



Melling with Wrayton Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 6pm in Melling Village Hall

Present: Cllr Towers (Chair), Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Howson and Cllr Gibson.

Clerk: Claire Helme

Open Forum:

The DMMO from Wrayton Old Road to Melling was approved on 24 January by the Public Rights of Way team. This will result in the upgrade and addition of bridleway from Back Lane, Wrayton to Melling Moor and this will be recorded on the definitive map in due course. Members noted that some of this route has very wet conditions as it passes through woodland. It is not known how much fencing of the route will need to be undertaken by the landowner but it is thought that they will receive advice and assistance from the Public Rights of Way Team.

It was noted that the path through the church yard is very slippery, due to algae, particularly the flagged section from the steps. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the committee to raise concerns.

The Open Forum finished at 6.25pm.

01/25 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Fawcett, Co Cllr Maxwell-Scott.

02/25 Declarations of interests and dispensations:

Cllr Towers declared an interest in agenda items relating to Melling Village Hall as she is a trustee. Cllr Jackson declared her interest as a trustee of Melling Village Hall and also as Chair of Governors of St Wilfrid's School.

03/25 Minutes of last meeting:

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 10 December 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Towers

Seconded Cllr Jackson

04/25 Finance:

Payments approved since last meeting.

December	£
P Williams mowing invoice	1290.00
Clerk backpay and travel expenses	208.80
Bank service charge	6.00

Standing orders

£

January

Clerk

296.62

Proposed Cllr Towers

Seconded Cllr Stevenson

05/25 Administration:

Melling Chronicle

It was resolved to increase the advertising rate for the back cover of the Chronicle to £100 this year. The Clerk will check with the current advertisers whether they wish to continue with their advertisement at the new rate. The rate for the back cover may increase more substantially next year.

Proposed Cllr Towers

Seconded Cllr Stevenson

St Wilfrid's Church

It was resolved to give an annual contribution of £50 to the cost of electricity for lighting the church yard footpath.

Proposed Cllr Towers

Seconded Cllr Howson

06/25 Planning notifications:

24/01357/FUL Fields View, Back Lane, Wrayton, LA6 2QU

Installation of solar panels to the roof.

No comments made by councillors

07/25 Parish management and maintenance:

Melling Green/Melling/Wrayton

Tenders for mowing

Cllr Howson has sent out the paperwork regarding invitation to tender using the maps of the areas to be mown previously prepared. No quotations have been received yet although one contact has replied to say they are too busy. An advertisement inviting tenders will be prepared for the February edition of the Chronicle. Areas that need to be kept tidy and free of brambles include the steps, banking, pig pen and around the water pump. It is likely that a 'one-off' job might be needed to get the areas back to an acceptable condition.

Lengthsman/handy man

No further progress until the mowing tender is sorted out as this is a priority.

Gullies/culverts

All of the gullies in the village are full to the brim and need clearing and have been 'listed for work' on the county council app. The culvert going out of the village towards Vicar Lane has collapsed under the road causing flooding and has also been reported by Cllr Towers on 11 January. The culvert near the school is also full although this has a debris screen unlike the one near Vicar Lane; Cllr Howson has cleared the leaves around the school to prevent build-up in the gullies/culverts.

Potholes

Potholes on Vicar Lane have been reported but no action has been taken to date.

Tree Surgery

Cllr Fawcett was not present at the meeting but has agreed to obtain quotations.

Extended wildflower meadow on Melling Green

There has been no further progress on this proposal. Cllr Towers to chase Eva Irving from the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust.

Moorside

The proposal to extend the ‘pollinator patch’ still needs to be chased up.

PROW grant projects

The footpaths from Station Yard to Wrayton have now all been walked and need to be ‘mapped.’ On the Greta Bridge the handrails on the steps have gone and need to be replaced. There are potential areas on our footpaths for 3 new wooden stiles, a wall rebuild and a stile that needs replacing. All of these need adding to the maps with their exact locations pinpointed.

Selby Lane

There is no further information to date on the DMMO application but this could take at least two years as the department is extremely busy.

Noticeboards

One noticeboard is in need of new posts whilst the other one only requires a refurbishment. A list of parish jobs with their exact locations is needed so that quotations can be sought.

08/25 Communication with the parish:

St Wilfrid’s School

Cllr Jackson reported that the headteacher is back from sick leave.

Village Hall

Cllr Towers reported that the Village Hall quiz will be held 2 weeks on Friday and all present were encouraged to attend.

09/25 Communication with outside bodies:

LALC

Nothing to report.

10/25 Reports and correspondence:

None not otherwise covered in the agenda.

11/25 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 March at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.