

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2022 at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllr T Lewis (Chairman), Cllr K Stronach, Cllr S Hingston,
Cllr S Vallance, County Cllr A Sharp

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

327/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Oliver

328/22 Minutes of meeting held 3 November 2021 to agree

Proposal for minutes of meeting held 3 November 2021 to be agreed
Prop: Cllr Hingston Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

329/22 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

330/22 Reports/updates

- 330/22/01 Update of planning application of land south of Ashlea, Melkridge from Cllr Sharp & response from Northumbria Water
Cllr Sharp reported he had contacted the planning department and as the access and layout of the houses had already been determined any changes cannot be considered at this time, the reserved matters are only looking at the appearance and scale of the dwellings.
Northumbrian Water had advised they had approved the drainage scheme in the original application, Cllr Sharp to follow this up and ask where the surface water will go
- 330/22/02 H&DJBC Report – update from NCC – no update
- 330/22/03 Contact details for Northern Power
Clerk to follow up to find out details of an electricity connection for a defibrillator for the village
- 330/22/04 Cllr Sharp to give update on fallen trees on the lonnen
Cllr Sharp reported the fallen trees on the lonnen are the responsibility of NCC and will be checking for any fallen branches in the next couple of weeks and will carry out a risk assessment if required.
Cllr Lewis and Cllr Vallance had carried out a visual inspection of the trees in the Millenium Park, these checks are to be carried out on a quarterly basis – to be added to agenda
Cllr Sharp advised hopefully the repairs to the footpaths would be done by the summer
- 330/22/05 NCC – Proposed meeting with Town & Parish Council – clerk to provide date of meeting

331/22 Finance

- 331/22/01 Account Fees update – HSBC have changed the status of the

account to include a monthly charge of £8 and £1 per item.
 The clerk had contacted Cumberland Building Society and Barclays to enquire changing banks. Cumberland no longer provide community accounts and Barclays are not accepting new community accounts at the moment. Clerk to make further enquiries with the Unity Bank

- 331/22/02 Purchase of dog poo bin to agree
 Proposal to purchase a Fido green bin
 Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed
 Clerk to contact NCC to confirm they will empty the bin
- 331/22/03 Grass Cutting Estimate to agree
 Estimate received from Ian Charlton for £1100.00 for 2022 season
 Proposal to accept estimate
 Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed
- 331/22/04 NCC – Parish Precept to agree
 Proposal for no increase in Parish Precept and to remain at £4,500.00
 Prop: Stronach Sec: Cllr Lewis Agreed
- 331/22/05 GNAA – request for donation
 Proposal to donate £50.00
 Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed
- 331/22/06 Accounts for approval and payment:
 Prop; Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Hingston Agreed

11.01.22	100471	Ian Charlton	£1,050.00	£3,590.07
19.01.22	100472	K Little	£221.00	£3,369.07
19.01.22	100473	HMRC	£52.40	£3,316.67
19.01.22	100474	T Lewis (Tree)	£45.99	£3,270.68

332/22 Millennium Nature Park – update following meeting

Cllr Vallance had met with Libby Scott and had prepared a comprehensive report which was circulated to members to consider. The following was discussed and agreed:

Agreed to plant shrubs in the Spring around the edge and plant bulbs in from the autumn.

Grass not to be cut 2 meters from south edge -clerk to request

Cllr Stronach to contact scouts to organise the removal of Himalayan Balsam plants.

Parish Council to make an application to Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund for £200.00 towards shrubs and plants, Cllr A Sharp offered to donate £100.00 to the project.

Clerk to put a notice on website for ideas of how to celebrate the Queen Platinum Jubilee

Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Hingston Agreed

333/22 Village BBQ – Cllr Stronach to contact the other organisers to discuss Village BBQ

334/22 Date and Time of next meeting – 11 May 2022

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2022**

Chairperson.....

Date.....

