

Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Methodist Church, Mellor Lane, Mellor on Thursday 6th March 2025 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting for the purpose of transacting the business itemised below: -

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.
3. Adjournment for the Public session (max 5 mins per person) maximum 15 minutes.
Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the Council during the formal meeting under Public Participation.
4. Reports
 - 4.1 County Council
 - 4.2 Borough Council
5. Governance
 - 5.1 Co-option
 - 5.2 Consider the finance committee does not meet the terms of reference and is not required for a Council of this size, places an undue burden on the Clerk and precept and is no longer required as financial decisions must be made by full council.
 - 5.3 Adopt new Model Standing Orders 2022 previously circulated.
6. Approve Minutes
Approve the Minutes of 5th February 2025 previously circulated.
7. Update on matters arising since the last Minutes not covered on this Agenda
8. To consider any Planning Applications:
None current at the time of the Agenda
9. To debate and consider the Grass Cutting contract with RVBC
 - 9.1 Increasing the frequency of grass cutting by RVBC at the play area during the summer months and associated costs.
 - 9.2 The request made by Mellor Community Association to Council to consider adding the cutting of this small, grassed area to the east side of the Village Hall within the existing grass cutting contract with RVBC and associated costs for the Council.
10. Biodiversity Grant
To consider and debate the purchase of 18 self-build bat boxes to be built by the Girl Guides in the sum of £306 excl VAT which can be reclaimed total sum £367.20 using the Biodiversity Grant previously circulated to Council
11. Footpath2020 Initiative
Consider the purchase of 5 stakes 3m (4x4) for Public Footpath Signs in Mellor Parish £131.50 plus VAT £26.30 from Local Delivery Scheme Grant
12. Bench repair Mellor Brow
Consider and debate renewing the rotten wooden slats on the bench in the sum of £288 plus VAT £57.60
13. Finance
Resolve to approve bank balance Lloyds Bank balance £32,451.89
 - 13.1 Payments by bank transfer.
 - a. Easy websites March 36.96 DD
 - b. Clerk salary Standing Order 2nd of the Month February M Russell £866.84
 - c. Handyman Standing Order 2nd of the Month February T Sturgess £188.00
 - 13.2 Payments to approve by bank transfer.
 - a. Room hire Methodist Church February £26.00
 - b. Room hire Methodist Church March £39.00
 - c. Bat boxes £367.20 incl VAT of £61.20
 - d. RIT Excavations Ltd Wooden stakes x 5 for Footpath signs £157.80 incl VAT of £26.30
 - e. RIT Excavation Ltd renewal of slats £345.00 incl VAT of £57.60
14. Mellor Community Association request permission to hold an event with alcohol 5th April - Ceilidh Night - with food and bar and will be applying for a TEN.

The next Meeting will be held on 3rd April 2025 at 7.00 pm at Mellor Methodist Church.

Dated 1st March 2025

Melanie Russell Clerk