

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Quarterly Parish Council Meeting held on 1 February 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr T Lewis (Chairman), Cllr M Oliver, Cllr S Hingston
Cllr K Stronach (arrived 8.10pm) Cllr S Vallance

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

County Councillor Alan Sharp

2 Members of the Public

370/23 Apologies for absence - None

371/23 Minutes of meeting held 14 December 2022 to agree

Proposal for the minutes of meeting held 14 December be agreed
Prop: Cllr Vallance Sec: Cllr Lewis Agreed

372/23 Declarations of Interest in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any interests in items on this agenda

Proposal for Cllr Stronach to be given a dispensation for item 375/23 to speak but not take part in the vote

374/23 Reports/updates

- 374/23/01 Update of planning application of land south of Ashlea, Melkridge from Cllr Sharp, member had been supplied with a plan but await an update from Cllr Sharp regarding response from Northumbrian Water as to where the surface water will go. Cllr Sharp reported NCC is responsible for the drainage of surface water, and he would like an additional drain and hopefully the developer would contribute to the cost.
- 374/23/02 Update regarding electricity connection – Cllr Sharp to follow up connection on pole beside where telephone box had been sited to check if able to facilitate electricity supply. Cllr Sharp reported the light has been installed but is not yet connected and is hoping the cable will be dropped further down the pole and has paid £2,000 towards the cost. Northern Power will need to complete the electricity connection.
- 373/23/03 H&DJBC Report – update from NCC. Helen Lancaster has now left the employment of NCC, Neil Masson is now dealing with the H&DJBC issue
- 373/23/04 A69 Road Link lighting on junction – Cllr Sharp reported Road Link are going to put reflective bollards at the junction. Resurfacing of the road from the junction in Melkridge to Howburn is included in the capital programme for next year. Reports of water coming onto the road at both the east and west of the village causing flooding, are from the A69, Low House and the fields, as the volume of water is too great for the culvert to accommodate. Cllr Sharp to follow up with Road Link.

373/23/05 Update on Melkridge bus timetable change – Cllr Sharp had spoken to Chris Curtis and as agreed the two extra buses are now in service. Stagecoach started operating on 22 January, the timetable has been updated and hoping for further improvements in the future

373/23/06 Flag on Village Green to be changed back to Northumberland Flag

374/23 Visual Inspection of trees in Queens Platinum Jubilee Park – No issues reported, Cllr Vallance to do next inspection. Concerns regarding dog mess in the park and on road side, clerk to produce leaflets to be circulated in the village and purchase 2 signs, one to be placed on the inside of the gate and one on the grassed area at the west side of the village

Prop: Cllr Stronach Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

375/23 Planning Permission - review of documentation for Land South of East Melkridge Farm, Greengate Lane, Melkridge. Following a discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to email Rob Murfin, Head of Planning at NCC for confirmation that the planning department considers that the applicant has discharged the pre commencement conditions of the planning permission and/or whether the work carried out has been inspected and satisfies the requirements of the Town and County Planning Act.

376/23 Correspondence

376/23/01 Government funded EV Chargepoint's – *forwarded by email* – Clerk to complete documentation to request for 2 EVCP's (2 x 11KW0 to be placed on car park in front of shed

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

376/23/02 NCC – Voters urged to check they have the right ID to vote – *forwarded by email*

376/23/03 NCC – revised Charter and Who's Who – *forwarded by email*

376/23/04 H&DJBC – Accounts – *forwarded by email* - noted

376/23/05 GNAA – request for donation - Proposal to donate £50.00

Prop: Cllr Hingston Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

377/23 Finance

377/23/01 Grass Cutting Estimate to agree - Proposal to accept estimate from

Ian Charlton for £1150.00

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

377/23/02 Accounts for approval and payment:

Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

14.12.22	100495	Ian Charlton	£1,100.00
14.12.2022	100496	Sharon Vallance (Yellow Rattleseeds)	£13.50
01.02.2023	100497	K Little	£235.00
01.02.2023	100498	HMRC	£56.00
01.02.2023	100499	S Hingston (Poltross Nest Boxes)	£80.00

378/23 Discuss ideas for King's Coronation –

To arrange a meeting on 28 March at 7.15pm, leaflets to be produced inviting residents to attend to discuss suggestions and ideas for the event. Cllr Sharp reported discussion had been held at NCC regarding funding that may be available for the event, members considered applying if available.

Prop: Cllr Oliver Sec: Cllr Vallance Agreed

379/23 Date and Time of next meeting – 17 May 2023

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2023**

Chairperson.....

Date.....