

MELKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 3 November 2021 at 7.45pm

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

In attendance: Mrs K Little – Clerk

320/21 Apologies - None

321/21 Minutes of meeting held 6 October 2021 to agree

Proposal for minutes of meeting held 6 October 2021 to be agreed
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Stronach Agreed

322/21 Declarations of Interest in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any interests in items on this agenda - None

323/21 Reports/updates

Location: Land south of Ashlea, Melkridge

Cllr Sharp explained outline planning permission had previously been approved by NCC and more detailed plans had now been submitted. As the Parish Council have objected the application should go to the planning committee, although Cllr Sharp did not envisage a site meeting. Members again raised concerns about the accesses to the site, sewage issues, which are an ongoing long-term issue and run off water. Cllr Sharp to contact Northumbria Water to raise the issue of sewage issues and report back to the Parish Council.

Repairs to footpaths

Cllr Sharp proposed to use some of his members allowance to fund some of the repairs to the footpaths in the west of the village and Moorview

H&DJBC – Draft Report from Paul Foote (NCC) to consider and respond with comments – Paul Foote has now left NCC – acknowledgement of report received from Helen Lancaster, Legal Services, NCC

Cllr Sharp advised he would be happy to make a contribution of £2,000 towards a defibrillator out of his 2022/23 members allowance – clerk to contact Northern Power for a contact to make enquires regarding a power supply in the village

324/21 Finance

324/21.01 Accounts for approval and payment:
Prop: Cllr Lewis Sec: Cllr Oliver Agreed

03.11.21	100469	K Little	£226.13	£4,692.47
03.11.21	100470	HMRC	£52.40	£4,640.07

325/21 Millennium Nature Park – future planning

Cllr Lewis advised the tree planted in memory of Ken Rickerby has died – agreed to replace with a Rowan – cost £50/60. Cllr Stronach to contact John Swallow to enquire if he has anything suitable
Cllr Vallance described some ideas that could be carried out in the park

To plant wild flower seeds to create a wild flower meadow
Cut one area once a year to encourage bees, butterflies, insects and wildlife
To cut footpaths through

NNPA have a community fund where grants are available of up to £2,000
Cllr Vallance to contact Libby Scott (Cllr Sharp to forward contact details) for advice and arrange a site meeting
Concerns raised regarding fallen trees on the lonnen – Cllr Sharp to check the lonnen

326/21 Date and Time of next meeting – 19 January 2022

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**SIGNED AND ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE
MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2021**

Chairperson.....

Date.....