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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 9 March 2020 in the Pavilion, Melbourne.

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

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

19/92 Apologies – Councillor Johnson.

19/93 Members of the public present: 0.

19/94 Declarations of interest – None.

19/95 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

19/96 Matters arising from minutes:

19/91 Hagg Bridge – no information had been provided about bus diversion routes during the period the Bridge was closed.

Agreed that Councillor Tomalin and the Clerk contact ERYC and/or the bus company for information about proposed bus diversions.

19/97 Councillor vacancy – no applications had been received.

19/98 Planning Sub-Committee vacancy – deferred to a later meeting once the vacancy had been filled.

19/99 Community plots – members of the Parish Council identified three plots in the parish which they believed the Parish Council owned.

Agreed that the Clerk carry out investigations to identify whether there was any written documentation identifying the land belonged to the Parish Council.

19/100 Yorkshire Water – Agreed that:

- a) the Clerk write to Highways to ask it to check the drains either side of Kidd Lane to ensure the drains are clear because the road is frequently passable; and**
- b) the Chairman write to Yorkshire Water in relation to the obstruction in the culvert in the vicinity of Kidd Lane.**

19/101 Traffic - speeding through the village – Melbourne Sports and Playing Field Association had concerns about the placement of the 30mph was inadequate because of the increased use of the site by a number of children and young people's groups.

Cllr Rollason had put an item in the newsletter about the community speedwatch group scheme to gauge interest in the village.

Agreed that:

- a) Cllr Breeze provide the Clerk with details of the use of the sports facility to send to Highways and to request Highways reconsider its decision not to move the speed sign to extend the 30mph zone (and to copy in Cllr Rudd).**

19/102 Road safety at the new housing development - the Chairman had spoken to the Managing Director of the housing developers about problems with road safety by the new development. Improvements had been made and the Managing Director thanked for his co-operation.

19/103 Local crime – the Chairman made councillors aware that there had a number of break-ins in the parish in January and the need for vigilance.

19/104 Footpath at West End – further work would be carried out by Highways once the weather had improved.

19/105 Social media – currently the Parish Council utilised the village Facebook page to inform residents of current issues. It was agreed to continue with this and to use the site to disseminate information only and not as a forum for discussing issues with individual members of the public. Cllr Rollason agreed to continue putting items on the Facebook page on behalf of the Parish Council.

19/106 Natural England event 20 March 2020 – this would be held at the Village Hall at 7pm.

19/107 Dog fouling – there had been some complaints to councillors about dog fouling along the canal towpath.

Agreed that the Parish Council would keep the issue under observation.

19/108 Planning applications received:

- a) 20/00606/PLF Land North of Wren Cottage, Main Street - No comments.
- b) 19/00811/PLF - Land North of Field View - It was likely that the application would go to planning committee either on 7 or 28 April 2020.

19/109 Planning notices received – Noted.

19/110 Parish Council accounts – current account £9,623.68 & £2,071.27 savings.

19/111 Requests for payment – the following payments were approved:

- a) Good Councillor Event - £54.00 (already paid online).

In relation to the village newsletter, the Parish Council paid for the printing costs. These were usually around £180 per edition for 8 pages. The latest edition had 12 pages and as a result, the print costs were slightly higher. In addition, the Village Hall had asked for an insert which would cost a small additional amount.

Agreed that when the newsletter needed to have additional pages, these costs would be covered by the Parish Council.

19/112 Correspondence – Noted.

19/113 Councillor Forum:

- a) During the closure of Hagg Bridge, Church Lane would also be closed.
- b) Coronavirus – plans were considered if the situation worsened.
- c) The MSPFA noticeboard was now in place. Cllr Breeze thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the MSPFA Committee for its grant.
- d) The MSPFA was looking to make a submission when the commuted funds became available.
Agreed that the Clerk would contact ERYC to find out the procedures for applying for commuted funds.
- e) Parish council email addresses – it was good practice for parish councillors to have a separate parish council email address. The Clerk requested any councillors having problems with their parish council email accounts contact her.
- f) Telegraph poles on Church Lane – the Chairman continued to chase this matter.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7pm on Monday 11 May 2020 at the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.