

AGENDA OF OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF  
MELMERBY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 7.30 MELMERBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present: Cllr Foster; Cllr Blythe; Cllr Kettlewell; Cllr Richardson
2. Apologies none
3. Minutes read and approved
4. Chairman's report

Thanking in absence our County Cllrs. Bateman who has now retired and Cllr Atkinson who has moves area. After ten years of waiting, N. Yorkshire Highways have repaired the first half mile of Melmerby Green Lane but no further. The Parish hopes that the rest of the road will not take as long to repair. There is still an issue with drainage or lack of it on Halikeld view. Residents and children going to school have to leave their homes wearing wellingtons after it rains.

Grass cutting on the playing field, rising costs have increased grass cutting cost but our contractor is still cheapest on offer. All essential repairs have been made as per the RSPCC inspection.

Dog waste still a problem.

Welcome to Nick Brown - N Yorkshire Cllr and in the future our only Councillor and Cllr Green who will be in office for a year till Harrogate Council ceases to exist.

Ripon City Band has taken over the old Chapel in Melmerby for their rehearsal studio and will hope to give the village a concert later in the year.

5. Police report none
6. District Councillors Report

Cllr Nick Brown introduced himself and he is looking forward to working with the Council and being our voice at higher levels with North Yorkshire Council. He will do his best within the bounds of finance.

A concern was voiced by a resident that although road repairs had been taken back in house by NYCC the same staff who were with the previous contractor have been re-deployed with the new firm. Cllr Brown hoped that better management will improve this situation. He has asked that we send our usual queries to Harrogate or N Yorks

but if we do not get any results to contact him. He is concerned that issues with planning can be resolved in the future as there will be more local input.

Cllr Sam Green who is new to the Council and has taken over from Cllr Bateman and is hoping to help us where he can.

From next year York will remain a unitary authority but the seven district Councils will be dissolved. Carl Les has been elected as chairman of the new Yorkshire Council

Cllr Brown is hoping to propose fewer visits to the Parish councils but more meetings with two or more representatives on regular basis. This should give the Parishes a better say and to see the problems other Parishes have. Cllrs Richardson and Blythe explained that their experiences when attending previous meetings at Harrogate was so poor they stopped going.

#### 7. Village Hall Report

Nothing much to report except two trees were removed for structural reasons. New trees will be planted. Grants given during Covid restrictions have enabled the hall to be refurbished and there are a good number of bookings.

Ripon Brass Band are using the hall for practice at present..

#### 8. Open forum.

A resident asked where the profits from M Fest go and he suggested that this is put on the advertising leaflets. A member of the committee who was present said the aim was not to raise money but to add an experience to the village. If there are any profits these are given to local charities. It was suggested by the resident that this should be more open and the amounts published.

Lack of broadband, in Middleton Quernhow and Middleton Lane clerk to contact BT or Openreach

### Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting 18/05/2022

1. Election of Chairman - Cllr Foster was voted back on as Chairman
2. Apologies none
3. Minutes of last meeting read, approved and signed
4. Matters arising: none

- Mrs Sheila Duckett has volunteered to be co-opted onto the Council and was welcomed. The clerk will sort out the forms.
- The Council have been asked to comment on a survey from Harrogate council re-replacing dog poo bins and waste bins. The Parish will be no worse off than at present.

## 5. Planning Matters

- Erection of mast Middleton Quernhow REFUSED
- Two storey extension The Paddock PASSED
- Demolition of existing house and replacement of dwelling Middleton Lodge PASSED
- Variation of condition of erection of five industrial units Potters PASSED

6. Playing field repairs done Cllr Blythe to sort out some painting. Cllr Foster to get the hedge cut on edge of playing field and to refurbish the Parish Notice board

## 7. Highways

A resident brought up the lack of cats eyes on the A61 between Ripon and Ripley after being removed we think for the Tour de Yorkshire.

The Council was disappointed that not more of Melmerby Green Lane was re-surfaced. Clerk to contact highways to see when more of the road will be re-surfaced.

Cllr Blythe is concerned that Underlands Lane at the Green Lane end is in very poor condition. Pot holes filled in badly and opened up again quickly. The Parish Clerk to contract highways again. It is to be hoped the new County contractors will do a better job.

A resident asked if someone else could be available to change the battery on the speed when the Cllr Blythe was is unavailable as there have been a number of days when it was not working. It was stated that this was due to faulty batteries and new batteries have been purchased.

8. Correspondence none at this time

## 9. Accounts

- Annual Audit was given and accepted
- Clerk Salary agreed to be raised from £1,200 annually to £1,400 annually.

10. Date of next meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 Melmerby Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Quarterly Accounts 2021/22

1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022

Payment	Paid out	Paid in	C/F
			£9,750.67
Clerk Salary	£60.00		£9,690.67
PAYE	£240.00		£9,450.67
Bank charges	£27.00		£9,423.67
Trade waste	£6.95		£9,416.72
Playground repairs	£122.76		£9,293.96
Hall hire	£50.00		£9,243.96
Donation to St Mary's	£100.00		£9,143.96
Insurance	£392.62		£8,751.34