

MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2024 commenced 7.00 pm at the Methodist Church,
Mellor Lane

Present Cllrs: Jennie Barnes, Ian Flaherty, John Fletcher, Susan Outhwaite, Jennifer Proctor (Vice Chair), Robin Walsh, Clerk and 3 Members of the Public, County Cllr Schofield arrived later. Cllr Outhwaite had to leave for an emergency at Item 11.2.

1. Chair for the evening accepted as Vice Chair Jennifer Proctor in the absence of the Chairman.
Resolved
2. Apologies for absence
Accepted from Chair Cllr Bernard Murtagh who was unwell, Cllr Dickinson-Gater who had a prior engagement, Cllr Hughes had a prior engagement.
3. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.
None
4. Adjournment for the Public session.
None
5. Governance
 - 5.1 Co-option two candidates wished to be considered for co-option:
By a majority vote of 4 Cllrs **Dr Claire Batty was duly co-opted** and signed the Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Acceptance of Offer forms in front of the Clerk who also signed. Standing Orders and code of conduct having been circulated to both candidates prior. Cllr Batty joined the Meeting.
6. Approve Minutes
The Minutes of 7th November 2024 were accepted and signed by the Chair on the night.
7. **Resolved to move the item from Agenda item 5.1**
 - 7.1 County Council – Update
Cllr Schofield advised LCC Cabinet meeting for road safety had diverted funds and split £4.2m between drainage and potholes and highways. Update on the new Combined County Authority (devolution) which has received £20m to be spent on agreed projects. Cllr Schofield gave an update on a proposed authority which would require a Lancashire Mayor and abolish all district councils. He advised residents should contact their MP if they wished to object to this as a matter of urgency.
8. Update on matters arising since the last Minutes not covered on this Agenda.
Cllr Hughes had resigned as Play Inspector February agenda item.
RV Mayor attendance will be 16th December.
Clerk advised no Councillor attended the Play area course which cost £150 previously resolved.
9. Planning Applications

Application No: 3/2024/0860 35 Glendale Drive Mellor BB2 7HB
Proposed single-storey rear and side extension and porch extension to front.
No Comments received.

Application No: 3/2024/0905 Mellor House Primrose Lane Mellor Blackburn BB1 9DN
Proposal: Proposed extension and remodelling of existing dwelling including demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear extensions, conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe with link extension, demolition and replacement of existing garage with pergola above. Alterations to existing window and door openings and creation of new vehicular access.
No Comments received.

07/2024/00665/SCE Erection of 145 Dwellings Branch Road, Mellor Brook
Environmental Impact Assessment request for a screening opinion to determine the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment.
Council resolved for the Clerk to write to SRBC about their concerns
10. Mellor and District Community Association
 - 10.1 **Council resolved to agree the application from MCA for a New Year event.**
Clerk advised all requirements were in order.
 - 10.2 Council considered the report from the Clerk circulated prior.
Resolved MCA to reimburse the Parish Council in accordance with the Lease for the Building Insurance costs commencing from April 2025.
11. St Mary's Play Area
 - 11.1 **Council resolved to accept the quote from Playdale previously circulated to Council in the sum of £3969.34 for 6 benches and a pathway from the gate to the benches.**

11.2 **Council resolved to agree the final invoice payment of £34,764.31 to Playdale.**

11.3 **Council resolved to agree 2 further book tokens £10 each for St Mary's RC.**

12. Finance

Lloyds Bank balance £68,975.01 **was approved.**

The following payments were approved by Council:

- a. Easy websites 36.96 DD
- b. Methodist Church Room Hire November £32.50 chq 001864
- c. Methodist Church Room Hire December £39.00 chq 001865
- d. Forest & Green Tree pruning St Mary's Play Area £780.00 chq 001867
- e. Forest & Green pruning St Mary's Gate £480.00 chq 001868
- f. Clerk salary M Russell October £866.84 BACS once approved
- g. Baubles, Tree Lights, WH Smith Vouchers x 9 Clerk M Russell £193.95 001869
- h. N & H Barton and Sons £90.00 chq 001870
- i. Playquest remedial works Play Area £2566.80 chq 001871
- j. Ribble Valley Signs A Nuttall play area £250.00 chq 001872
- k. Playdale balance £9999.00 chq 001873
- l. Playdale balance £9999.00 chq 001874
- m. Playdale balance £9999.00 chq 001875
- n. Playdale balance £4767.31 (if resolved at item 9.) chq no 001876
[payments k, j, l, m, n made under the power LGA 1972 sched.14 para.27]

12.2 Budget 2025/26

Council considered and resolved to agree the Budget for 2025-2026.

12.3 Precept for 2025/26

Resolved that the Precept Order for £28,154 be duly submitted to Ribble Valley Borough Council.

13. Matters for information by Members for the next Agenda.

None

Next meeting 6th February 2025 at 7.00 pm Mellor Methodist Church on Mellor Lane, Mellor

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Dated 19th December 2024