

Melchbourne and Yelden Parish Council

Chairman: Peter Wilkinson

Clerk: David Brough

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 26th June 2024 at 7pm in Yelden Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Peter Wilkinson (Chairman), Frank Morgan, Mark Fitzsimmons, Paul Alexander, Jason Gordon, Sarah Croft, Craig Young, David Brough (Clerk), two members of the Yelden Village Hall Committee.

- 1 **Apologies for absence and Introductions:** Simon Paynter.
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Fitzsimmons declared a Local Interest in Item 5 as a member of the Yelden Village Hall Committee and will speak at that item, but not vote.
- 3 **Requests to grant dispensations for declared interests:** None.
- 4 **Approval of the minutes of the annual parish council meeting** held on 15th May 2024.
Resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 5 **Yelden Village Hall playground**
To consider applying for grants from Chelveston Windfarm Community Benefit Fund and Bedford Borough Council Community Infrastructure Grant Fund on behalf of Yelden Village Hall for replacing the playground equipment.
Following a lengthy and thorough discussion with input from the Yelden Village Hall representatives it was **resolved** to:
 - Seek funding to enable a playground of £60.5k to be installed. (Preferred supplier is Playdale).
 - To apply to the borough council's Community Infrastructure Grant Fund (UKSPF) for £20k.
 - Once, the UKSPF grant is confirmed, to apply to Chelveston Windfarm Community Benefit Fund for a further £20k. The expectation is that the Yelden Village Hall Committee will make up the shortfall, potentially from further grant applications.
 - To approach Borough Councillor Martin Towler for Ward Funding in the region of +£1k.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 17th July 2024 at 8pm – Yelden Village Hall.