

**Minutes of
MELMEBRY & MIDDLETON QUERNHOW
PARISH COUNCIL
Melmerby Village Hall
Wednesday 16th November 2022 7.30**

1. Those Present Chairman Cllr Foster; Cllr Blythe; Cllr Duckett; Cllr Kettlewell
2. Apologies of absence Cllr Richardson; Cllr Green
3. Minutes of last meeting read and signed
4. Matters arising
5. Report from Harrogate Councillor N Brown

Cllr Brown Harrogate Council is winding down with 5 months to go before the new Unitary authority takes over. There will be little cost saving as the increase in costs with inflation at the moment. General staff will transfer to new authority but as people leave a number will not be replaced. It is likely council taxes will be increased again because of inflation to do with energy costs. There will be one telephone number for the whole authority but new soft-wear will be able to see where the person is from and then transfer them accordingly.

From 1st April the new authority everything they do must be legal and safe. It is not yet decided whether there will be two or three planning committees. There has been a suggestion that there will be 30 community groups across the county to liaise with the authority.

There will be Council Tax harmonisation over the whole county. Harrogate will benefit as they have the highest tax in N Yorkshire but others with the lowest will of course see an increase.

The new authority want to set out a new Parish Charter will register the interest of all the Parish Councils.

Cllr Brown recommended the Parish Council take part in a survey at the following link -

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/briefings-parish-and-town-councils-and-parish-meetings>. A

meeting of all Parish Councils

Let's talk (Councillors need to look this up) Community networks and what the council should improve over the coming years.

Rural areas have missed out over the last years and towns have had most of the money pot. .

Area 6 have been doing more work on the roads but not necessarily in the right places or the most urgent pot holes being filled. If we get no responses from area 6 then we need to inform Cllr Brown. There have been a number of problems with Yorkshire Water, water being turned off and raw sewerage on the streets of some villages. Cllr Brown has been speaking to them. With the increase in new housing in villages the water and sewerage is not being kept up to date.

The number of Councillors in the new Unitary Authority will be reduced from 321 to 90 which means they will have to do a lot more work.

The new Unitary Authority will begin on 1st April 2023 but it will take a long time before everything is moved and resolved.

Scarborough and Harrogate do not charge their residents any precept, the residents from their areas subsidise these two towns. This might have to change next year.

When new building take place developers used to pay a levy called '106 agreement' but this has stopped and a new Community infrastructure levy is now paid.

The extension of Dalton Industrial estate has caused some questions whether there will be an increase in heavy vehicles using local roads. This is being looked into.

A resident asked whether the new Unitary Authority will be an improvement and Cllr Brown seemed to think it will be. A resident said that if Area 6 is an example of what we can expect then this will not be so as they seem to do a very poor job.

Cllr Brown seems to think the new Unitary Authority will help smaller villages.

Cllr Brown informed the meeting about the Death of Cllr. Margaret Atkinson very suddenly.

6. Open forum

A question was raised as to whether the defibrillator is registered and the clerk to look into this.

7. Highways

Clerk to contact Area 6 to get the second part of Melmerby Green Lane completed

8. Police update none at present.

9. Planning

- a. Erection of storage building Alfred Hymas great North Road PENDING

10. Playing field Safety check has been done but not yet received.

11. Accounts

- i. Internet banking Still ongoing
- ii. Precept it was suggested 3% increase

12. AOB Bus shelter ceiling needs looking at.

13. Date of next meeting 22nd February 2023

Quarterly Accounts 2021-22

1st August 2022 to 31st October 2022

Payment	Paid out	Paid in	C/F
			£10,216.82
PAYE	£50.20		£10,166.62
Clerk Salary	£280.80		£9,885.82
Grass cutting	£465.60		£9,420.22
Councillor Training	£66.80		£9,353.42
Trade waste	£14.30		£9,339.12
Bank charges	£28.00		£9,311.12
Precept		£2,426.00	£11,737.12
Clerks expenses	£36.93		£11,700.19