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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6:30pm on Monday 14 July 2025.

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

Ward Councillor Hammond was in attendance.

25/21 Apologies – Cllrs Downes and Breeze

25/22 Special dispensation – it was agreed to give special dispensation to Cllr Breeze who had missed two consecutive meetings.

25/23 Members of the public present – 0

25/24 Declarations of interest – Cllr Kemp declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 25/33 and left the room for the item.

25/25 Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 May 2025 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meetings be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

25/26 Matters arising from the minutes:

- 24/27 Boundary Farm Junction/Ash Lane – no further update. The situation remained that a Stop sign would not be approved because statutory requirements were not met. However, an additional Give Way sign would be erected once East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) had resolved issues relating to underground BT cables. **Noted.**
- Annual Parish Council Meeting Minute 2 – Speeding in the village: Cllr Hammond had spoken to Highways. The data from vehicles driving past the sports and playing field demonstrated the average speed was 28mph with the highest percentile's speed being 36mph. ERYC, therefore, had taken the decision that it would not be a proportionate use of public funds to move the signs as there was no indication of a serious problem. **Noted.**

25/27 Parish Council's current financial position - £22,349.95 – **Noted.**

It was agreed that:

- a. the Clerk would circulate the annual budget to each meeting with the agenda papers;
- b. Grants would be considered at each March meeting (currently November).

25/28 Requests for payment – Approved:

- a. VH Hire - £22.00
- b. Flowers for village planter - £8.70 (repayable to Cllr Downes)
- c. Renewal of domain name for website - £27 (repayable to Clerk)
- d. HMRC Q1 - £390

25/29 Greener Pocklington Grant Application – this had been successful and Greener Pocklington had asked the Parish Council to approve the contents of the grant application which would enable the money to be released – **approved.**

25/30 Printers for the Parish newsletter – Agreed that:

- the newsletter would continue to be printed by the current printers (Poste-Haste Printers) as this was the most cost-effective option; and

- the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the new Editor, Clerk and Chairman to have a general discussion.

25/31 Nature Recovery Community Initiative – Agreed:

- a. The Parish Council supported the initiative within the parish;
- b. Cllr Cooper would lead on this; and
- c. The logo would be added to the Parish Council website.

25/32 Finance Sub-Committee Draft Terms of Reference and Appointment of Chair – Agreed that:

- a. The draft terms of reference (already circulated) be accepted;
- b. Cllr Downes be appointed chairman
- c. Clerk would arrange for the members of the Sub-Committee to be added as signatories on the account

25/33 Repair to bench opposite Kidd Lane – Cllr Johnson reported the bench needed mending – Agreed the Clerk would report this to ERYC.

25/34 Planning application 25/01321/STPLF – construction and operation of a battery storage facility, Land North of Ryedale Farm, Seaton Common Lane YO42 4ST – Cllr Kemp left the room and took no part in the discussion on this item.

The Parish Council agreed to record a neutral position and for the Clerk to submit the following comments:

- If the application is approved, the Parish Council requests any decisions over speeding restrictions to the highway take in consideration the requirements of local residents.
- The Parish Council has concerns about the height of the units, and requests screening to ensure they blend into the environment as best as possible so they are less visible from the road and local properties.

25/35 Planning notices – None.

25/36 Correspondence since the last meeting – Already circulated. **Noted**

25/37 Councillor Forum:

- a. Cattle on the Ings – this was a new initiative for a short period of time only. **Noted**
- b. Community Support Officer would be happy to speak at the Parish Council (Cllr Johnson has the details). **Noted**
- c. The date of the September meeting has been amended to Monday 1 September 2025. **Noted**
- d. Welcome pack – Cllr Cooper to update and send to the Clerk. **Noted**
- e. Communications – it was agreed that the Parish Council would be more proactive with posting messages on the community Facebook page, for example, posting links to agendas and minutes. **Noted.**
- f. Speeding – permanently fixed Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras – the Police and Crime Commissioner was trialling this in Bubwith. If successful, it was planned to place them in 40 sites in first tranche. The scheme would prioritise parishes with community speed watch groups. **Noted.**
- g. The report on the state of the repairs on Main Street had been released. This showed the work carried out by Yorkshire Water (YW) when it put in the new drain was not up to standard. ERYC was currently in discussions with YW to get it to redo the work. Once this was complete, ERYC would get the road surface dressed. **Noted.**

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on **Monday 1 September 2025.**

All agenda items for the May 2025 meeting must be with the Clerk by Friday X August 2025.