

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2022 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr T Lewis (Chairman), Cllr M Oliver, Cllr K Stronach (left at 8.20pm),
Cllr S Vallance

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

335/22 Election of Chair

Proposal for Cllr T Lewis to be elected as Chairman

Prop: Cllr Oliver Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

336/22 Election of Vice Chair

Proposal for Cllr Oliver to be elected as Vice Chairman

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

337/22 Apologies – To agree dispensation from the six-month rule for Cllr Hingston

Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Lewis Agreed

Apologies received from Cllr A Sharp

338/22 Minutes of meeting held 19 January 2022 to agree

Proposal for the minutes of meeting held 19 January 2022 be agreed

Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

339/22 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

340/22 Reports/updates

340/22/01 Update of planning application of land south of Ashlea, Melkridge from Cllr Sharp regarding response from Northumbrian Water as to where the surface water will go – no update

340/22/02 Update regarding electricity connection – clerk to contact Northern Power again and request site meeting for additional street light on existing pole and resend email to members from clerk at Stocksfield Parish Council. Concerns raised about no lighting on the A69 junction

340/22/03 H&DJBC Report – update from NCC – no update

341/22 Visual Inspection of trees in Millenium Park

Cllr Lewis and Cllr Vallance have inspected the trees – no issues

342/22 Millenium Nature Park – update

Cllr Vallance gave an update, report circulated, wording agreed for plaque for Queen's Jubilee planting – to purchase. A grant of £500 had been awarded from NCC Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund 2022 towards the cost of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee planting scheme. Mixed hedging plants to be ordered from Trees Please in August and daffodil bulbs and bluebells also to be purchased.

Cllr Vallance thanked Cllr Lewis for all the work he had done in refurbishing the seats in the village. Balsam bashing arranged for 8 June. Cllr Stronach and Cllr Vallance to paint shed.

343/22 Flagpole - to discuss/agree replacement flag and rope

Proposal to purchase a NCC flag, also discussions to purchase a Union Jack flag for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and organising a tea for the event

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

343/22 H&DJBC – budget request – noted

344/22 Finance

Proposal to agreed Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

344/22/01 To consider any actions arising from the internal auditor – no issues

344/22/02 Annual Governance Statement to approve

344/22/03 Accounting Statement to approve

344/22/04 Explanation of Variances to approve

344/22/05 Certificate of Exemption to approve

Prop: Cllr Oliver Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

344/22/06 MPC – Financial Risk Assessment Schedule to agree
Proposal to agree

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

344/22/07 To agree insurance cover – due to substantial increase for current renewal delegated to clerk to seek further quotes

344/22/07 Accounts for approval and payment:

Prop: Cllr Oliver Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

11.04.22	CR	NCC - Precept		£2,250.00		£5,363.54
11.05.22	100476	K Little			£231.90	£5,131.64
11.05.22	100477	HMRC			£52.40	£5,079.24
11.05.22	100478	NALC			£146.30	£4,932.94
11.05.22	100479	T Lewis - materials to repair benches			£145.48	£4,787.46
11.05.22	100481	Great North Air Ambulance			£50.00	£4,737.46

345/22 Village BBQ – Cllr Stronach advised there would be no BBQ this year but to meet with other organisers at the end of the summer to consider options for next year

346/22 Date and Time of next meeting – 7 September 2022 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2022**

Chairperson.....

Date.....