

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting
held on Thursday October 2nd 2014 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday October 2nd 2014. Present were Councillors Blackburn, Calvert, Alderson and Crapper with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. There were 3 members of the public present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

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 August 14th were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters Arising.
 - a) Bollards in Gunnerside have now been removed.
 - b) Following a query regarding obtaining information about the bus service on 'Yorkshire Traveline', the Clerk advised that they had been contacted but were unable to include the service details as part of the service was 'demand-responsive', although they were looking at how this might be addressed in the future for demand responsive services.
5. Finance
 - a) Annual Audit. The Council noted that this has been received back and all is in order.
6. Highways.
 - a) Highways reply. The Council noted that the Highways Officer has passed the details of our report to the Maintenance Manager who would be assessing the condition of each wall for safety concerns.
7. Richmondshire District Council
 - a) Mobile Phone reception in the North Richmondshire Area - Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal Programme. The Council noted that a scheme to deliver and install small masts throughout the area to boost the 3G coverage had been announced by Vodaphone. After getting some advice on this, the Council agreed not to go ahead with this as it was felt that it would not bring much benefit to the area for various reasons.
 - b) Grant scheme user survey. A request was received from RDC to complete a survey for users of RDC Grant schemes. Cllr Crapper advised that he has already completed this.
 - c) TdF Event fund - final monitoring report. The Clerk will complete this report and return to RDC.
8. NYCC
 - a) Contract renewals: Richmondshire bus services. The Council noted that the contract for local bus services are due to be renewed in April 2015.
 - b) Winter timetable - Leyburn & Swaledale link. The Council noted that following discussions with County Cllr Blackie, the new proposed timetable would take effect from Monday November 3rd 2014. The Council noted that the proposals included the current 0814 service from Thwaite to Reeth becoming a demand responsive basis. Concerns were raised that this would prevent passengers from being able to attend the Doctors morning Surgery at Reeth (unless pre-booked). The new timetable would however include an additional demand responsive journey to connect with Service 30 from Richmond arriving Reeth at 1748 for onward travel to Keld.
9. YDNPA
 - a) Planning application : Isles Cottages , Approved with conditions.
 - b) Planning application: Chapel Garth, Gunnerside. The Council raised no objections or comments.
 - c) Local Plan - Selective consultation on mineral and railhead safeguarding. The Council noted

receipt of this consultation.

10. AOB/Other correspondence

a) Request for financial assistance: Great North Air Ambulance. A request for financial assistance was received from GNAA, the Council agreed to donate £50. The Clerk will arrange this.

b) Hambleton and Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau - Rural Outreach Survey. The Council noted receipt of a survey about the service.

c) Cllr Calvert raised concerns from a resident regarding cars speeding through Low Row. The possibility of installing a flashing reminder light was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Aysgarth Parish Council to enquire how effective theirs had been, to see whether it would be worth putting on up in Low Row.

11. Date & Time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday December 4th 2014 at 7.30pm.