

Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held at the Meverley Village Hall on **5th October 2021 at 8.00 pm**,

Present: Cllrs Rosy Harding, Sally Herbert-Jones (Chairman), Cath Jones, Roger Jones, Vince Hunt

In attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor, Parish Clerk and one member of the public

- 21.44 An apology from a representative police officer was noted
- 21.45 Cllr Roger Jones declared an interest in item 21.49 (c). there were no other Declarations of Interest(s) or dispensation requests to consider
- 21.46 Public session: no comments made
- 21.47 The minutes of the meetings on 14th July 2021 and 1st September 2021 were unanimously approved
- 21.48 To receive updates:
- (a) Report from Shropshire Councillor – Cllr Vince Hunt reported:
 - that the new Code of Conduct for councillors had been approved and encouraged Parish Councils to adopt it
 - there were changes in responsibility at Shropshire Council following Cllr Steve Charmley stepping down
 - discussions were continuing to secure a commitment to and funding for either repairing or replacing the Crew Green Bridge
 - Covid remains high in the County compared to the rest of the West Midlands
 - (b) Flood defence developments to include:
 - I. argae works – Cllr Sally Herbert-Jones reported on discussions and site visits and noted that the works at the Crow's Nest site are almost complete. The contractor is expected to leave the site in a few weeks, after completing any remedial works
 - II. IDB update, including invitation from MIDB to nominate a parish council representative. Cllrs unanimously approved Cllr Rosy Harding as the nominated councillor for Meverley to the MIDB
 - III. Flood Boat training opportunity, decision (£620 + VAT). Council unanimously approved the expenditure, and decided to invite Kinnerley Parish Council to join in/contribute
 - (c) Police report – an email from the Police noted the recent theft of the paper bank from the Village Hall car park.
- 21.49 Correspondence and other matters:
- (a) Smartwater – Council unanimously ratified the decision to proceed to purchase kits for every household. It was also agreed to deliver a flyer to let people know the kits were coming
 - (b) request from Hope House for a grant for £250 – deferred until nearer the end of the financial year
 - (c) Planning application to determine:

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21/04082/FUL: Cross Lanes, Meverley, SY10 8PB. Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential with the proposed erection of a double garage with storage above and a double carport including the associated driveway and alterations to an existing access to form a new vehicular access – Council supported the application

- (d) Invitation to bid for funds from Safer Roads Partnership - noted
- (e) Victim Support Scheme – request for grant – deferred until near end of financial year
- (f) Remembrance Sunday 14th November – invitation to consider donation – Council unanimously agreed to support a Village Hall Scheme to install a plaque to commemorate those who served and agreed to invite the Village Hall Committee to submit a request for financial support.

21.50 Financial

(a) the bank payments were unanimously approved:

	Date	Details	method	Pay	Admin	Insurance	audit	Vat	Total
15	28/09/21	Clerk salary Sept	OL	£138.75					£138.75
16	28/09/21	HMRC mth 6	OL	£92.00					£92.00
		total		£230.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£230.75
		running total		£1,292.50	£162.10	£261.78	£100.00	£0.00	£1,908.38

(b) council noted the bank reconciliation

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2021	£2,951.81
Add: Receipts to date	£5,161.56
Less: Payments to date	<u>£1,677.63</u>
Closing Balance at 31st August 2021	£6,435.74
Bank Balance as at 31st August 2021:	
Current account 70622206	£6,666.49
less unpresented cheques	<u>£230.75</u>
	£6,435.74

21.51 Parish Matters: to discuss issues identified by Councillors and agree any related actions. Council discussed the application by Richard Bowdler to be co-opted as a councillor and unanimously approved the application.

21.52 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision)

21.53 Proposed date of next meeting: **2nd November 2021**

Chairman.....

Date.....