

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Quarterly Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 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 7.40)

1 Member of the Public

456/25 Apologies for absence – None

457/25 Minutes of meeting held 10 September 2024 to agree

Proposal for Minutes of meeting held 10 September 2024 to be agreed

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

458/25 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

459/25 Reports/updates

459/25/01 Update of new bus timetable

It was reported there had been very positive feedback to the new timetable, only a couple of buses had been cancelled and a lot of new buses now on the route. No problem with buses travelling eastbound, but some of the westbound buses are travelling on the bottom road if the eastbound bus has passed through the village.

459/25/02 Electricity connection from Northern Power – clerk to complete application form

459/25/03 Damage to shed and update regarding application to community fund – application to community fund for a new shed had been rejected. Cllr A Sharp to fund the shed from the members small scheme allowance of up to £2,000.00

459/25/04 Overblown tree and resurfacing of car park – Cllr A Sharp advised Michael Armour from NCC to grind the stump – Cllr Sharp to follow up, hopefully this will be done before new shed is in place. Resurfacing of car park still to do, but will have to wait until warmer weather before progressing.

459/25/05 Melkridge Village Green – update of Town & Village Green Register, update from Cllr Stronach – outline of Village Green was discussed and deferred to next meeting

459/25/06 Update from Cllr Sharp on removal of skip and scaffolding – skip has been removed; scaffolding was removed but is now back in situ as further work needs to be done

459/25/07 NCC – Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Annual Conference held 3 October 2024 – Cllr Sharp reported he had requested conference/meetings to be held in Hexham to encourage more parish councillors to attend.

Members reported Hard Riding junction needs resurfacing, reports of water on road from Carrsgate to Moor View, which was causing concerns as this section of the road had frozen, also concerns were raised regarding gritting on the school bank during frosty weather – Cllr Sharp to follow up

Members requested the salt bin to be relocated, Cllr Sharp to contact NCC

It was reported road from Melkridge to Whitchester has been flooded again due to excess water from fields

459/25/08 Grass cutting in Queens Jubilee Nature Park – grass had been cut by local contractor, agreed for this to be done annually, area with wild flowers not to be cut until next August and to cut inside the footpath

460/25 Visual Inspection of trees in Queens Platinum Jubilee Park – Cllr Lewis
reported no issue

461/25 Correspondence

- 461/25/01 NALC – Monthly newsletters - *forwarded by email*
- 461/25/02 NCC – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 – Definitive Map Modification Order (No 11) 2024 RB Nos 24 & No 33 (Parishes of Melkridge and Henshaw) received
- 461/25/03 NCC – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 – Definitive Map Modification Order (No 15) 2024 RB Nos 27 & No 1 (Parishes of Greenhead and Melkridge) received
- 461/25/04 NCC - Consultation for the new Hadrian’s Wall Cycleway Link Route – *forwarded by email*
- 461/25/05 HTC – Email confirmation that letter confirming withdrawal of Melkridge from H&DJBC and cheque had been received
- 461/25/06 NCC – Local Nature Recovery Survey – *forwarded by email*
- 461/25/07 NCC – Consultation on street naming
Proposal: Street naming for 8 new dwellings
At: land south of Ashlea, Melkridge, Northumberland
Proposed Address(es): 1-8 Brookfield, Melkridge, Haltwhistle
Forwarded by email – no objections
- 461/25/08 Tynedale Hospice at Home – request for donation - *declined*
- 461/25/09 Age UK – request for donation – *declined*

462/25 Finance

- 462/25/01 Tender for grass cutting 2025 – clerk to obtain quotations for next meeting
- 462/25/02 NCC – Precept to agree for 2025/26
Proposal for no increase in precept and to remain at £5,500
Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Hingston Agreed
- 462/25/03 Bank Mandate for signatories updated
- 462/25/04 Accounts for approval and payment:
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

05.09.24	DR	Charges to 14 Aug 2024		£9.00	£7,527.91
06.09.24	CR	NCC - Precept	£2,750.00		£10,277.91

06.10.24	DR	Charges to 14 Sept 2024		£8.00	£8,972.42
30.10.24	100528	Ian Charlton		£1,090.00	£7,882.42
05.11.24	DR	Charges to 14 Oct 2024		£11.00	£7,871.42
06.12.24	DR	Charges to 14 Nov 2024		£9.00	£7,862.42
08.01.25	100529	Citizen Advice		£50.00	£7,812.42
08.01.25	100530	K Little		£313.88	£7,498.54
08.01.25	100531	HMRC		£73.40	£7,425.14
08.01/25	100532	Ian Charlton		180.00	£7,245.14

463/25 Date and Time of next meeting – 19 March 2025

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2025**

Chairperson.....

Date.....

