

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting**  
**held on Thursday January 30th 2014 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday January 30th 2014. Present were Councillors Calvert, Crapper, D. Alderson, E. Blackburn with Councillor. R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams .

**1. Apologies for absence.** No apologies were received.

**2. Declaration of Interests.** Cllr. D. Alderson declared an interest in item 9(c).

**3.Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting, held on December 4th were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising.** The street light in Gunnerside has not been repaired, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Street lighting department at North Yorkshire County Council to raise this issue. Another light behind Toledo in Low Row is not working and at Paradise road end in Low Row the light has been removed and not replaced. The Clerk would also raise these issues with Street lighting. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Wickes, to see if he still wants to go ahead with his donation towards the cost of a new bench in Gunnerside.

**5. Finance**

a) Parish precept information. The Council noted receipt of Parish precept arrangements for the financial year 2013/4.

**6. Highways**

**a) Highways reply.** The Council noted receipt of the following reply from Highways regarding the issues that were causing concern:

Highways confirmed that the following locations have now been refilled with grit: i) Outside the Low Row Institute, ii) at the bottom of Peat Gate and iii) Brocca Bank. Concerning the wall below Brown Hill Top, Highways advised that our email was passed to the Highway Officer for the Area in order that the condition of the wall could be assessed and arrange for any necessary works to be carried out. Finally apologies were received regarding the short notice that was received prior to the recent roadworks between Gunnerside and Reeth. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding water running down Brocca Bank.

**7. Richmondshire District Council**

a) Parish update. The Council noted receipt of the December 2013 Parish Update.

**8. NYCC**

a) Richmondshire Area Committee meeting, Friday January 17th. Council noted that this meeting had taken place.

**9.YDNPA**

a) Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030 - Protected Green Spaces. The Council noted receipt of letter regarding the Local Plan document, and the identification of protected green spaces within the Melbecks area, that are of particular importance to the community and therefore unsuitable for development.

b) Notification of motor rally, 4th- 6th April. The Council noted receipt of notification of 'The Flying Scotsman' motor rally to take place on Saturday April 5th travelling from Low Whita Bridge towards Low Row, and then turning up Peat Gate towards Surrender Bridge.

c) Planning Application. Council noted receipt of a planning application for High Bents, Gunnerside. No comments or objections received.

d) Article 4 Direction: Change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial uses. Council noted receipt of notification that following the Government introducing a new permitted development right that allows certain agricultural buildings to be converted to a range of commercial uses without planning permission, the YDNPA would remove this right, and full planning permission is

still required for proposals to convert agricultural buildings to commercial uses. This would apply throughout the National Park.

e) Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Barns & Walls - public consultation. Council noted receipt of draft consultation on Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Barns & Walls.

f) Parish Forum Questionnaire. The Council noted receipt of a questionnaire about the Parish forums. The Clerk was instructed to complete this and return.

g) New Development sites. The Council was requested to identify any sites for new small scale development. It was agreed there are no such sites in the Melbecks area.

#### **10. AOB/Other correspondence**

a) Tour de France roadshow. The Council noted receipt of invitation to TdF roadshow to be held on Thursday February 20th at Welcome to Yorkshire.

b) War Memorial Cleaning. The Council agreed that the War Memorial does not need cleaning at this time.

c) Green bin collections, Gunnerside. A request from a Gunnerside resident was received asking if the Council would fund the collection of a couple of green bins which are used to keep the common ground and Gunnerside island tidy in summer. Cllr D. Alderson advised that he would contact the resident directly regarding this issue.

d) North Yorkshire NHS Complaints Advocacy Service. Council noted receipt of information from Cloverleaf Advocacy. Posters have been put up advertising this service.

e) Police Update. The Council noted receipt of the latest police update from North Yorkshire police.

f) Housing need surveys. The Council noted receipt of a survey from Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Housing Enabler. The Clerk was instructed to complete and return the survey.

**11. Date & Time of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday March 20th 2014 at 7.30pm.