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Minutes of the meeting of Melbourne Parish Council held in the village hall at 7.00pm on Monday 8 November 2021

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

Ward Councillor Hammond was in attendance until 7:30pm.

**21/50 Apologies** – Councillor Breeze.

**21/51 Members of the public present:** 4.

**21/52 Declarations of interest** – Cllr Rollason declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21/62 as he lived in the vicinity of the ditch.

**21/53 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2021 – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.**

**21/54 Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 12 October 2021 – Agreed - that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman**

**21/55 Matters arising from the minutes – none discussed.**

**21/56 National Tree Planting Initiative** – A local resident informed the Parish Council that the Woodland Trust was giving away native trees and hedgerow plants in celebration of the Queen’s Jubilee and suggested the Parish Council could apply for the trees. The Chairman informed the resident that the Parish Council owned two plots of land in the parish which could be possible locations for the trees. Cllr Hammond informed the Parish Council that there was a local Pocklington Group – Greener Pocklington - which also planted and maintained trees.

Cllr Bradley said the school was developing an outside classroom and may benefit from some Woodland Trust trees.

**Resolved that the Clerk would look into submitting an application for trees from the Woodland Trust and Greener Pocklington.**

**21/57 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee** – Celebrations would be held 2-5 June 2022. The Parish Council stated it would be in support of any initiatives in the village.

**Agreed that the Parish Council would include information on this in the village newsletter and Cllr Downes would act as the contact point.**

**21/58 Parish Council Finances** – Noted £16,418.38 (current account) £2,073.05 (savings account).

**21/59 Requests for payments** – the following payments were agreed:

- a. Hire of Village Hall 12 October 2021 - £10
- b. Hire of Village Hall 8 November 2021 – £30
- c. Parish Council insurance (Zurich) - £257.60

**21/60 Grant applications** – The following grants were approved:

- a. Melbourne Sports and Playing Field Association £1,400
- b. Bowls Club - £1,000
- c. Cricket Club - £320
- d. Christmas Club - £200
- e. Scouts - £1,150

In relation to the application from Thornton Church for £600 towards grass cutting, the Parish Council agreed that financial contributions towards the Church fell outside the grant process and should be considered as a recurring annual expenditure for the Parish Council (when funds were available). As a result, **it was agreed that the Parish Council award Thornton Church £600.**

**21/61 Yorkshire Water Update** – The Chairman informed the Parish Council that work on the manhole outside the Melbourne Arms had still not been carried out. The Chairman said he would continue to chase for a date for this work to be carried out.

A resident provided an update on the situation at the west end of village – there was still sewage coming out of the manhole opposite Glen Close – previously neither East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC), who owned the gully nor Yorkshire Water (YW), who had responsibility for sewage had taken responsibility for the issue. The resident had contacted both ERYC and YW and informed Cllr Hammond. YW had carried out a site visit and said the gully was silted up and had agreed to flush it out and map it. Cllr Hammond stated ERYC had also informed him that it would carry out a site visit to map the gully by the end of the month. This would determine who had responsibility.

Cllr Johnson informed the Parish Council that the pumping station at the west end of the village had not been working on three days over the recent period but the issue had now been resolved.

Cllr Kemp stated the Foss Internal Drainage Board (IDB) had agreed to clear the blocked ditch by the Melbourne Arms when it cleared out the rest of the ditch. This would be completed in November.

**21/62 Blocked Drainage Ditch – East End of the village** – Cllr Rollason informed the Parish Council of an issue with the drains on land neighbouring his property. **Agreed that Cllr Rollason provide the Chairman and Clerk with information about the issue in writing for consideration.**

**21/63 Newbald Parish Council submission to East Riding of Yorkshire Council** – The Parish Council noted the letter but had no comments.

**21/64 Planning Training** – Noted.

**21/65 Planning Applications:**

- a. **21/03763/PLF – Westbury Manor, Main Street, YO42 4QQ** – Neutral; no comments.
- b. **21/03610/PLF – Ivy Farm, House, Main Street, YO42 4QJ** – Neutral; no comments.
- c. **21/04058/PLF – Highthorn, Main Street YO42 4QQ** – Neutral; no comments.

**21/66 Planning Notices Received** – Noted.

**21/67 Correspondence** – Noted.

**21/68 Councillor Forum:**

**Cllr Hammond -**

- a. Pocklington Police Station was now manned 24 hours. Under the Full Sutton Prison reserved matters planning application, funding would be provided for a police officer in Full Sutton. The Police and Crime Commissioner had promised to provide speed cameras to neighbourhood policing teams in this area.
- b. A Western Parish Liaison meeting would be held later this month.
- c. Holme-on-Spalding-Moor leaflet – councillors were informed that the leaflet did not necessarily provide an objective view of the situation.
- d. North Newbald letter – Cllr Hammond was asked for his view. He advised that planning officers and committees had to make decisions based on planning policy and material planning conditions. On occasions, parish councils would make comments on a different basis, which meant they could not be considered as part of the planning decision-making process.

**Parish Councillors:**

- e. A parishioner on Kidd Lane had complained about a bus which was going down the lane which had never happened previously.
- f. The same parishioner also complained about speeding on Kidd Lane.
- g. There had been a complaint that the post office had not been open for two consecutive weeks and had reduced its opening times from two days to one.
- h. Queries were raised about when the reinstatement of the footpath at the new housing development at the west end would take place.
- i. MSOS had been busier recently although there had been no claims for expenses.
- j. K-Com would complete its work in around two weeks.

- k. A parishioner had reported the roadside footpath on the north side of Main Street between Budleigh and the western end of the village was overgrown and was very narrow. **Agreed the Clerk would report it to ERYC.**
- l. Cllr Tomalin had reported to Cllr Hammond that a public right of way sign had disappeared on St Monica's Close. **Agreed that Cllr Tomalin would follow up the replacement of the sign.**
- m. Beck Bridge on Church Road had been damaged recently. **Agreed the Clerk would report this to ERYC.**
- n. Replacement of the hedgerow in front of new housing development to the west of the village. **Agreed that the Chairman would raise this with the developer.**
- o. HGV sign Kidd Lane/Ash Lane – ERYC had still not taken steps to replace the sign – **Agreed that the Clerk would chase this with ERYC**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at **7pm on Monday 10 January 2022.**

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.