

**MELLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER  
DRIVE, MELLING**

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

**3299: Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Harrison.

**3300: Minutes of the annual meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**3301: Declarations of interest - Members are 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.**

None.

**3302: Public participation.**

None.

**3303: Casual vacancies.**

RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

**3304: Melling bus routes.**

RESOLVED that having received comments from Arriva rejecting the proposals for an improved service we await the outcome of the public transport review currently being undertaken by Liverpool City Region and review the bus service provision in 18 months.

**3305: Delph Maintenance.**

RESOLVED that a budget of up to £800 pa for the maintenance of the Delph and the Village Green (not including mowing) be approved for the current year and future years until further resolution.

**3306: Gifts for retiring/long serving Councillors.**

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a future agenda when quotes are available for the purchase of suitable gifts.

**3307: Defibrillators.**

RESOLVED that further letters would be sent out to the premises where the defibs are situated reminding them that they are able to apply to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of maintaining the defibs and changing batteries and pads when required.

**3308: Location of noticeboards.**

RESOLVED that quotes should be obtained for the relocation of the boards and once available the item be returned to the agenda.

**3309: Reports of meetings.**

None.

**3310: Correspondence.**

The clerk reported on correspondence from the Canal and Rivers Trust advising that it would cost £4,000 to put a bench on the towpath and that while a litter bin could be placed there they would not be able to empty it. Cllrs Fuller and Rogers confirmed that Sefton Council had agreed to place deer warning signs on Waddicar Lane.

**3311: Planning Applications.**

RESOLVED that the applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

**3312: Repairs to Christmas lights.**

It was noted that the cost of repairing storm damage to the Christmas lights had been approved by the clerk under delegated authority in the sum of £280 plus VAT.

**3313: Cashflow as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.**

The cashflow report was noted.

**3314: Budget and precept 2025/2026.**

RESOLVED that:

1. The budget be approved as amended; and
2. The precept for 2025/2026 be set at the rate of £43,620.00.

**3315: Accounts paid and for payment.**

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.

**J Farrar – Clerk to the Council.**