provided an update on the parish PRoW and discussed ways of maintaining them going forward: Agreed that:

a. Cllr Breeze would audit the PRoWs in order to determine the current state of the paths and associated gates etc;

b. Costs for the repairs needed in the short-term would be established by the Clerk;

c. The Finance Sub-Committee would meet to discuss repair work needed and how this could be funded;

d. Cllr Downes would post on Facebook a request for local tradesmen who would be willing to quote for work when required in the parish;

e. The possibility of grant funding from SOAY would be explored by the Clerk.

f. Cllr West would find out if there was a point of contact at East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) for PRoWs.

25/65 Planning application – 25/03287/PLF – Glenholme, Main Street, YO42 4QQ - no comments.

25/66 Correspondence since the last meeting – Already circulated. Noted

25/67 Councillor Forum:

- a. Resurfacing work to Main Street – Cllr Cooper raised the email which he had received from a parishioner about the state of Main Street and the amount of time before any work would be completed. Cllr West explained the position of ERYC and its limited budget for highways maintenance. No assurances were provided that the work would be carried out more quickly than already scheduled. **Noted.**
- b. Ash Lane – the gritting had worked well so far this winter **Noted.**
- c. Fly-tipping on Church Lane – Cllr West agreed to report this to ERYC. Cllr Cooper also stated that the fly-tipping online form on the ERYC website was not easy to use if you did not have an account. **Noted.**

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on **Monday 9 March 2026**

All agenda items for the next meeting must be with the Clerk by Friday 22 February 2026.