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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 11 January 2024.

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

Ward Councillors Hammond and West were in attendance until 6:50pm

Public Forum – The Parish Council had previously approved the siting of beehives at the east end of village. Cllr Kemp had spoken to residents from the Kidd Lane area to ask their views on siting bees on the Kidd Lane parish plot and they had been predominantly in favour. Up to 10 hives would be located towards the back of the site. It was confirmed the owners of the hives had public liability and damage insurance. **Approved by the Parish Council.**

23/57 Apologies – None.

23/58 Members of the public present – Mrs Thomas attended for the public forum.

23/59 Ward Councillor Update:

- a) Devolution – The public consultation was now open online and there were paper copies available at the libraries and leisure centres. Parish councillors were urged to complete the consultation. - **Noted**
- b) Hagg Bridge – should be open on 15 January 2024. **Noted**
- c) The bench by the red phone box had been mended. **Cllr Hammond was thanked for his help in this long-standing matter**
- d) The dead cherry tree was to be removed. **Noted**
- e) Installation of a stop sign at General Lane/Ash Lane – East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) did not have the power to make decisions about the installation of new stop signs because this was the responsibility of the Secretary of State (SoS). Cllr Hammond had been informed by ERYC that the junction did not meet the legislative criteria and so an application would not be made to the SoS. **Noted**
- f) Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation – the public consultation had now closed but parish councils would be invited to take place in more engagement shortly. **Discussed further below at minute 23/66**

23/60 Declarations of interest – None.

23/61 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 November 2023 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

23/62 Matters arising from the minutes:

23/56b – Mulberry Lodge – planning permission for the wall and gate had been granted.

23/56f – Gates on FP1 – Cllr Breeze had contacted ERYC several times but had received no response. Cllr Breeze would continue to chase ERYC about this and also poor accessibility along the public right of way in the vicinity of St Monica's Close.

23/56g – Cllr Breeze had contacted the Canal and River Trust (CRT) to discuss access to the local area including tow paths. CRT had said it was happy to be engaged in this.

23/56i – village planters - there had been no interest from the school. Cllr Downes' wife had agreed to maintain the planter at the west end of the village. Cllr Downes would post again on Facebook and the Clerk would put an item in the next newsletter if no-one volunteered.

23/63 Parish Council's current financial position - £14,741.13 – **Noted.**

23/64 Requests for payments – Approved:

- a) Posthaste Printers - £280

- b) Hire of Village Hall - £20
- c) Voucher for Mr Uncles - £50

23/65 Precept 2024/25 – Agreed that the precept be increased by 5% from £14,065 to £14,768.

23/66 Melbourne becoming a Nature Recovery Area – The Parish Council agreed to recognise the parish as a nature recovery area.

23/67 Planning applications received:

- a. 23/03711/PLF – land north of Willow Bank House – no comments.

23/68 Planning notices received – Noted.

23/69 Correspondence since the last meeting – Noted.

23/70 Councillor Forum:

- a. Cllr Lee – ERYC had attempted the cutting of the hedge on the road from the Golf Course to Allerthorpe although the work was not to a high standard. **Noted**
- b. Cllr Cooper to write to ERYC to thank it for the repair work and resurfacing of Campey Lane and Main Street together with their adjacent walkways – **Approved.**
- c. It was noted that despite the recent flooding in the general area, there had appeared to be no significant flooding within the parish and no reported issues with sewage as had happened in previous years.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on **Thursday 14 March 2024** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 19:50pm.