

MINUTES OF ELECTORS MEETING OF OUSBY PARISH HELD 7PM ON
WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2017 AT MELMERY VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Chairman of Ousby Parish Council Cllr N Longworth

Electors/Public 34 Members of the public attended

E/1/5/17 Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence.

Cllr Nigel Longworth thanked the members of the public for attending, and introduced Marion Jeffery and Louise Gaskell, who are both members of Cumbria Constabulary. Marion is the new PCSO for the Ousby Parish area, and Louise is overseeing the Appleby Horse Fair.

Apologies were received from Hilary Ivinson and District Councillor Sheila Orchard.

E/2/5/17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Elector Meeting held on 11 May 2016.

The minutes from the Electors Meeting held 11 May 2016 were approved for signing as a correct record.

E/3/5/17 Electors / Public discussion

1. Marion Jeffrey introduced herself as the new PCSO for the area, and her role, and advised she wishes to keep lines of communication open and links between the community and the police.
2. Louise Gaskell introduced her role, being that she will oversee the Appleby Horse Fair, Louise advised that there will be no changes from the previous few years, and asked if there were any thoughts, concerns, changes, suggestions, to which no member of the public advised of any.

Marion and Louise thanked the meeting for listening, and Nigel thanked them for attending. They then left the meeting.

3. Cllr Chris Jones thanked CCC for their works to the Finger Posts in the Melmerby and said that the works have made a great difference. Cllr David Bardsley advised that the contractor was grateful for the interest that had been shown in his work.

Cllr Chris Jones also noted that there needs to be a sign to the church in Melmerby, this has been previously discussed. This matter will be placed on a future Parish Council agenda.

4. A resident questioned why the newly filled potholes at Melmerby Green had been dug back up, and was advised that a parishioner had complained that the tarmac repair encroached on to the green. Due to the complaints received CCC removed the tarmac which encroached. It was noted that this has left sizeable holes with loose stones.
5. A resident commented on Melmerby Village Green and asked about the involvement of Ousby Parish Council . A lengthy discussion followed, with various members of the public commenting on health and safety, the use of the village green, lack of public consultation, private ownership of Melmerby village green and the different conservation groups maintaining it over the years. It was proposed by Alison Smith that “Ousby Parish Council take steps to ensure Melmerby Village Green is managed in such a way which takes in to account the wishes of all residents of the village.” The Melmerby residents present at the meeting, including the 4 Melmerby parish councillors, agreed with this proposal. The Chairman stated it would be placed on a future Parish Council agenda.
6. Jane Jones requested clarification over some spending details noted on Ousby Parish Council’s website, regarding consultant fees in 2014 & 2015/16. It was explained that these fees were in part for resolving encroachment disputes about Ousby Village Green and also included payment of legal fees for officially registering the parish council’s ownership of Ousby Village Green with the Land Registry.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm