

MELLING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
MELLING PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2024 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER
DRIVE, MELLING**

**Present: Cllrs: Ledgerton (in the chair), Ashburner, Baker,
Harrison, Fuller, Rogers and Todd.**

3283: Apologies for absence.
Cllr Greenwood.

3284: Minutes of the annual meeting held on 8th October 2024.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th October 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3285: Declarations of interest - Members were invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Melling Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
No Councillor Declared an Interest

3286: Public participation.

3287: Casual vacancies.
RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

3288: Canal and Rivers Trust update.

Suzanne Shooman from the Canal and Rivers Trust provided detailed information on the work undertaken by her staff and volunteers in maintaining and upgrading the towpath along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. She mentioned that they are unable to provide rubbish bins as they do not have the means to empty them. One of the Cllrs. raised the issue of youngsters consuming drugs on the Canal where it goes under the M57 Bridge. Suzanne mentioned they tend to regularly cut back bushes and vegetation in order to keep the towpath safe for users and remove any graffiti, which tends to be mainly on bridges. She indicated that any fly tipping can be reported on 0303 040 4040. She also indicated that they are always looking for volunteers and can also provide Community Walks along the canal if required.

3289: Melling bus routes.
RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next available meeting.

3290: Delph Maintenance.
RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next available meeting.

3291: Christmas 2024
Following a lengthy discussions on the cost of purchasing Christmas gifts,

Members resolved to agree to allocate £800 for the purchase of presents for various members of the community. The Chair Cllrs: Ledgerton agreed to contact ASDA to see if ASDA could provide any discount on the selection boxes to be purchased and Cllr. Rogers volunteered to provide any assistance required as per last year.

3292: Gifts for retiring/long serving Councillors.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next available meeting.

3293: Reports of meetings.

None.

3294: Correspondence.

Cllr. Rogers indicated that she has received correspondence from Sefton Council stating that they were unable to erect any Deer warning signs on the Highway unless Sefton MBC agreed. The cost of doing so was £150. Cllr. Ashburner stated that issues had been raised relating to over grown bushes along Tithebarn Lane that were causing obstructions for wheelchair users. Cllr. Ashburner agreed to investigate.

3295: Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that the applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

3296: Budget and Precept 2025/26.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next available meeting.

3297: Meetings 2025.

Members considered the proposed dates of Parish Council meeting for 2025 and resolved to agree them.

3298: Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.

M. Kundi – Locum Clerk to the Council.