

**Minutes of
MELMEBRY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOWPARISH COUNCIL
Melmerby Village Hall
Wednesday 31st August 2022 7.30**

1. Those Present Cllr. J Foster; Cllr K Blythe; Cllr S Duckett; Cllr Kettlewell;
Cllr A Richardson
2. Apologies of absence. District Cllr S Green
3. Minutes of last meeting agreed as correct, read and signed
4. Matters arising -None at this time
5. Report from: County Cllr N Brown

The amalgamation of seven local councils has been going slowly. The new system is cabinet based with a lot of working groups. Wallace Sampson is leading a group called 'customer based'. They are trying to get everyone to contact council by email but Cllr Brown wants there to be a phone number customers can use. Cllr Brown took 40 minutes to get an answer to a phone call and was unhappy about this. He is also disappointed with the number of meetings this group is having. The deadline is not going to be April the 1st when the new Council takes over and Cllr Brown is also concerned about this. He is keen on clear English being used in council literature so they are easily understood by the general public.

7 months to go till the new Yorkshire council takes over.

The Councils are going to have even less money to allocate because of increasing fuel costs so we must be prepared for less work on highways.

A resident asked how many of the council staff at present working from home. Cllr Brown said that despite having a new purpose built multimillion pound office block people have still not returned to work. Getting a reply from an extension is very difficult even at 9.15 in the morning.

A lot of money was wasted in the building of the new Ripon swimming pool when there was a suspected sink hole on the site which cost a lot to overcome.

Cllr Brown has said to ensure we contact him if we cannot get any help from other sources and he will do what he can to help.

6. Open forum - nothing at this point

7. Highways

Abandoned trailer parked on Whitwell Terrace what can we do about this. Clerk to write a letter to ask for it to be moved within a week.

Mr Stubbs is going to enclose the footpath through his field in the village as people have not been picking up dog poo and there has been some worrying of sheep.

8. Police update -none at this time

9. Planning

- a. Breach of planning at Richmond House the Paddock -RESOLVED
- b. Erection of porch and Velux roof light Middleton Lodge GRANTED

10. Playing field

- a. Trade waste bin to be cancelled
- b. Annual play inspection Harrogate Council £61 Agreed
- c. Cllr Foster to cut back hedge near railing lower in the winter
- d. Cllr Brown suggested we should be able to access commuted sums although the Parish Council said they were refused in the past as 'the pot' as empty
- e. Cutting down the hedge next to the lay by was agreed and Cllr Foster to see to this.

11. Accounts

- i. *Internet banking It was agreed and the Clerk would look into how this is to be done*
- ii. *Clerks Expenses £6.93 agreed*

12. AOB

- a. Notice board Middleton Quernhow Some residents of Middleton Quernhow had asked for a proper enclosed notice board as all other villages in the area had, Cllr Foster said he would add some Perspex to the existing one.
- b. A Councillor asked if there was some training available for the defibrillator and was told that when someone wants to use it they dial 999 and the person at the end of the phone will talk you through how to access and use the equipment.

13. Date of next meeting 16th November 2022

Quarterly Accounts 2022/23

1st May 2022 to 31st July 2022

Payment	Paid out	Paid in	C/F
			£11,181.84
Clerk Salary	£253.60		£11,098.44
PAYE	£83.40		£10,844.84
Bank charges	£28.00		£10,816.84
Trade waste	£79.65		£10,737.19
YLCA fees	£213.00		£10,524.19
Auditor	£40.00		£10,484.19
Speed Camera Battery	£171.37		£10,312.82
Grass Cutting	£96.00		£10,216.82