**.Minutes of**

**Melmerby & Middleton Quernhow Parish Council**

**Melmerby Village Hall**

**Wednesday 21st February 2024 7.30**

1. Those Present Cllr J Foster; Cllr S Duckett; Cllr K Blythe; Cllr T Richardson; Cllr P Kettlewell
2. Apologies of absence none all present
3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct.
4. Matters arising
   * White lines on A6055 refused
   * Grant from Cllr Brown agreed but not confirmed
5. Open forum

A resident complained about a street light outside 1 Whitwell Terrace that has been broken for 5 months

Drain outside bungalow on Underlands Lane has been blocked and causing flooding into resident garden

Back lane flooding has been worse than usual gullies blocked

1. Highways
   * Grass cutting of verges greed that North Yorkshire will continue to do this and not the Parish
   * Email from a resident re the parking of a pick-up and trailer on the pavement and grass verge opposite Halikeld View blocking the pavement and damaging the verge.
   * Large pot hole reported by a resident on Hollins Lane was eventually filled
2. Planning

* Wood End enlargement of ground floor to create granny annex GRANTED
* Coldstone House Farm erection of ground mounted PV panels PENDING
* C Stubbs erection of hay barn off Underlands Lane PASSED
* Craig Barnett proposed agricultural access Underlands Lane PENDING

1. Playing field

* Grass cutting quote for next year £47 +VAT per 26 cuts @ 3 per month
* New seats ordered for the swings
* Painting will be done when weather improves
* Surface under some of the equipment needs repairing
* Some slats on the wooden bridge needs repairing with a harder wood

The playground is a well-used facility by the village residents

1. Accounts

Insurance renewal approved

Accounts seen and agreed

1. AOB

What are the chances of a second speed sign for the other end of the village but it is quite an expense so it was decided to swap the sign occasionally.

1. Date of next meeting May 15th 2024

Cllr Keith Blythe is retiring from the Parish Council after 40 years. He was presented with a wooden walking stick for his long service.

Signed as correct by Chairman Cllr John Foster …………………………………………………………………………

Date 15/05/2024

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| Quarterly Accounts 2023-24 | | | |
| 1st November 2023 to 15st February 2024 | | | |
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| Payment | Paid out | Paid in | c/f |
|  |  |  | 12,661.09 |
| PAYE | 70.2 |  | 12,590.89 |
| Clerk Salary | 280.8 |  | 12,310.09 |
| Bank charges | 24 |  | 12,286.09 |
| Christmas tree | 160 |  | 12,126.09 |
| Grass cutting | 306 |  | 11,820.09 |
| Signed as correct |  |  |  |
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