**MINUTES**

**MELMEBRY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Melmerby Village Hall**

**Wednesday 22nd November 2023 7.30**

1. Those Present: Cllr Foster: Cllr Richardson: Cllr Kettlewell: Cllr Blythe
2. Apologies of absence; Cllr Duckett
3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct.
4. Matters arising

* Question over dog care facilities on Whitwell Terrace The council visited the site and decided there was no contravention of status. Case closed

1. Open forum

The council is to pay for the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the village Hall

A resident said how disappointed he was that people do not slow down for the speed sign. It was suggested that it is moved for a while to the other end of the village. The clerk reminded the Council they had considered purchasing a second speed sign but it was decided this was too expensive.

Whitwell Terrace: cars are parking on the pavement blocking it so people are having to walk on the road. It is a difficult situation as they park on the pavement to prevent their car wing mirrors being torn off by passing farm wagons but this blocks the footpath

A resident said he was surprised that the road markings on the A6055 were inadequate should there be double white lines over the old bridge as visibility is poor there. Highways

Cllr Blythe was concerned that the money North Yorkshire has allocated for pot holes is used for that and not for other projects.

It is hoped that now North Yorkshire have taken ‘in house’ the repairs of roads there will be less waste. It is hoped that if the workers from the last company were taken on by North Yorkshire they have a different worth ethic. Some holes that have recently been filled in in the village have been very sloppy with mounded holes rather than flattened.

Flooding on the road in front of Halikeld View is still extensive although this has been looked at by the Council but is still flooding. Planning

* 8 Honey Garth Extension PASSED
* Springfields Woebeck Lane construction of car port and extension to garage to form a gym PASSED
* The Grange new track to farm behind Whitwell Terrace REFUSED

1. Playing field

RoSPA inspection was carried out

* Painting to be done when weather is better.
* Two new seats on swings need replacing Cllr Foster to organise.
* New bushes in one of the pieces of equipment. The hole is worn and needs to be sorted, Cllrs Foster and Blythe to sort out
* The rubber surface needs replacing and the company who do the grass cutting to do this,.
* The wall surrounding the playing field needs re pointing. The hedge near the wall needs removing as it is just ivy. Cllr Foster to sort this out.
* Some of the young boys playing on the field asked for a football net. Cllr foster to look into this.

1. Accounts

Precept it was decided to add 5%

1. AOB Cllr Blythe is retiring after nearly 40 year as Councillor as from February 2024

The councillors said they appreciated all the work he has done and is still doing.

1. Date of next meeting February 21st 2024

Signed as correct 21/02/2024 Chairman …………………………………………………………………………………………………

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| Quarterly Accounts 2023-24 | | | |
| 1st August 2023 to 31st October 2023 | | | |
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| Payment | Paid out | Paid in | C/F |
|  |  |  | £13,037.09 |
| PAYE | 70.2 |  | £12,966.89 |
| Clerk salary | 280.8 |  | £12,686.09 |
| Bank charges | 25 |  | £12,661.09 |
| Signed as correct 21/02/2024 Chairman |  |  |  |
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