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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

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

Public Forum –

Two parishioners attended to request whether it would be possible to site around 10 bee hives on each parish plot. Friends of Melbourne School had already expressed an interest in the project. It was agreed Cllr Kemp would discuss the matter with neighbouring farmers in relation to the Kidd Lane site.
Agreed that the site near Bridge Farm be approved for the siting of bee hives.

23/44 Apologies – None.

23/45 Members of the public present – 2 for the Public Forum.

23/46 Declarations of interest – None.

23/47 23/35 Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11 September 2023 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

23/48 Matters arising from the minutes:

22/101 – memorial tree – the tree (a Tibetan Cherry) would be planted on Sunday 19 November at 11am. The Chairman and Clerk would attend from the Parish Council.

23/23 Bench by the phone box – the Clerk had contacted East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) several times but no work had been carried out. In relation to the tasks on the action schedule, **the Clerk would send this to Cllr Downes who would indicate which tasks were remained outstanding and chase ERYC for completion dates.**

23/49 Parish Council Vacancy and Community Governance Review – Following comments from the Parish Council, ERYC had agreed the number of councillors would remain at 9. The boundary agreements were approved.

23/50 Parish Council's current financial position - £12,621.34 – **Noted.**

23/51 Requests for payments – Approved:

- a. HMRC - £305.31
- b. Ink cartridges (repayable to Clerk) - £20.95
- c. Insurance (Zurich) - £257.60
- d. Memorial tree - £96.12
- e. Voucher for Melbourne Arms for Mr Uncles - £50 (repayable to the Clerk)
- f. Village Hall hire - £16

23/52 Grant applications and annual commitments. The following grants/commitments were agreed:

- a. Christmas tree - £200
- b. Thornton Church - £600
- c. Melbourne Sports and Playing Fields Association - £750
- d. Bowling Club - £250
- e. 1st Melbourne Beavers – £1,000

23/53 Planning applications received:

- a. 23/03116/STVAR Three Cocked Hat Plantation, Waplington, Allerthorpe – no comments.

23/54 Planning notices received – Noted.

23/55 Correspondence since the last meeting – Noted.

23/56 Councillor Forum:

- a. Cllr Rollason had received two complaints from parishioners about the state of the footpaths in the village.
- b. Mulberry Lodge – appear to have started preparing the ground for to install a gate. **Clerk to check the approved plans.**
- c. Cllr Kemp – East Riding of Yorkshire Council had done a good job resurfacing Campey Lane.
- d. FP7/11 (Kidd Lane) – access through gates now resolved.
- e. FP behind St Monica’s Close – Cllr Breeze had cleared this. However, it was still unpassable for wheelchair users in places where it was under 1.5m in width.
- f. FP1 – the wooden gates across Melbourne Park were starting to rot – Cllr Breeze had sent photos to ERYC.
- g. Parts of the tow path within the parish boundary are in a poor state and are prone to flooding. This is restricting their use, especially for people with mobility issues. **Agreed Cllr Breeze would speak to the Canal and River Trust about this and report back to the next meeting.**
- h. Any transgressions relating to the access roads to the canal (opposite Kidd Lane and by the pub) or unauthorised fishing in the canal should be reported to the Canal and River Trust.
- i. Village planters – the Parish Council thanked Mr Uncles for maintaining the village planters.
Agreed that the Clerk would:
 - i. **arrange a £50 voucher for the Melbourne Arms for Mr Uncles;**
 - ii. **approach the Scouts, Brownies and School to ask if any would be interested in maintaining the planters (or put an article in the newsletter if these groups are unable to help).**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 6:30pm on **Thursday 11 January 2024** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.