

# Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of the next meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held by Zoom on **7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs Rosy Harding, Sally Herbert-Jones (Chairman) Cath Jones, Roger Jones

In attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor – Parish Clerk

- 20.51 Apologies - none
- 20.52 To reaffirm Declarations of Interest(s) - re-affirmed
- 20.53 Public session: To provide an opportunity for members of the public to speak (15 mins) The meeting was joined by Dan Widdon prospective Shropshire Councillor who introduced himself.
- 20.54 To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 – unanimously confirmed
- 20.55 To receive updates on:
- (a) Flood defence developments to include argae works and IDB update – the Chairman, Cllr Rosy Harding and Cllr Roger Jones briefed Council on the planned works to repair the argae and had emphasised the importance to the contractor of ensuring the residents were properly briefed. Concern was expressed regarding the ongoing deterioration of the Crew Green bridge (it was greed that contact would eb made with Welsh authorities regarding joint working on repairs). The Chairman and Cllr Rosy Harding also reported on the multi-agency meeting and the continued development towards involvement of a range of organisations in seeking to find solutions to the extent of flooding. It was noted that the suggested dam/barrage associated with the North West Relief Road was no longer part of the scheme.
  - (b) Parish-wide Broadband improvements – meeting joined by representative from SWS Broadband who explained that the company was keen to support improvements to the availability of ultrafast stable broadband and explained that a number of options existed for Meverley and Meverley Green, which were currently being considered by engineers. It was intended that a further information/marketing campaign would be arranged later in the year to inform residents of the options
  - (c) Highways issues, including speed limits (residents' concerns) and joint letter to Shropshire Council – circulated – it was agreed that further contact with the police and Shropshire Council Highways would be made to see what solutions could be identified. Both would be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting
  - (d) Rescue Boat – an updated list of improvements to the existing boat's equipment had been received and would be priced up by the Clerk, and Councillor Cath Jones had identified a training/advice source who would assist the Council.
- 20.56 Correspondence and other matters:
- (a) Election update – Councillors noted the dates for the nominations

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- (b) VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May – email circulated – agreed no action possible due to Covid restrictions
- (c) Climate Change Declaration – email circulated – deferred to later meeting
- (d) Residents' concerns regarding litter, and Great British Spring Clean – email circulated – Cllr Rosy Harding agreed to lead a litter picking day. It was also agreed to ask Shropshire Council if a special collection could be organised
- (e) Damage to Bridleway/Byway, rear of Village Hall Councillors noted that a response was awaited from Shropshire Council outdoor recreation team reading where responsibilities for re-instatement of the byway rested. It was also agreed to ask a representative to join a Parish Council meeting to discuss stiles and gates and improved signage for footpaths and bridleways.
- (f) Remote meetings – Government guidance – email circulated – council noted the return to face to face meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May
- (g) Police Charter – email circulated, and police attendance, a report was received from a representative and an apology for non- attendance.

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### Financial

- (a) bank payments – unanimously approved

trans		Details	Chq/OL	pay	Vat	Total
26	28/03/21	March Pay	OL	£132.13		£132.13
27	28/03/21	Feb HMRC	OL	£88.00		£88.00
28	28/03/21	Mar HMRC	OL	£88.00		£88.00
	total					£308.13

- (b) reconciliation – unanimously approved

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2020	£2,919.98
Add: Receipts to date	£4,165.94
Less: Payments to date	£4,134.11
<b>Closing Balance at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>£2,951.81</b>
<b>Bank Balances as at 31st March 2021:</b>	
Current account 70622206	£2,951.81
less unrepresented cheques/incomplete payments	£0.00
	<b>£2,951.81</b>

20.58 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision) – none

20.59 Proposed date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Annual meetings)

Chairman.....

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