

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Quarterly Parish Council Meeting held on 19 March 2025 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

County Councillor A Sharp (left 7.15pm)

464/25 Apologies for absence - None

465/25 Minutes of meeting held 8 January 2025 to agree

Proposal for Minutes of meeting held 8 January 2025 to be agreed

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

466/25 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

467/25 Reports/updates

- 467/25/01 Update of new bus timetable – all feedback had been positive. No designated bus stop in the village, members discussed Cassie’s Corner as a possible site, and to canvass neighbours for their views. Clerk to email Steve Walker of Stagecoach.
- 467/25/02 Electricity connection from Northern Power for defibrillator – Clerk advised following quotation from Northern Power the connection charge would be £2,473.19 inclusive of VAT and would have to be a metered supply. Cllr Sharp confirmed he would pay for the connection, but agreed to go back to Highways to see if there is a way to connect to street light as it is understood this had been done in another parish.
- 467/25/03 Update on replacement shed – new shed had been delivered, but was damaged and has been repacked to be returned. There may be a fee to exchange. New shed to be delivered on 26 March 2025. Clerk had received e-mail remittance advice for £2,000 from NCC.
Cheque received from Village Green Committee for contribution to new shed for £231.42.
- 467/25/04 Update on overblown tree and resurfacing of car park – overblown tree has been removed, no update on resurfacing
- 467/25/05 Melkridge Village Green – update of Town & Village Green Register, update from Cllr Stronach. Map to be forwarded to NCC Lawyer
- 467/25/06 Update on planning on land below Ashleigh – concerns were again raised about the suitability of the drainage for sewerage and the loss of hedgerow and the impact during the nesting season on wild birds. Clerk to email developers with concerns.

468/25 Visual Inspection of trees in Queens Platinum Jubilee Park

No issues raised

469/25 Correspondence

469/25/01 BT Digital Switchover – A series of drop-in sessions from BT arranged for Northumberland to help residents with questions about the digital switchover – to be held in Sainsbury car park in Haltwhistle on 3 April 2025

470/25 Finance

470/25/01 To consider tenders for grass cutting 2025
Proposal to delegate to clerk in consultation with members
Prop: Cllr Vallance Sec: Cllr Lewis Agreed

470/25/04 Accounts for approval and payment:
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

05.01.25	DR	Charges to 14 Dec 2024	£9.00
24.01.25	100533	Void	
24.01.25	100534	K Stronach – Repayment of shed	£1,589.94
05.02.25	DR	Charges to 14 Jan 2025	£8.00
19.03.25	100535	K Little	£309.78
19.03.25	100536	HMRC	£73.40
19.03.25	100538	Neil Atkinson Building Contractor	£420.00

471/25 Date and Time of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on 14 May 2025

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2025**

Chairperson.....

Date.....