

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

**HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2025 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER
DRIVE, MELLING**

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

3413: Apologies for absence.

Cllr Fuller.

3414: Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th October 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3415: 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.

3416: Public participation.

Representatives from Doteki Judo Group attended to discuss their grant application.

3417: Casual vacancies.

RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

3418: Grant application from Doteki Judo Group.

RESOLVED that:

- The grant requested in the sum of £250 towards the rental of the hall at
the Tithebarn be approved with payment to be made directly to the Tithebarn on receipt of an invoice; and
- The remaining aspects of the grant be rejected; and
- The applicants to be advised that they may submit a further grant application for consideration in the next budget year any time after April 2026.

3419: Social media.

RESOLVED that the following paragraph was agreed for use by members wishing to respond to social media postings and that no further comment should be made on behalf of the Parish Council:

‘Comments have been posted on this page about the work of Melling Parish

Council by people who are not involved with the Council. If you would like accurate information about the work of Melling Parish Council please visit their website at www.mellingparishcouncil.uk or contact the Council by email at clerk@mellingparishcouncil.uk'.

3420: Grant Awarding Policy for defibrillators NOT owned by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the content of the draft Grant Awarding Policy for Defibrillators NOT owned by the Parish Council be approved subject to amendments confirming that grants will NOT be paid to businesses in respect of the maintenance costs of defibrillators.

3421: Reports of meetings.

Cllr Ashburner reported on Aintree Parish Council's civic award event which was well attended.

3422: Correspondence.

The clerk confirmed that correspondence sent to the Chief Executive of Sefton MBC, Ward Cllr Danny Burn and Sefton Planning enforcement department in respect of the property at Fox Bridge Farm had been acknowledged by all recipients.

All Cllrs confirmed agreement with the content of the response to the letter from a resident raising concerns about defibrillators within the parish.

Concerns received from a resident regarding the bonfire night event at the Horse & Jockey were noted and a request will be sent to Sefton MBC noting the concerns and requesting that advice be provided regarding future events.

It was noted that the bin by the village green had been removed and not yet replaced and this had been followed up.

3423: Changes to annual audit requirements.

RESOLVED that:

- • The hosting of the Parish Council website and emails are transferred to Hugo Fox;
- • The fee payable to Hugo Fox for the silver hosting service, .gov domain name and email addresses for the clerk and all councillors is approved at up to £650 pa in this year and future years until further resolution;
- • The one off fee payable to Hugo Fox to transfer the content from the old website to the new site is agreed at £149 plus VAT.

3424: Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that the applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

3425: Budget and Precept 2026/2027.

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

3426: Meeting dates 2026.

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2026 be agreed.

3427: Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.

