

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Quarterly Parish Council Meeting held on 12 November 2025

PRESENT: Cllr T Lewis (Chairman), Cllr M Oliver, Cllr Hingston,
Cllr K Stronach, Cllr S Vallance

In attendance: County Cllr A Sharp (left 7.20pm)
Mrs K Little – Clerk

494/25 Apologies for absence – None received

495/25 Minutes of meeting held 17 September 2025 to agree

Proposal to accept minutes of meeting held 17 September 2025
Prop: Cllr Hingston Sec: Cllr Lewis Agreed

496/25 Declarations of Interest in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any interests in items on this agenda – None declared

497/25 Reports/updates

- 497/25/01 Update on bus stop following consultation with neighbours – Clerk to contact Stagecoach and request a designated bus stop sign to be placed below the footpath from the A69 and junction in Melkridge to avoid confusion for drivers travelling west bound
- 497/25/02 Update from Cllr Sharp following site meeting with NCC regarding electricity connection to street light for defibrillator. NCC have agreed to put a post/column alongside the electric pole and price to be receive from NCC. Cllr Sharp to pay £2,000 towards cost of defibrillator and connection.
- 497/25/03 Update of resurfacing of car park – Cllr Lewis – no update, to remove from Agenda
- 497/25/04 NCC – Town & Parish Meeting held 8 October 2025 at Hexham mart – Cllr Sharp had attended, no issues raised
- 497/25/05 Issue of water discharge from field onto public highway East of Park House – Cllr Sharp to follow up
- 497/25/06 Update from Cllr Sharp on overgrown trees on left side of land from village to A69 – Completed
- 497/25/07 Update from Cllr Sharp on road sweeper and removal of weeds in drains and moss on paths – The sweeper has been through the village and maintenance work has been carried out at the Tunnel top

498/25 Visual Inspection of trees in Queens Platinum Jubilee Park

It was reported elder tree needs to be pruned

499/25 Correspondence

- 491/25/01 NALC – *updates forwarded by email*
- 491/25/02 NCC – Community Governance Review (CGR) 2025 questionnaire regarding the views on the size of the council, whether it should be divided or merged with other local councils was discussed by members and completed on the basis that no

491/25/03 changes were necessary to the current arrangement
Nominations now open for community awards – *forwarded by email*

500/25 Finance

500/25/01 NCC – Precept to agree for 2026/27
Proposal to reduce precept to £5,000
Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

500/25/02 Accounts for approval and payment:
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Hingston Agreed

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| 17.09.25 | CR | NCC - Precept | £2,750.00 | | £3,102.16 |
| 06.10.25 | DR | Charges | | £1.00 | £3,101.16 |
| 17.10.25 | 100553 | Craig Watson | | £200.00 | £2,901.16 |
| 12.11.25 | 100554 | K Little | | £331.04 | £2,570.12 |
| 12.11.25 | 100555 | HMRC | | £77.00 | £2,493.12 |
| 12.11.25 | 100556 | Practical Landscapes | | £360.00 | £2,133.12 |

500/25/03 It was reported the flag needs replacing - clerk to purchase Union
Jack flag

501/25 Date and Time of next meeting – Wednesday 11 February 2025

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2025**

Chairperson.....

Date.....