**AGENDA**

**MELMEBRY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOWPARISH COUNCIL**

**Melmerby Village Hall**

**Wednesday 14th August 2024 7.30**

1. Those Present: Cllr J Foster; Cllr S Duckett; Cllr P Kettlewell; Cllr Nick Brown
2. Apologies of absence: Cllr A Richardson
3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct.
4. Matters arising dealt with below
5. Report from North Yorkshire Councillor Brown

He set up a forum where two councillors from each Parish meet together with Cllr Brown approximately every two months. This means there is good discussions between the various Parishes. Sam Green who has been shadowing Cllr Brown has had to stand down and Cllr Brown will have to employ someone to take the minutes of these meetings. There has been a discussion on commuted sums. As there has been no new builds in Melmerby for some time this does not affect us at this time.

Savings have been made in North Yorkshire Council since its establishment. There are still some sections of the old County Council that have not been sorted out such as planning but Area 6 seems to have been improved.

The local plan and targets from Government to look at Green Sites and more housing will be built. There may even be some ‘New Towns’ built in the area such as Green Hammerton / Cattle. There were other areas suggested for new towns and these could still be considered. The Council need to think about where we as a Parish Council would consider more housing development. There is going to be a boundary change in the near future and as Cllr Brown has a higher number of electors in his division this will be changed. The Independent Boundary Commission will decide on this.

Cllr Brown would like to continue having the agenda and minutes of each meeting sent to him. He will try to attend meetings where he can.

A Community Hub is being set up in Ripon, this is called The Yoredale Community Partnership. If we would like to have a representative on this Hub we need to advise Cllr Brown who will put names in a hat and choose a representative.

Cllr Brown has a budget of £10000 which can be used for community purposes to apply as soon as possible.

Cllr Brown took questions from the Council.

Street light outside 1 Whitwell Terrace has not been working for almost two years despite numerous requests by the Council and residents for it to be repaired.

Pot holes are up to date and Melmerby Green Lane was resurfaced successfully last year.

There have been problems with the Water board but this has not affected us.

There is a need to check on commuted sums for this Parish. If there are any new builds of considerable size in the village we should be in touch with the Builders about these before they start. Enforcement officers were not always available.

The Council suggested that before any new housing is created in Melmerby a roundabout is needed at the junction with A61 and Melmerby Green Lane. Cllr Brown said this is unlikely to ever happen because of the cost of implementing this.

A resident asked if the hedge on the road between Melmerby & Wath could be cut back. Cllr Brown said it is up to the Parish council to contact the farmers who own the land as this is their responsibility.

1. Open forum

A resident asked if White Lines could be put in the centre of Underlands Lane it was suggested the road is not wide enough but the clerk will apply to Highways

A passing place is needed on the road between Melmerby and Middleton Quernhow but it was suggested that as we would have to use N Yorkshire trades people the cost would be prohibitive.

A resident said how sad they were at the number of vehicles speeding through the village and was there any chance of community speed watch. This has to be coordinated with the police and then there is a need for a large number of qualified volunteers.

1. Highways see above
2. Planning

Potters group change of use of warehouse APPROVED

Change of plans Middleton Lodge WITHDRAWN

1. Playing field

Parish clerk to contact the painter to get this started

Goal posts are to be installed

1. Accounts
	1. Next year’s precept requested by December this year
2. Parish web site Parish clerk to look into this.
3. AOB

A resident has had a lot of trouble with the company who built his house and was asking for advice. It was recommended he contact the Environmental Health Department.

1. Date of next meeting 6th November

Signed as correct Chairman Cllr John Foster 06/11/2024 …………………………………………………………

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| Quarterly Accounts 2024-2025 |
| 1sy May to 31st July 2024 |
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| Payment | Paid out | Paid in | C/F |
|  |  |  | 13,974.11 |
| Audit fee | 60 |  | 13,914.11 |
| PAYE | 70.2 |  | 13,843.91 |
| Clerk Salary | 280.8 |  | 13,563.11 |
| Hall hire | 48 |  | 13,515.11 |
| Bank charges | 24 |  | 13,491.11 |
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