

Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held at the Melverley Village Hall on **9th January 2024**

Present: Cllrs Sally Herbert-Jones, Cath Jones, Roger Jones, Richard Bowdler, Linda Bennett

Apologies : None

- 23.34 No Apologies
- 23.35 Council reaffirmed Declarations of Interest(s)
- 23.36 Public session: There were no members of the public to speak
- 23.37 Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2023
- 23.38 To receive updates:
- i. Report from Shropshire Councillor- none
 - ii. Flooding update and IDB update – LB will be future representative with the next meeting being 24th January 2024. Flooding – There were no boat call outs during the recent floods. However, there was a serious incident where a member of the public became stuck in deep mud on a public pathway which links to the flood parking area on 5th January at approximately 2pm. Member of the public will report this to Shropshire CC and copy in the clerk who will support this by email. This is a main access footpath to the village and it is unacceptable to be in this condition.
There is also a ditch six feet deep which needs remedial action, RJ to send exact location to Richard Knight.
Flood signs need amending to show depth of water, road users assume this is 2-3 inches when it is sometimes 3-4 feet. It is felt residents would need to take ownership of these signs so that they are only left out during floods and are removed as soon as flood waters recede.
 - iii. Police report and discussion/decision on priorities – None
- 23.39 Financial
- i. to note income as attached
 - ii. to approve bank payments as attached
 - iii. to approve reconciliation as attached
 - iv. Budgets discussed and precept agreed at £5,258
- 23.40 Parish Matters: to discuss issues identified by Councillors and agree any related actions:
- Martin Davies is gaining quotes to equip the new flood boat
 - Defibrillator pads – SHJ to check pad dates and look at appointing a representative
 - Potholes – clerk to send link to SJH for reporting potholes, this will be forwarded to residents to report problems
 - A young man has recently been knocked over in Melverley, it is felt speed restrictions and signage need to be added to this road. Parents are intending to report this incident and clerk will support via email to Highways. It was suggested that quarry lorries are dissuaded from travelling on this road.

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- There is still a large amount of rubbish left where Travellers have been living, this could be reported again to DEFRA in May.

23.41 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision)
Equipping of flood boats

23.42 Proposed date of next meeting: **13th February 2024**

Meeting Closed at 20.52

Jennifer Turner, Parish Clerk – Melverley Parish Council

Accounts

Opening Balance £4,436.81

Income Grant	£5,625.00
Payments	£ 541.08 (Clerk – Nov & Dec)
	£ 130.35 (Clerk – Back pay)
	£ 115.80 (HMRC - PAYE)
	£ 222.60 (Clerk – Jan)
	£ 26.00 (Clerk – WfH)
	£ 55.60 (HMRC – PAYE)

Closing Balance £8,970.38

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November known Income and Payments:

Income: Nil

November Payments

	Details		payment
30/11/2023	HMRC	PAYE	51.40
30/11/2023	Clerk	Salary – Net and WfH	257.82
			309.22

Reconciliation –

October	£	£
CASH BOOK		
Opening balance 1 April 2023		2,403.62
Add: Receipts to date		4,802.00
Less: Payments to date		2,452.49
Closing balance per accounts to date		<u>4,753.13</u>
Balance per Barclays Bank statement as at 04/10/23		4,753.13
Less: any unpresented cheques		