

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday December
4th 2014
at Gunnerside Village Hall

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday December 4th 2014. Present were Councillors Blackburn, Calvert, Alderson and Crapper with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. 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 October 2nd 2014 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.
5. Finance
 - a) Great North Air Ambulance. An order to pay for the donation of £50 was signed by the Chair and the Clerk
6. Highways. The Council noted the closure of U260 Langthwaite to Feetham Road with effect from Monday 8th December.

Signs are already in place on the road.
7. Richmondshire District Council
 - a) Polling stations to remain open. The Council noted that following the recent consultation regarding the possible closure of Low Row Institute as a polling station venue, it has been agreed to keep it open for at least the next five years for all elections that take place.
 - b) Parish Precepts The Council agreed to request a precept of £1000 this year.
 - c) Speeding Concern - Low Row. The Council noted that a resident of Low Row had contacted RDC concerning the speed of vehicles through the village and the possible deployment of a speed data measurer. Due to the number of similar requests it was advised that this would be done as soon as possible, however the Clerk was asked to contact RDC to see when this is likely to be done and to contact NYCC regarding the installation of a LED speed indicator.
 - d) Register of Electors and Elections The Council noted receipt of a revised Register of Electors. The Council also noted that there will be a Parish/Town Council election on Thursday May 7th 2015.
8. NYCC
 - a) Renewal of local bus contracts in Richmondshire February/April 2015. A letter was received advising that following tenders being sought for local bus contracts, different options were being investigated including a mixture of scheduled and demand responsive journeys.
9. YDNPA
 - a) Development of a Family Friendly Cycle Route in Swaledale The Council received notification that YDNPA are hoping to develop a cycle route suitable for younger riders and families. The Council had no objections. The Clerk was requested to send a letter to Michael Briggs to confirm this.
 - b) Planning application: Turnip House Barn, Low Row: Refused.
 - c) Planning application: Chapel Garth, Gunnerside: Approved with conditions.
10. AOB/Correspondence
 - a) LED speed display light feedback - Aysgarth Parish Council. The Council received a reply from Aysgarth Parish Council, advising that the light they had installed 10 years ago has had a big impact and reduced the number of accidents considerably.
 - b) Letter from Hambleton and Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau. The Council noted receipt of a letter giving details of the work in the local area.
 - c) Centenary Field commemorating WW1 The Council noted receipt of a letter from Centenary

Fields to nominate a green memorial space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field in memory of those who gave their lives in World War 1. The Council agreed there was no space available for this purpose in the parish.

d)Yorkshire Dales Action Group The Council noted receipt of an invitation for new members to join the Yorkshire Dales Local Action Group.

e)North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service- Fire safety message . The Council noted receipt of a fire safety message.

f)Honesty boxes in Gunnerside. The Council noted receipt of a request from a Gunnerside resident to see whether honesty boxes could be installed in the village parking area, to raise funds for village costs such as the upkeep of the island and verges. The Clerk was instructed to contact Gunnerside Estate to see whether they have any objections.

g)Gunnerside lighting.The Council noted receipt of a request from a Gunnerside resident regarding a very dark area of Gunnerside, and to enquire whether a street light could be positioned in the area. The Clerk was instructed to contact RDC on this matter.

h)Street light outside Swale View, Low Row The Council noted that the light outside Swale View is remaining on throughout the day and night. The Clerk will contact RDC regarding this.The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding a gap in the wall on the road outside Gunnerside on the north side of the road which is looking precarious and to advise them of water running down from High Bents which is freezing and making the road hazardous.

11. Date and time of next meeting The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday January 29th 2015 at 7.30pm.

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