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**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting**  
**held on Thursday March 20th 2014 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday March 20th 2014. Present were Councillors Calvert, Crapper, D. Alderson, E. Blackburn with Councillor. R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. One member of the public was present.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from RDC Cllr Gardner.

**2. Declaration of Interests.** None noted.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting, held on January 30th were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising.** The street light in Gunnerside has now been repaired, although the other two which were reported in Low Row have not yet been repaired. The line painting has now been done in Gunnerside and it was felt that it was an improvement as now more cars could be parked there.

The issue regarding green bins in Gunnerside has been sorted.

**5. Finance**

a) Clerk's salary & expenses. The Clerks's salary and expenses were agreed by the Council. Cllr R. Alderson proposed increasing the Clerk's salary to £1000 per year, this was seconded by Cllr D Alderson and agreed by the Council.

**6. Highways**

**a) Highways reply.** Regarding the blocked drains at Brocca, a reply was received advising that the Highways Inspector had raised a works order so that the drains can be attended to. As yet, the work has not been done.

**7. Richmondshire District Council**

a) Consultation of part-night lighting. The Council discussed the proposals from RDC on Part-night lighting of the Council street lights. Lights would be turned out between the hours of midnight and 5am. The Council agreed to implement the part-night lighting except for the light outside Gunnerside Village Hall as this is where the defibrillator is located. The Clerk was requested to reply to the consultation.

b) Electoral register data. The Council noted receipt of Electoral Register Data.

c) Tour de France street dressing. The Council was advised of Tour de France Street dressing.

d) Cheersing Leyburn. The Council was advised of this event. A poster will be displayed.

e) Making a difference in Richmondshire Awards. The Council was advised of this event.

f) Communities Opportunities Fund 2014/15. The Council was advised that a new round of funding for the Communities Opportunities Fund was available from RDC from April 1st 2014.

**8. NYCC**

a) Changes to bus services in Swaledale. The changes to bus services were discussed and it appears that the new arrangements will mean that the bus will stop at Reeth, and that in order to travel from Reeth to Keld, or Keld to Reeth, the journey will need to be booked in advance, and if there are no bookings then it will not run. This additional service will be from a different provider, although it has not yet been decided who this will be.

**9. YDNPA**

a) Planning application: High Bents, Gunnerside; Granted.

b) Planning application: Rowleth Gardens, Strands. The Council raised no objections or comments.

c) Planning application : Turnip House, Blades. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning application: 4 Isles Cottages, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

e) Trees in Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Conservation Area - works at Bushes House, Low Row. The Clerk was instructed to contact YDNPA to advise that this property is in Grinton parish, not Melbecks.

**10. AOB/Other correspondence**

a) Memorial bench, Gunnerside. The Council was advised that following a previous offer from Mr Wicks to provide £250 towards a commemorative bench in Gunnerside, Mrs Ruth Hawkes of Christmas Cottage had offered to fully fund a bench as well as looking after the upkeep of the bench. Mrs Hawkes discussed this with Mr Wicks and they agreed that Mrs Hawkes would now provide the bench. The Clerk was instructed to contact both parties to advise of the situation.

b) Best kept village competition 2014. The Clerk was instructed to reply that Low Row and Gunnerside would not be taking part this year.

c) Tour de France roadshow. The Council noted that there will be a Tour de France roadshow at the Station in Richmond on Friday April 4th at 2pm.

d) Reeth 3 day and the Scott Trial. The Council noted receipt of a letter from the secretary of the Reeth 3 day and the Scott Trial. Permissions cards for Melbecks Moor were signed and the Clerk instructed to return these.

e) Application for funding for Tour de France. A request was received from a resident, to enquire whether or not the Parish Council would be able to apply for Tour de France funding from both Richmondshire District Council, and YDNPA, for an event that they are organising. The Council agreed that the criteria of being a voluntary organisation/ community group did not apply in this case and therefore would not be able to apply for funding in this case. The Clerk was instructed to send a reply to this request.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**11. Date & Time of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday May 15th 2014 at 7.30pm.