

Melchbourne and Yelden Parish Council

Chairman: Peter Wilkinson

Clerk: David Brough

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17th July 2024 at 8pm in Yelden Village Hall

This council meeting was not quorate, therefore the agenda items are for noting and do not reflect resolutions of the council.

Present: Cllrs Peter Wilkinson (Chairman), Mark Fitzsimmons, David Brough (Clerk).

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Sarah Croft (Away), Paul Alexander (Away), Jason Gordon (Away),
Absent: Cllrs Simon Paynter, Frank Morgan, Craig Young.
Borough Councillor Martin Towler had a conflicting commitment and was not present.
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
None.
- 3 **Requests to grant dispensations for declared interests**
None.
- 4 **Public Open Session:** No members of the public were present.
- 5 **Approval of the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 26th June 2024.
It was noted that these were an accurate record. Formal acceptance of these minutes is to occur at the next quorate parish council meeting.
- 6 **Clerk's report on the Action List**
 - Update on Yelden playground grant applications. An application to the borough council's UKSPF fund (£20k) had been submitted and the outcome was awaited. Following confirmation of that application another request would be made to the Chelveston Windfarm Community Benefit Fund.
 - Supporting letters sent to Yelden Village Hall and Yelden Parochial Church Council for their Chelveston Community Benefit Fund applications.
 - Annual accounts sent to the external auditor, Mazars.
- 7 **Finance**
 - To approve payments and note receipts.
Item moved to the next quorate parish council meeting.
 - To review the bank balance and the "Spend vs Budget" analysis.
Item moved to the next quorate parish council meeting.
- 8 **Crime report**
No reported crime.
- 9 **Planning:**

New applications received since the last meeting (to include any received after the agenda is issued up to the date of the meeting).

No comments or objections were noted for the following application.

APPLICATION NO: 24/01241/LBC Listed Building Consent Application
PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear/side infill extension, front porch and internal alterations
LOCATION : Apple Tree Cottage 35 Knotting Road Melchbourne Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1BE

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Monitoring of applications and enforcement

The below application, to which the parish council objected, is awaiting determination by Bedford Borough Council.

APPLICATION NO: 24/00466/FUL

PROPOSAL: Erection of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling.

LOCATION : Hill Farm Melchbourne Road Riseley Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1BY

The following is a long-standing item of enforcement:

Reference: 14/00392/UNAUTU. Location: Hill Farm, Melchbourne Road, Riseley.

Details: Investigation regarding the right to live on the land.

History: *Planning application 22/01571/MAF was refused by BBC Planning in November 2022, 23/01212/FUL was refused in August 2023, and 23/02188/OUT in December 2023. New application in March 2024 awaiting determination.*

10 Councillors' Reports and Updates:

- Ward Councillor – Cllr Martin Towler
Borough Councillor Martin Towler had a conflicting commitment and was not present.
- Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Trust
No items noted.
- Highways, drains and streetlights
To receive any updates in relation to the water leak on Church Lane: it was noted that this was still an issue and the Clerk had kept following this up with the borough council Highways department to put pressure on Anglian Water.
- Report on Speeding (VAS) – Cllr Morgan
Cllr Morgan was not present.
- Report on River Til/Yelden Flood group – Cllr Alexander
Cllr Alexander was not present.

11 Business for future agendas – no decisions can be taken No items raised for future agendas.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 18th September 2024 at 8pm – Melchbourne Village Hall.