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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Monday 14 November 2022.

Present: Councillors Cooper (in the chair), Tomalin, Lee, Breeze, Downes, Johnson, Rollason and Kemp.  
Cllr Hammond, East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) ward councillor, was also in attendance.

**22/59 Apologies** – Cllr Naylor

**22/60 Members of the public present** – None.

**22/61 Declarations of interest** – None.

**22/62 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 September and 6 October 2022 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.**

**22/63 Matters arising from the minutes:**

**22/43 Trees from the Woodland Trust** – these had arrived and it was **agreed the Clerk would arrange a date for them to be planted and circulate to councillors.**

**22/44 Crossroads at Boundary Farm** – following submissions from parish councils and Cllr Hammond, East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) had repainted the road at the junction. ERYC was unable to erect a stop sign because the recent accident had not been reported to it by Humberside Police. As a result the junction's accident status had not changed. Cllr Hammond stated he would continue to lobby the Police to officially report the accident. This would enable ERYC to request permission from the secretary of state to erect a stop sign – Noted.

**22/46 Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – improvements had been carried out to footpath 7 and it was **agreed the Clerk would write to thank ERYC.** The footpath was now in good order, with new kissing gates that were wide enough for wheelchair access to the path and safety improved to bridges carrying the path over drainage ditches. It was now possible to walk the paths 7, 11 and 8 from Kidd lane to the Pocklington canal in safety and without major obstructions.

The electric cattle fence obstructing footpath 1 (crossing land on Melbourne Hall estate) had also been resolved. The fence had been moved and was now parallel to the route of footpath 1, helping walkers to cross the land following the designated route.

In relation to the Canal PROW, Cllr Cooper had not received a reply to his letter to the Canal and River Trust about the possibility of erecting a 'No Vehicles'. It was **agreed the Clerk would chase up this matter.**

**22/47 Painting of the bench – Scouts** – the Clerk had liaised with the scout leader who felt the bench by Kidd Lane could be repaired and painted. The bench by the phone box was discussed and it was agreed that this also needed repairs. **Agreed that the Clerk would:**

- a) **buy the materials needed to repair and paint the Kidd Lane bench for the scouts;**
- b) **place a 'do not use' sign on the post box bench;**
- c) **ask the scouts if they would be willing to repair and paint that bench too and if so, purchase the materials; or if unable to do so:**
- d) **ask via Facebook if there was a local person willing to repair the bench or obtain a quote for the work to be carried out.**

**22/64 Resurfacing of Main Street and footpaths** – deferred to the next meeting.

**22/65 Parish Council's current financial position – £15,289.64** – The accounts were in line with the estimated expenditure for the year, when taking the unexpected costs of moving the defibrillator, the pay award and the work needed to the benches into account. Cllr Downes confirmed that he had met with the Clerk to examine the accounts and these balanced - **Noted.**

**22/66 Requests for payment – Approved:**

- a. Village Hall hire for November 2022 - £25
- b. Electrician to move the defibrillator (EJS Electrical) – £363.60.
- c. Zurich annual insurance - £257.60

**22/67 Payments already made – None.**

**22/68 Grant requests agreed:**

- a. Melbourne Sports and Playing Field Association - £1,020. **Agreed Cllrs Tomalin and Downes would liaise with MSPFA in relation to future grant applications.**
- b. Bowls Club – £560

**22/69 Annual financial commitments agreed:**

- a. Thornton Church - £600
- b. Christmas Club - £100

**22/70 Standing Orders – The clerk presented the standing orders which had some minor amendments – Approved.**

**22/71 Local Plan Update – Noted.**

**22/72 Planning applications:**

- a. 22/03266/PLF – Avenue House, Main Street, YO42 4QJ – no comments.
- b. 22/03568/PLF – Boundary Farm Bungalow, General Lane, YO42 4TA – no comments.

**22/73 Planning notices – noted.**

**22/74 Correspondence since the last meeting – Noted.**

**22 Councillor Forum:**

- a. April Cottage – Cllr Johnson had been told by residents that no site notification had been displayed - **Cllr Hammond to follow up.**
- b. Clerk to organise Christmas meal.
- c. Western Parishes Liaison meeting 15 November 2022 – Cllr Rollason would attend if possible.
- d. Palladian – Cllr Hammond confirmed the final hedges were to be planted shortly – **Noted.**
- e. Cost of Living latest response from ERYC – Clerk to put up poster.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 14 November 2022.

**The January 2023 meeting would be held on Monday 9 January from 6:30pm in the village hall**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.