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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 13 January 2020 in the Village Hall, Melbourne.

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

Councillor Rudd (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) was in attendance.

Public forum – Two residents attended the meeting to discuss ongoing issues with Yorkshire Water (YW). Both had experienced issues for many years with raw sewage flooding their gardens and properties. They were aware that other nearby properties were also experiencing the same issues. One of the residents stated the problems stemmed from the layout of the sewage pipes and the pumping station which were not fit for purpose. Both residents had been in contact with YW on numerous occasions but had not made any headway with YW showing indifference to the ongoing problems.

One resident had contacted East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Environmental Health Department but had been told it could not help.

The Parish Council stated it would assist where possible and requested more information about the residents affected.

Agreed that:

- a) The residents present to identify those properties experiencing problems with YW and pass this information to the Chairman;
- b) The residents to draft an article to send to the Clerk for insertion in the village newsletter;
- c) The Chairman would contact the resident in East Cottingwith who was responsible for having a new sewer installed in Langrickgate Lane to see if he would discuss the matter with the residents and if so, pass his details to the residents;
- d) The Clerk to place details of the issue on the parish noticeboard and website; and
- e) Residents continue to pursue YW for resolution with support from the Parish Council.

19/76 Apologies – Cllrs Breeze and Bradley.

19/77 Members of the public present: 2 for the public forum section of the meeting.

19/78 Declarations of interest – None

19/79 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

19/80 Matters arising from minutes:

19/43 Footpath from the village to the West End postbox – Cllr Rollason stated work was underway and the footpath was now significantly wider.

19/23 30mph signs – ERYC had stated the 30mph sign at the west of the village would be extended following the new development. ERYC had said it would not consider extending the 30mph zone at the east end of the village.

19/81 Councillor vacancy – the vacancy had been advertised in the local press and on the parish council noticeboard with a deadline of 27 January 2020. If 10 electors had not requested a by-election by the deadline, the parish council could then co-opt onto the council.

19/82 Planning Sub-Committee vacancy – deferred to the next meeting.

19/83 Parish precept 202/2021 – Agreed that the precept be raised by 2% to remain approximately in line with inflation.

19/84 Yorkshire Water – The Chairman had met residents living at the west end of the village. Issues hadn't reoccurred since the localised flooding so the matters at the end of the village appeared resolved at present, pending further investigation to ensure all blockages are cleared. In relation to those investigations, YW had written to the Clerk stating the parish council owned the land (incorporating the footpath and drainage ditch) running from Main Street to Bridge 6 on the canal. However, the Canal and River Trust owned the land and the Clerk had emailed YW to inform them of this.

Matters relating to YW were also discussed under the Public Forum item at the start of the meeting.

19/85 Traffic - speeding through the village – ERYC had informed the Chairman that after the weight restriction had been installed in the village, it would carry out a speed survey. In addition, the Clerk provided information about a community speed watch scheme, which was run by Humberside Police. This was a way a voluntary group could be set up to help enforce speed limits in their local area. The parish council would lend its support if residents wished to set up a speed watch group.

Agreed that:

- a) **an article be placed on the village Facebook page and newsletter with information about the community speed watch scheme; and**
- b) **Cllr Rollason would contact Melbourne Primary School with a view to setting up a cross curricular speeding awareness project.**

19/86 Planning applications received – None.

19/87 Planning notices received – Noted.

19/88 Parish Council accounts – current account £10,422.68 and savings account £2,071.27.

19/89 Requests for payment – the following payments were approved:

- a. Hire of the village hall for 13 January 2020 meeting - £24.00
- b. Flowers for Mrs Hawley - £15.00 (already paid online)
- c. ICO annual registration - £35.00 (repayable to the Clerk)
- d. Tax to HMRC - £431.48 (already paid online)

19/90 Correspondence – Noted.

19/91 Councillor Forum:

- a) Community plots owned by the parish council – the parish council owned three plots of land. The Clerk would bring a map of the parish so these could be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Hagg Bridge – the bridge needed strengthening. However, it was a listed structure so there were restrictions to what could be done with regard to widening it. Because of the costs of £500,000 to put in a temporary structure whilst the works were being carried out, ERYC had said it was not a viable option. East Cottingwith Parish Council was taking action in relation to the matter and ward councillors were also involved.
- c) The flashing lights outside the school were on all night – the Clerk would report this to ERYC.
- d) Speeding signs – Cllr Kemp he would arrange to have these moved from Cllr Hawley's property and would store them for the parish council;
- e) Gritting of Ash Lane – ERYC had stated Ash Lane would need to have 2,000 vehicles using it before it would be added to the prime gritting routes. Vehicle usage would be increased once the weight restriction had been implemented in Melbourne and this would be taken into account.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on **Monday 9 March 2020 at the Sports Pavilion.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.