

Minutes of the Melbecks Annual Parish Council meeting
held on Thursday May 15th 2014 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday May 15th 2014. Present were Councillors Crapper, D. Alderson 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 Cllrs Blackburn and Calvert and RDC Cllr Gardner.
2. Declaration of Interests. None noted.
3. Election of Officers. Cllr R. Alderson was proposed as Chair by Cllr D. Alderson and seconded by Cllr Crapper. Cllr D. Alderson was proposed as Vice-Chair by Cllr Crapper and seconded by Cllr R. Alderson.
4. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on March 20th were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.
5. Matters Arising. Cllr Crapper advised that the commemorative bench will be put up in Gunnerside next week.
6. Finance
 - a) Order to pay. Low Row Institute. A cheque was signed for Low Row Institute fees.
 - b) Order to pay. Gunnerside Village Hall. A cheque was signed for Gunnerside Village Hall fees.
 - c) Audit. The Audit was agreed and signed by the Chair and to be returned by the Clerk
 - d) Financial Risk Assessment. This was agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair.
6. Highways

The Council noted that work has been taking place on the Peat Gate road to remove overgrowing vegetation.
7. Richmondshire District Council
 - a) Parish Insurance renewal. The Council noted the renewal of the Parish Insurance scheme at a cost of £163.21.
 - b) Parish review-draft proposals. The Council noted receipt of the Parish review of Parish arrangement. There will be no changes to the arrangements for Melbecks Parish Council.
 - c) Richmondshire Funding and grants news. The Council noted receipt of the Richmondshire funding and grants news April 2014.
 - d) European Election - May 22nd. The Council noted that the European Election would be taking place on Thursday May 22nd.
 - e) Street trading policy in Richmondshire. The Council noted receipt of proposed restriction to street trading, which is mainly affecting Leyburn, Hawes and Richmond.
8. NYCC
9. YDNPA
 - a) Planning Application: 4 Isles Cottages, Low Row. The Council noted that this has now been withdrawn.
 - b) Planning Application: Hill Top Cottage. The Council raised no objections or comments.
 - c) Planning Application: Kings Head, Gunnerside. A request was made by Cllr Crapper that the Parish Council write a letter of support for this application. This was agreed by the Council and the Clerk was requested to organise this.
 - d) Planning Application: Sunnyside, Low Row. The Council noted that this has now been granted.
 - e) TdF grant. The Council noted that a grant of £500 from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Parish Council grant scheme has been awarded to the Gunnerside Village event. The Clerk was requested to complete the form to claim the grant.
 - f) Proposed repairs. A letter was received from Michael Briggs, Area Ranger, for proposed new steps at roadside at the west end of Low Row on public footpath and open access land. The

Council raised no objections, however as the land is part of Low Row Common, the Clerk was asked to advise Michael Briggs to contact Mr Bill Emms of Low Row Pasture Committee.

10. AOB/Other correspondence

a) Reeth and surrounding area housing need survey. The Council noted receipt of the results of the Housing Need Survey.

b) Tour de France roadshow. The Council noted that there will be a TdF roadshow at Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn on Wednesday June 4th at 6pm.

c) Road safety in the dales. The Council noted receipt of a Road Safety update from Sergeant Stewart Grainger.

d) Clerks and Councils Direct. The Council noted receipt of the May edition of Clerks & Councils Direct.

11. Date & Time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday August 7th 2014 at 7.30pm.

*** post-meeting note, the date of the next meeting had to be changed and will now be on Thursday August 14th at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall**

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.