

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14 December 2022 at 7.15pm

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

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk
County Councillor Alan Sharp

360/22 Apologies for absence – None

361/22 Minutes of meeting held 7 September 2022 and 4 October 2022 to agree

Proposal for minutes of meeting held 7 September 2022 to be agreed

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

Proposal for minutes of meeting held 4 October 2022 to be agreed

Prop: Cllr Oliver Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

362/22 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

363/22 Reports/updates

363/22/01 Update of planning application of land south of Ashlea, Melkridge from Cllr Sharp, member had been supplied with a plan but await an update from Cllr Sharp regarding response from Northumbrian Water as to where the surface water will go – Cllr Sharp reported he had the plan from Northumbria Water with the drains and manholes marked. A request for additional drainage in the dip had been requested by the resident in the house adjacent to the land. Cllr Sharp to discuss with Northumbria Water.

366/22/02 Update regarding electricity connection – Cllr Sharp to follow up connection on pole beside where telephone box had been sited to check if able to facilitate electricity supply – Cllr Sharp stated he would fund additional street light from his small schemes allowance, which would cost approx. £2,000. Cable to be taken down the pole to facilitate an electricity supply to mount a defibrillator or for other community events

363/22/03 H&DJBC Report – update from NCC – no update

363/22/04 A69 Road Link lighting on junction – update from Cllr Sharp – Cllr Sharp reported he had been advised by Road Link as the junction has a good safety record no plans for an improvement plan. Cllr Sharp to request reflective bollards at the junction from Road Link

363/22/05 Update on Melkridge bus timetable change – Arriva will be withdrawn the 685 bus service as from 22 January 2023 and the all the services will be provided by Stagecoach. Chris Curtis had advised Cllr Sharp the hourly bus service would be reinstated

364/22 Visual Inspection of trees in Millenium Park

Some work has been carried out on the overhanging branches and 1 tree removed, Cllr Lewis to do further inspection

365/22 Platinum Jubilee Nature Park – update of planting scheme

Cllr Lewis stated the park was looking very good and thanked Cllr Vallance for all her hard work. Cllr Vallance advised 4 large rowan, 100 daffodils, 100 bluebells, 12m of mixed hedging and yellow rattle seeds have been planted. Agreed to plant wild flowers and put-up bird boxes in the Spring. Cllr Vallance local residents J Curry, D King and O Stronach for their help in planting the trees. Clerk to order signs for dog walkers to put dog poo in the bin provided.
 Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

366/22 Correspondence

366/22/01 The Pensions Regulatory – dealt with by clerk
 366/22/02 HM Revenue – Notice
 366/22/03 NCC – Notice of Consultation – Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs - noted
 366/22/04 Enforcement Strategy Consultation – *forwarded by email* – no comments
 366/22/05 NCC – Town Parish and Community Council Conference 24 January 2023 - *forwarded by email*

367/22 Finance

367/22/01 NCC – Parish Precept to agree
 Proposal that due to cost-of-living crisis no increase to precept
 Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Hingston Agreed

 367/22/02 Accounts for approval and payment:
 Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Hingston Agreed

07.09.22	100487	Sharon Vallance (Wood Working)		£120.00	£6,621.44
06.10.22	DR	Charges to 14 September 2022		£9.00	£6,612.44
12.10.22	CR	Cllr A Sharp – Donation for trees for Queen Platinum Jubilee Park	£100.00		£6,712.44
14.10.22	100488	Trees Please		£52.56	£6,659.88
	100489	Void			£6,659.88

05.11.22	DR	Charges to 14 October 2022		£11.00	£6,648.88
08.11.22	100490	Naturescape		£72.99	£6,575.89
08.11.22	100491	Down to Earth		£261.06	£6,314.83
14.12.22	100492	Sharon Vallance (Homebase)		£11.90	£6,302.93
14.12.22	100493	K Little		£271.35	£6,031.58
14.12.22	100494	HMRC		£64.00	£5,967.58

368/22 Village BBQ – To discuss Kings Coronation at next meeting
369/22 Date and Time of next meeting – 1 February 2023

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022**

Chairperson.....

Date.....