

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
MELMERBY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW  
To be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Blythes Garage Underlands Lane 7.30.**

1. Those Present

Chairman J Foster; Cllr K Blythe; Cllr T Richardson;

2. Apologies of absence Cllr P Kettlewell

3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct.

4. Matters arising: none

5. Police Report (PCSO Phil Wright)

Community speed group to help prevent speeding in the village can get training and funding for this. Look up on crime commissioner's web site for details of this. The camera has a data card which could be useful.

Sunday mornings the B6055 is being used as a speed track. The new Police Commissioner is looking into speed black spots in the area.

Fly tipping around the village has increased but difficult to deal with when the perpetrators are never seen. Cannabis plant bulbs have been found dumped on the side of roads in the area.

Very few dogs have been stolen in this area.

6. Report from:; Cllr Atkinson

Harrogate elections are supposed to be next year but it is possible Councillors will go on for a fifth year.

Harrogate awarded £2.25 million to reduce emissions and this is being used at the Conference Centre and Council offices. There is an award to upgrade the Railway Station. Harrogate Council has to build up to 900 houses a year to catch up with demand.

After stamp duty the searches were taking up to 72 days rather than 6!

N Yorkshire replaced 54000 street lights with LED lights

Approved phase four of new broadband 98% of businesses and homes should have this by end of March 2024.

£56 million awarded to improve roads at Blubberhouses but have had road budget reduced by one third.

Parents of children have been given a £15 voucher to ensure children have food over half term.

7. Open forum

A resident asked why the cycle track was not put on the playing field but the cost was more than the grant that was offered.

Clerk to get a quote for a track from gate 2m wide to the play area.

If residents want an amenity in the village there has to be a site to use and then raise the money to afford to establish it and to maintain it and volunteers to also maintain.

8. Highways

NY are still refusing to mend Melmerby Green Lane but have put in a bid for it to be repaired in 2022

There are still a number of wagons parking on side of the road on the Melmerby Green Lane.

North Yorkshire is going to take on the maintenance of the roads and take on their own staff to maintain the roads themselves. The quality of the work that has been completed over the last ten years on local roads has been disgusting.

Cllr Blythe contacted N Yorks to try and speak to Don Mackenzie who is in charge of Highways but has never been able to speak to him.

Cars and wagons are weaving across the road to avoid all the pot holes and mounds that have been created by badly filled pot holes.

A resident of the village has had communication with area 6 Highways and there is a possibility that Green Lane will not be repaired till 2023!!!

Cllr Atkinson said she will speak again to Highways

One idea to sort this is to leaflet everyone in the village and local estates to email area6 as often as possible about the state of the road. Clerk to plan leaflet for delivery

Clerk to also contact Wath clerk to see if they can do this as well

9. Update on service station? Refused

10. Planning

- Dalton Engineering Barker Business Park extension of building PENDING
- 15 Maple Garth erection single storey extension PENDING
- 4 Grange Terrace Demolition of garage and erection of new garage with car port PENDING
- Alfred Hymas Haulage erection of extension to existing workshop PASSED
- Middleton Lodge new access and drive PASSED
- High Barn Farm erection of replacement pig building PASSED
- Service station appeal junction 50 of A1M REFUSED

11. Accounts

- End of year accounts signed as correct
- Clerk expenses Postage £7.73

12. Playing field some of the equipment needs painting and some weed killer around certain areas.

The plants around the edge need trimming back and Cllr Foster will do this.

Cllr Blythe will ask Mr Burrell to quote for repainting some of the equipment.

13. AOB none

14. Date of next meeting

August 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>

Accounts 1st April to 31st September 2020			
	Paid out	Paid in	c/f
			£6,321.73
Precept		£3,617.00	£9,938.73
Clerk Salary	£480.00		£9,458.73
PAYE	£120.00		£9,338.73
Audit	£80.00		£9,258.73
Grass cutting	£475.20		£8,783.53
Hall hire	£50.00		£8,733.53
YLCA fee	£207.00		£8,526.53
Computer service	£24.00		£8,502.53
Trade waste	£56.96		£8,445.57
Accounts 1st October 2020 to 31st December 2020			
	Paid out	Paid in	c/f
			£8,445.57
PAYE	£60.00		£8,385.57
Clerk salary	£240.00		£8,145.57
Trade waste	£20.28		£8,125.29
Playground	£66.00		£8,059.29
Grass cutting	£158.40		£7,900.89
Accounts 1st January to 31st March 2021			
	Paid out	Paid in	C/F
			£7,900.89
PAYE	£60.00		£7,840.89
Clerk salary	£240.00		£7,600.89
Insurance	£451.63		£7,149.26
Trade waste	£6.76		£7,142.50
Defibrillator	£245.94		£6,896.56
Grass cutting	£168.00		£6,728.56
vat return		£201.92	£6,930.48