

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting**  
**held on Thursday August 14th 2014 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday August 14th 2014. Present were Councillors Blackburn and Calvert with Councillor. R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Crapper.
2. Declaration of Interests. None noted.
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on May 15th were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.
5. Matters Arising. None arising.
6. Finance
  - a) Order to pay. £500 from Richmondshire District Council for Gunnerside village TdF events.
  - b) Order to pay. £500 from YDNPA for Gunnerside village TdF events.
6. Highways.

It was noted that the work done at Peat Gate has made a big improvement to visibility. The Clerk was also asked to bring the following matters to the attention of Highways:

- a) Backside wall near Gunnerside Bridge. This work has been raised on numerous occasions but as yet nothing has been done. There is concern the river may undermine the road, b) wall down opposite Brown Hill Top, c) wall down opposite Belle Isle, Low Row, d) wall down west of Ann's Cottage,
- e) wall down near Ling Garth and Waller Hill

7. Richmondshire District Council

- a) Richmondshire Area Partnership Fund 2014/5. The Council noted receipt of details of funding from the Richmondshire Area Partnership fund.
- b) Parish Review - final proposals. The Parish review was discussed which makes no changes to the current number of 5 Councillors for Melbecks Parish Council. However it was proposed that Low Row residents no longer use the Low Row Institute for voting at elections, and that they should use Gunnerside Village Hall as it has better disabled access. The Clerk was asked to write to object to this proposal as it was felt by the Council that this would discourage many residents from voting at all.
- c) Funding and Grants newsletter. The Council noted receipt of this newsletter.
- d) Caravan sites & Control of Development Act 1960. The Council noted receipt of this however there currently are no sites within the area.
- e) Dog warden service. The Council was advised that RDC will from August 4th be operating the Dog Warden service in-house.
- f) Tdf thanks. The Council noted receipt of thanks from RDC for contributions to the success of the TDF.
- g) Cemetery management and compliance course. The Council noted receipt of this.

8. NYCC

- a) Scheduled bus service: Leyburn Link & Swaledale Shuttle. The Council noted that NYCC would be continuing the Swaledale service with the LWB as the current timetable until Saturday 1st November 2014.
- b) Renewal of contracts for Local bus services. The Council noted that an Area Transport Review is taking place in Richmondshire during 2014 for implementation on April 2015.
- c) Grass cutting. The Council noted that NYCC would be stopping funding grass cutting where it is not required for safety reasons from April 2015 but will continue to fund it to maintain minimum visibility requirements.
- d) Commons Act 2006. The Council noted that NYCC is now one of nine Commons registration Authorities to be a pilot authority for the implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006. This is to update the registration system established by Commons Registration Act 1965 and

makes provisions for amendments to bring Registers up-to-date.

e) Disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard. The Council noted that from August 4th NYCC will be charging for the disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard at household recycling centres, and opening up all household waste recycling centres to businesses at a charge.

#### 9.YDNPA

a)Planning Application: Jubilee House, Gunnerside, Granted.

b) Planning Application : Rowleth Gardens, Strands, Refused.

c) Planning Application: Isles Cottages, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning Application, amendments: Turnip House, Blades. The Council raised no objections or comments.

e) YDNPA Local Plan. The Council noted the Draft Local plan for consultation.

#### 10. AOB/Other correspondence

a) LWB. The Council noted receipt of a email from an individual who had experienced difficulty in finding out information about the Swaledale bus service. The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC and 'Yorkshireline' to request that the correct information is given out to bus customers.

b) Bollards. The Council noted that a resident had queried the installation of bollards outside a house in Gunnerside and who was concerned that they were blocking the pavement, and causing pedestrians to have to go onto the road. Cllr R. Alderson agreed to have a look at these and to get advice from NYCC Highways.

11. Date & Time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday October 2nd 2014 at 7.30pm.

The date was also set for the meeting after this one, which will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday December 4th at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.