

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT St. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Cllrs. Stella Brunskill, Quentin Colborn, Dot Crooks, John Hymas, Nick Marsden, Anne Mellor, Michael O'Grady, Mick Venables, Robin Walsh

Also in attendance, Parish Clerk: and 13 Members of the public

Cllr. Marsden as the existing Chairman of Mellor Parish Council opened the Meeting and, was informed that 2 persons were recording the Meeting. None present objected to being recorded.

1. To elect the Chairman of Mellor Parish Council for the year. Chairman will then sign his Declaration of Office

1.1 Cllr. Marsden was proposed & seconded as Chairman, with no other nominations, A Balloted vote recorded 6 in favour with 3 abstentions. It was therefore

RESOLVED that Cllr. Nick Marsden be elected Chairman of Mellor Parish Council.

Cllr. Marsden duly signed his Declaration of Office of Chairman.

2. To receive and approve apologies for absence

2.2 Apologies had been received from Cllr. Johnson (illness) and it was

RESOLVED that those apologies be accepted and approved.

3. To appoint a Vice Chairman of Mellor Parish Council, if required

3.1 Cllr. Hymas indicated his willingness to stand again as Vice Chairman; there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. John Hymas be appointed Vice Chairman of Mellor Parish Council.

4. To consider and approve any arrangements & actions for holding an Open Meeting of all Mellor residents to consider options for the grassed area adjacent to St. Mary's Gardens

4.1 A considerable discussion took place regarding the holding of an Open Meeting for all Mellor residents and points taken forward were:

- The importance of obtaining feedback from all residents in a proactive way
- There is a serious lack of trust, which needs to be repaired
- Consideration that all may not be able to attend a meeting & ways for them to be involved
- A questionnaire first with ability to respond, also with details for the meeting
- Explanation of the background, but not "pros" & "cons" scenario
- Aim to produce something positive for the Parish, with sensitivity this is achievable
- Response rate on previous consultations discussed, and ways to increase this
- Design a flyer / leaflet – Cllrs Hymas & Walsh to lead, all Council to approve before printing & delivery to all households Need to randomly back check that all households have received leaflet
- Suggested ways to gain responses inc. Survey Monkey, also collection boxes in school, library & shops, with verification that responses have not been duplicated
- Whilst needing consultation as soon as feasible, meeting cannot take place before end of June
- Council Chairman may defer to a neutral Chairman to lead Open Meeting
- Confirmed that no more work will be carried out until agreement reached
- Date for Meeting (subject to confirmation) Saturday 09 July 2022, 10.00am at School, noting there may be a limit for attendees on insurance grounds for the School.

To note the next scheduled Meeting will be held 09 June 2022, then Thursday 07 July 2022

Chairman thanked all for their input & closed the meeting at 7.45 pm