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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 14 March 2024.

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

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

Public Forum –

23/71 Apologies – Cllrs Breeze and Johnson.

23/72 Members of the public present – None.

23/73 Co-option onto the Parish Council – Agreed that Sam Thomas be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
The Chairman welcomed Cllr Thomas onto the Parish Council and thanked her for her application.

23/74 Declarations of interest – None.

23/75 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2024 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

23/76 Matters arising from the minutes – None.

23/77 Vacancy for village newsletter editor – The Parish Council thanked Rowan Bradley for all her hard work in editing the village newsletter. The latest newsletter asked people interested in taking over the role of editor to contact Mrs Bradley.

23/78 Maintenance of public rights of way – There had been a longstanding issue over who owned the hedges along FP1 between Forge Close and St Monica's Close and has responsibility for cutting them back (they often became overgrown and made it difficult to use the path). **Agreed Cllr Hammond would contact ERYC to try to establish who owned the hedges along that part of FP1 and would inform the Clerk.**

23/79 Concerns about height of weight restriction sign at the Sumo junction – concerns had been raised by a local farmer over the height of the weight restriction sign at the Sumo junction and visibility for tractor drivers. **Agreed that the Clerk would report these concerns with ERYC and will respond to the farmer.**

23/80 Parish Council's current financial position - £13,714.96 (as of 14/3/24) – **Noted.**

23/81 Requests for payments – Approved:

- a) Plants – village planter west end of village £25
- b) Hire of Village Hall - £7.50
- c) HMRC - £380.63

23/82 Planning applications received:

- a. 24/00375/VAR – Land South of The Hollies, Campey Lane, YO42 4RB – no comments.

23/83 Planning notices received – None.

23/84 Correspondence since the last meeting – **Noted.**

23/85 Councillor/Ward Councillor Forum:

- a. Cllr Hammond - Devolution consultation closed – 7,000 responses, highest in the country – generally in favour of devolution. Likely first elections will be in May 2025. **Noted**
- b. Cllr West – Budget – 4.99% increase in East Riding of Yorkshire. **Noted**
- c. Cllr West - Walbut Lock bridge – Highways are aware of the issue (slight collapse of road) – will remain coned off until they carry out the work. **Noted**

- d. Local Nature Reserve Scheme – public consultation closed – officers currently working on this. Cllr West will update members at a future meeting. **Noted**
- e. Cllr Cooper provided the Council with an update on the Local Nature Reserve Scheme seminar he recently attended. **Noted**
- f. SOAY Solar Farm and Greener Grid Farm – Clerk to check if Cllr Breeze receives the regular emails. Clerk to contact SOAY to see if there will be any commuted sums available for local groups.
- g. Cllr Thomas asked if she could reinstate the fence on the parish plot on Kidd Lane at her own cost – **Agreed.**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on **Monday 13 May 2024** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 19:35.