

MELLING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
MELLING PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER
DRIVE, MELLING**

**Present: Cllrs: Ledgerton (in the chair), Ashburner, Baker,
Fuller, Harrison, Rogers and Todd.**

3385: Apologies for absence.

None.

3386: Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3387: Declarations of interest - Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Melling Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None.

3388: Public participation.

A resident attended to express a continued interest in the casual vacancies and was provided with further information.

Representatives from the nursery school attended to provide an update on their plans to expand the nursery provision.

3389: Casual vacancies.

RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

3390: Policies and Procedures.

RESOLVED that the Disruption at Meetings policy be approved without amendment.

3391: Remembrance wreath.

RESOLVED that a donation of £50 in respect of a remembrance wreath be approved.

3392: Christmas light positions and switch on date.

RESOLVED that:

- • Spiral lights only be placed on Prescott Road and the remaining motifs (with the exception of Rock Lane where the motifs are designed for the specific columns in that area) be mixed between Waddicar Lane and Spencers Lane;
- • The switch on date to be 14th November 2025; and
- • A request be put in to Sefton to also switch on the lights on the Christmas tree on the village green on the same day.

3393: Reports of meetings.

Cllr Harrison has met with an engineer in respect of the broken bridge

on the footpath at the end of Chapel Lane after the end of the new footpath. This appears to be general wear and tear that will be reported to Sefton MBC. The leaflet working group confirmed that the next edition was due to be sent to the printers in the next week. Cllr Fuller reported on the litter pick carried out last month and confirmed plans for another litter pick on 23rd October along Weavers Lane and that as this was a roadside event it wasn't suitable for children to attend. Cllr Rogers advised that the managers of the Ratepayers club had indicated they would be agreeable to a noticeboard being put up outside the building.

3394: Correspondence.

Cllr Ashburner reported on continuing issues with the 345 bus not dropping off on Wheeler Drive with no information being given to passengers about this. Cllr Rogers requested that the estimated 30 children attending the judo club at the Tithebarn be included in the distribution of the Christmas gifts. This was agreed by the clerk under delegated authority as the existing budget was likely to cover these additional gifts. The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident regarding the maintenance of the defibs within the parish and that efforts were ongoing to engage with the Bootle Arms and the Horse and Jockey to get their defibs back on the central register. The clerk also reported on correspondence regarding excessive noise from the Horse and Jockey and this was noted to have been likely to have arisen from a one off event.

3395: Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that the applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

3396: Ongoing work at Fox House Farm.

Cllr Baker had received confirmation that a planning officer had visited the site and confirmed that it was not being converted for residential use. RESOLVED that no further action was needed at this time.

3397: Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.