

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 17 July 2024 at 7.15pm

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

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

443/24 Apologies – No apologies

444/24 Minutes of meeting held 8 May 2024 to agree

Proposal for the minutes of meeting held 8 May 2024 to be agreed
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Stronach Agreed

445/24 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

446/24 To consider and respond to correspondence received from Haltwhistle Town Council on behalf of Haltwhistle Joint Burial Committee

Following the report received from Northumberland County Council dated 19 March 2024, Haltwhistle Town Council, on behalf of the Burial Committee, offered the following solution:

The member councils will agree to the leaving date of 31st March 2021, as announced by Melkridge Parish Council on 3rd February 2021. However, the amount of £787.30 owed by Melkridge at 31st March 2021 will still have to be paid.

The Council and Burial Committee will allow Melkridge to leave after payment of the £737.30 owed, with the agreement that any share of the assets that maybe due to Melkridge PC will be left with the Joint Burial Committee to cover future liabilities for the on-going maintenance of the cemeteries. This will include those plots occupied by deceased Melkridge residents.

If Melkridge Parish Council does not agree, then all the councils will need to be consulted on a new leaving date and all monies due by Melkridge, up to the agreed leaving date, would then become due.

Following a discussion the following was proposed:

Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

Melkridge proposed to make a payment of £787.30 with an agreement that their share of the assets to remain with the Joint Burial Committee on the condition that Melkridge parishioners will continue to benefit from single fee burials and associated charges for a period of 10 years and thereafter will pay double fees.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2024**

Chairperson.....

Date.....