**MINUTES OF MELMEBRY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Melmerby Village Hall**

**Wednesday 9th August 2023 7.30pm**

1. Those Present Cllr J Foster; Cllr S Duckett;; Cllr P Kettlewell; Cllr T Richardson
2. Apologies of absence Cllr K Blythe
3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct after a query and amendment from Cllr Brown
4. Matters arising

* 31 letters sent to local businesses re-funding for CPR unit
* Donations towards CPR Kit 5 donors £550
* Purchase of Cabinet for old defibrillator
* Purchase of CPR Kit
* North House surgery in Ripon has donated some money towards equipment needed in conjunction with the CPR kit
* Letters sent to all residents regarding CPR classes. These were printed courtesy of Digital Printing

1. Report from North Yorkshire Councillor Nick Brown

The NY council will be using reserves for the next two years to make up for the possible £30million deficit. N Yorkshire Council are looking at properties to sell off to help towards the deficit.

Area 6, who are in charge of road maintenance, informed Councillor Brown about proposed work in the area but there is no work planned for Melmerby. The road outside Blythes Garage is atrocious and needs to be improved. The clerk to email area 6 about this once again although we have been told there are no funds for this. Need to remind them about the number of vehicles that use Underlands Lane to avoid joining at the A61 as the queues are so heavy at the end of the day.

A local resident raised the issue that when Barkers Business Park was created that a roundabout would be created on the junction with A61 and Melmerby Green Lane. This has never happened and when the resident asked about this N Yorkshire could not find the documentation.

Cllr Brown said there is very little money in the kitty and only when there is a dangerous situation is any work being done.

A councillor asked where the £30 million has gone and it was used to establish the new authority, there will eventually be a cost saving but in the distant future.

There is a Parish charter which the Clerk emailed to all the Councillors.

1. Open forum

A councillor raised the issue of a Christmas Tree and lights at the village hall to add a festive air to the village in winter. This needs costing and what type of power outlet is needed to power the lights. Possible fund raising to purchase these? The Parish Council to donate some funds after some research.

1. Highways

Cover as above

1. Planning
2. Playing field

The safety check for the playing field has been booked.

The ground under the large swings needs repairing, the clerk to ask the grass cutting people to repair this.

Ask Alastair Downie at Farm and Land Services for a quote to cut hall grass at the same time as the playing field.

Also a quote to cut the grass weekly from June to September

1. Accounts

Internet banking is now up and running

1. AOB

A resident complained that their recycling was not collected and neither was Middleton Quernhow. This meant there was 4 weeks between collections. The Clerk to email North Yorkshire County Council.

1. Date of next meeting 21st November 2023

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| Quarterly Accounts 2023-24 | | | |  |
| 1st April 2023 to 31st July 2023 | | | |  |
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| Payment | Paid out | Paid in | C/F |  |
|  |  |  | £10,769.96 |  |
| PAYE | £93.60 |  | £10,676.36 |  |
| Clerk Salary | £374.40 |  | £10,301.96 |  |
| Insurance | £429.38 |  | £9,872.58 |  |
| Bank charges | £41.00 |  | £9,831.58 |  |
| Precept |  | £5,000.00 | £14,831.58 |  |
| Audit | £40.00 |  | £14,791.58 |  |
| YLCA | £215.00 |  | £14,576.58 |  |
| No parking signs | £14.88 |  | £14,561.70 |  |
| Defibrillator pads | £77.99 |  | £14,483.71 |  |
| Donations towards CPR kit |  | £550.00 | £15,033.71 |  |
| Village Hall hire | £54.00 |  | £14,979.71 |  |
| Defibrillator kit and cabinet | £1,159.02 |  | £13,820.69 |  |
| Grass and hedge cutting | £559.20 |  | £13,261.49 |  |
| Donation to St Mary's | £150.00 |  | £13,111.49 |  |
| Playground Inspection | £74.40 |  | £13,037.09 |  |
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