

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT MELLOR METHODIST CHURCH ON THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2018 AT 7.39PM**

Present: Cllrs. Nick Marsden (Vice Chairman), Cllrs. Mesdames. Stella Brunskill, Dot Crooks, Margaret Johnson, Pat Young, Messrs. Ian Moss, Michael O'Grady, Alan Upton & Noel Walsh
Also in attendance: 3 residents, & the Parish Clerk. LCC Cllr. Schofield was present for part of the meeting

Vice Chairman (in Chairman's absence) took the Chair & welcomed all to the meeting

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

1.1 Cllr. Murtagh had sent apologies and it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be received and approved.

2. Adjournment for Public Session (Max 5 minutes per person) Public

2.1 A resident spoke on behalf of Mellor Community Association, explaining about litter and dog faeces on the field adjacent to the Village Hall, for which support was sought. This item was to be discussed under Item 7.

3. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February 2018 (circulated)

3.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 had been circulated and it was

RESOLVED that these minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Any Matters arising from the minutes not covered on this Agenda FOR INFORMATION ONLY

4.1 There were no Matters Arising not covered on the Agenda

5. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

5.1 There were no Declarations made

6. To consider any response to be made to Planning Applications

- 3/2018/0069 - BALDERSTONE Parish - 4 new dwellings on land adjacent to A59 - to notify members of this application only
- 3/2017/1011 / SRBC 07/2017/3283/FUL - Windmill Hotel - members are informed that this application was refused by South Ribble Borough Council

Members had been notified of the applications, which refer to an adjacent parish, for information purposes only.

7. To consider and approve any actions for Mellor Community Association : Retaining wall to Tennis Courts : to consider possible future joint meetings with Mellor Community Association

7.1 Members considered the issues raised by the resident, which were considered appropriate to be part of informal discussions between a group from Mellor Parish Council and Mellor Community Association. Vice Chairman was authorised to agree dates with the Community Association and report back to Parish Council.

8. To consider and approve any further update for Play Area drainage & improvements to receive & approve the regular Play Area Inspection ; to consider future Annual Inspection cost

8.1 Clerk reported that the Interim Payment cheque for £9068.00 from Lancashire Environmental Fund was to be banked. She had spoken again with Dixon Drainage, who continue to monitor ground conditions in order to start work as soon as possible. Funders were aware of the delay & have expressed understanding.

9. To consider the changes due to the General Data Protection Regulations effective 25th May 2018 and any report from the Working Party

9.1 Clerk had circulated further information as this is available. Working Party (Cllrs. Crooks, O'Grady & Murtagh) are to meet with Clerk on Wednesday 7th March, 7.00pm

Following agreement by members, Item 15 was brought forward, due to involvement for LCC Cllr. Schofield.

15. Matters brought forward by members FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15.1 Concern had been expressed about lack of gritting on the bus route through the village. Cllr. Schofield explained that bus routes are no longer deemed to necessitate gritting where the bus route is not on major roads. Gritting may take place on lesser roads if possible. There have been complaints regarding the bus routes & management. Any further complaints should be sent FAO Ashley Weir at LCC Transport

15.2 Members expressed concerns about the poor quality of repairs to potholes, which were felt to be inadequate. Cllr. Moss reported that 5 of the 16 potholes he had previously reported, which had been repaired in the previous several months, again needed attention.

15.3 A resident had been most distressed recently due to the lack of available GP care, since Mellor Surgery has been closed for some period. Members discussed the possible cause, however the Library is still open. Members strongly wished to support any effort to retain and re-open Mellor Surgery and Clerk was asked to

investigate the matter.

15.4 The pavement outside 44 Glendale Drive has tree roots pushing it up. Cllr. Moss had reported this matter to LCC Highways.

15.5 A resident had again complained about the traffic hazard caused by large bins left outside Victoria Terrace following emptying, throughout the week. Clerk was asked to contact PCSO, as this may be a traffic matter, also RVBC Refuse Manager, to ask for a note to be put on the bins.

15.6 A complaint had been received that a large Agricultural Building had been erected at Brundhurst Farm. Clerk was asked to check the status of the building with Planning Department.

Following these items, LCC Cllr. Schofield left the meeting.

10. To consider and approve any actions in support of St. Anne's-on-Sea "Injustice to Lancashire Communities subject to Flooding" protest

10.1 Members discussed the protest, which had been circulated previously. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Clerk write in support of the protest.

11. To consider and approve any response to Utility Priority Service Register

11.1 This information had been circulated. It was explained that vulnerable persons, who wished to be part of the Register would then have priority for additional support by Utilities Companies during emergency situations. Particularly since a number of Mellor residents are older and may have additional needs, this was felt most important for their greater support. It was therefore

RESOLVED that Clerk register interest and compose lengthy explanatory article for the next newsletter.

12. To consider and approve any further actions regarding a Parish Lengthsman

12.1 Following Item 14b of February Minutes, Clerk had contacted CEO of both Ribblesdale Valley Borough Council & Lancashire Association of Local Councils for advice. Members strongly wished to appoint a Parish Lengthsman if possible, however there were a number of issues to consider, and advice had focussed on the possibility of an individual carrying out actions for expenses alone. Whilst this was felt laudable, it raised legal issues & it was **RESOLVED** that the offer by the individual be rejected.

13. Financial Matters and Accounts

13.1 Balances were reported as :

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| Current Account | £13,681.74 |
| Instant Access | £11,070.40 |
| Scholarship Acc. | £1,191.08 |

13.2 To approve : Invoices for payment

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| Mellor Methodist Church room to 01.03.18 | £55.20 | Cheque 001490 |
| EON - War Memorial lights | £49.01 | Cheque 001491 |
| Parish Clerk Feb net salary | £374.20 | Cheque 001492 |
| Parish Clerk expenses | £153.00 | Cheque 001492 |

RESOLVED that all these invoices be approved for payment

14 To receive reports from meetings

a. RVBC Report by Borough - Councillors Brunskill & Walsh

Cllr. Brunskill was warmly congratulated on her appointment as Deputy Major for 2018/19
Cllr. Brunskill explained that Children's Partnership funding had been removed. A Ribblesdale Partnership is being trialled to work with GP practice to endeavour to improve services for the rural area.

b. RV Parish Council Liaison Meeting- Councillor Murtagh This Committee had not met

c. BAe Liaison Meeting (Cllr. Brunskill) This Committee had not met

d. Lancs Training Partnership - Chairmanship Training - Cllr. Murtagh. Members were informed that, as agreed February meeting, Cllr. Murtagh was to attend training Thursday 8th March, financial support from Parish Council

15 Matters brought forward by members FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15.1 Further to matters previously discussed, Clerk informed members that a local Landscape Contractor had given a price for strimming & weeding around the War Memorial. Members were in agreement, and this to be resolved when added to April agenda.

16 To report any matters requiring attention to the Tree Warden

16.1 There were no matters brought forward.

17 To note Mellor Community Association Minutes (now on Mellor Village Hall website)

17.1 Members were informed that January Minutes are on Village Hall website, including the removal of tree roots from some drains.

18 Date of next meeting - scheduled for Thursday 5th April 2018

Members were reminded of the date of the next meeting.

The Vice Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.17 pm, thanking all for their participation.