

Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held at the Melverley Village Hall on **8th November 2023**

Present: Cllrs Sally Herbert-Jones, Cath Jones, Roger Jones, Richard Bowdler

Apologies : None

23.34 No Apologies

23.35 Council reaffirmed Declarations of Interest(s)

23.36 Public session: There were no members of the public to speak
Police Representative present

23.37 Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting on 11th October 2023

Following a notice of co-option an application has been received from Linda Bennett. Councillors voted to appoint Linda under co-option rules

LB raised concerns regarding lanes in the village being dangerous to residents due to deep mud and grass verges being eroded into ditches, following the harvesting of nearby fields. This is a particular concern for elderly and vulnerable residents. Access to other fields are also restricted due to this. The mud is too deep even for a 4x4 vehicle. It is felt this road requires major investment – RB to talk to resident and SHJ to raise this at the Multi Agency Meeting

23.38 To receive updates:

- i. Report from Shropshire Councillor- none
- ii. Flooding update and IDB update – the recent flood was not as severe as expected. SHJ has recently attended an IDB meeting on behalf of the Council. LB will be future representative with the next meeting being 24th January 2024. Morda Brook is an area of concern and has an impact on Melverley flooding.
- iii. Police report and discussion/decision on priorities – Small number of theft of tractors (mainly for GPS equipment) and quadbikes. Three bullocks stolen from St Martin. No major incidents.

23.39 Financial

- i. to note income – see appendix A
- ii. to approve bank payments, see appendix A
- iii. to approve reconciliation - See Appendix A

23.40 Parish Matters: to discuss issues identified by Councillors and agree any related actions:

- Containers are still sited on the field, although this is well beyond the twelve weeks agreed. John Bellis advised to make complaint to Shropshire County Council.
- Eviction notice – Council visited and there is no longer anyone residing in this area therefore the complaint was cancelled, it is felt this should be reactivated during summer months.

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- Site Meeting with Highways – Mark Ellis met with SHJ and MB. Actions from the meeting include new chevrons x 2, new bollards at river bridge and more markers. Bridge work is ongoing and is not in Mark Ellis remit.
- There is an issue with badgers in the area which is costly to resolve, but noted.
- Clerk to chase lottery funding application for flood boat equipment.
- Clerk to find out possible training for new year
- Councillor to check date on defibrillator pads and to change contact details

23.41 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision)

- Precept budget 2024-25
- Set meeting dates for 2024

23.42 Proposed date of next meeting: **6th December 2023**

Meeting Closed at 20.59

Jennifer Turner, Parish Clerk – Melverley Parish Council

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November known Income and Payments:

Income: Nil

November Payments

	Details		payment
30/11/2023	HMRC	PAYE	51.40
30/11/2023	Clerk	Salary – Net and WfH	257.82
			309.22

Reconciliation –

October	£	£
CASH BOOK		
Opening balance 1 April 2023		2,403.62
Add: Receipts to date		4,802.00
Less: Payments to date		2,452.49
Closing balance per accounts to date		<u>4,753.13</u>
Balance per Barclays Bank statement as at 04/10/23		4,753.13
Less: any unrepresented cheques		