

MELLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
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**HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2026 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER
DRIVE, MELLING**

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

3428: Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Fuller and Harrison.

3429: Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th November 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th November 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3430: 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.

3431: Public participation.

A resident attended to comment on the proposed development of 8 houses near Piebridge Close.

A resident attended to express an interest in the advertised vacancies.

3432: Casual vacancies.

RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

3433: Grant applications.

RESOLVED that a survey be carried out to obtain residents views as to the matter of the advice centre at Maghull, following the conclusion of which the item be put back on the agenda for further consideration.

3434: Bus services.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Baker and Todd be nominated to attend the next meeting of

Aintree Parish Council to discuss co-ordinating an approach to Steve Rotherham's office about the 345 bus service.

3435: Reports of meetings.

None.

3436: Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence from Sefton MBC advising that it is not advisable to power a defibrillator from a lamp post as a constant supply of power cannot be guaranteed. It was noted that this prevents an option of putting a defibrillator on the village green.

Correspondence was also received from a representative of North Liverpool Inclusion FC regarding use of the Wheeler Drive field for football games but it was confirmed that this is not possible while the field is used for dog walking.

Correspondence was received from a resident regarding street lamps out of order on Prescott Road and another resident reported various highways related issues. These issues will all be reported to Sefton MBC.

3437: Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that:

- • Comments be submitted to Sefton in respect of the planning application for 8 houses off Spencers Lane on the basis that this development is proposed on greenbelt land and would amount to urban sprawl;
- • The remaining applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

3438: Budget and Precept 2026/2027.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2026/2027 be set at £45,800.

3439: Banking services.

This item was deferred to the next meeting to consider options for payment cards.

3440: Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.

J Farrar – Clerk to the Council.