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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Monday 13 May 2024.

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

Ward Cllr West was in attendance until 7:30pm

24/1 Apologies – Cllrs Tomalin and Johnson.

24/2 Members of the public present – 3.

24/3 Declarations of interest – None.

24/4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2024 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

24/5 Matters arising from the minutes:

23/73 Councillor training – the Clerk and Cllr Downes would pass any relevant information they had to Cllr Thomas.

23/78 PROW1 – St Monica’s Close public right of way (PROW) – issue of overhanging remained with part of the hedge between St Monica’s Close and Forge Closes as ownership was still undetermined by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). However, ERYC had confirmed it would maintain the upgrowth along the PROW. **Agreed the Clerk would make an official complaint to ERYC about the poor communication over the matter and lack of meaningful action.**

23/79 Height of signs at the Sumo junction – Highways had agreed to inspect the signage to see if any improvements were required. **Clerk to monitor.**

24/6 Precept explanation – Noted.

24/7 Annual Finances Governance Statement – The annual governance statement was considered and approved.

24/8 Exemption Certificate – The exemption certificate was considered and approved.

24/9 Submission of Annual Accounts and Accounting Statements– the annual accounts and accounting statements were considered and approved.

24/10 Parish Council’s current financial position - £12,672.33 – Noted.

24/11 Requests for payment – Approved:

- a. Internal audit (Louise Holbrough) - £50
- b. Posthaste Printers (Newsletter) - £280 (already paid)

24/12 Automatic speed cameras – An automatic speed camera trial was currently underway in the parish of Bubwith, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC would make a decision about whether to part fund additional schemes once the outcome of the trial had completed. **Agreed – the Parish Council would await the outcome of the Bubwith Parish trial and then consider the issue again. The Clerk to ask Bubwith’s Clerk when the trial will finish.**

24/13 Removal of Cherry Tree by the Phone Box – A resident, who was a member of the charity Greener Pocklington, attended to discuss the replacement of the cherry tree by the phone box which had died and been removed by ERYC. Greener Pocklington would be happy to plant a tree in the space where the cherry tree had been. However, because the land was owned by ERYC, permission was required. **Agreed that the Clerk would contact ERYC to ask if it was planning to replace the tree and if not, would it be happy to allow Greener Pocklington to do so.**

24/14 New litter bin – a request had been made by residents for a litter bin at the Kidd Lane end of FP7 because of the amount of dog waste bags which were left along the PROW. Cllrs discussed a bin where footpaths 8 and 11 met. **Agreed that the Clerk would contact ERYC about a new bin.**

24/15 Planning applications – None.

24/16 Planning notices – Noted.

24/17 Correspondence since the last meeting – Noted.

24/18 Councillor Forum:

- a. Ward Cllr West – HGVs through the village – Residents should either call the Police on 101 if they wanted to report instances of HGVs in the village. Alternatively, they could contact the Clerk who would email the local Sergeant with details. **Agreed the Clerk would enquire about the Lorry Watch Scheme.**
- b. Ward Cllrs West and Hammond were continuing to try to persuade Yorkshire Water that if it put in better drainage would benefit the village. The road surface was in a terrible state following the work YW had completed. **Noted**
- c. Cllr Rollason - Campey Lane – tractors driving over the grass kerb – Cllr Rollason would continue to try to determine who owns that land. **Noted**
- d. Cllr Cooper – had attended several Local Nature Recovery Strategy webinars. **Noted**
- e. Cllr Cooper had recently been interviewed by a radio station from Melbourne, Australia. **Noted**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on Monday 8 July 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.