

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 26th
2015
at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday March 26th 2015. Present were Councillors Blackburn, Alderson, Crapper and Calvert with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Councillor Gardner. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received, all were present.
2. Declaration of Interests. Cllr Blackburn declared an interest in item 9(b).
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on January 29th 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) Honesty boxes in Gunnerside. The Clerk advised that the resident had been informed of permission received from Gunnerside Estate to allow the installation of honesty boxes.
- b) Road/wall at Gunnerside. The Council noted that cones have been placed around the around the unstable wall outside Gunnerside.

5. Finance

- a) Clerks salary & expenses. The Clerks salary and expenses were agreed.

6. Highways.

- a) Highways reply. The Clerk did not have the Highways reply. The Clerk was requested to contact Highways regarding the beckside wall on B6270 near Gunnerside Bridge. There have been problems for several years and now another hole has appeared.

7. Richmondshire District Council

- a) Parish Council elections - 7th May 2015. The Clerk received nomination papers from the Cllrs and will arrange for these to be returned to RDC.

- b) Richmondshire Funding and Grants news. The Council noted grants received including £1580 for new oil tank and £3420 for Gunnerside Village Hall stage lights and cinema equipment from Richmondshire Communities Opportunity Fund.

- c) Gritters for parishes. The Council noted that hand held gritters were available from RDC.

8. NYCC

- a) Possible installation of a new light, Gunnerside. The Council received a reply regarding a possible new light in Gunnerside.

There is currently no budget for extra lighting. However it advised that several of the lanterns are due to be changed in the near future which will prove a wider spread of light. The Clerk will advise the resident of this.

- b) Gunnerside- flash flooding Community emergency plans. The Council noted receipt of this letter regarding emergency plans for flash flooding.

- c) Review of local bus services. The Council noted receipt of new bus service to start on Monday April 13th, to be provided by Little White Bus. Cllr Gardner advised that the contract with Little White Bus was for the next four years.

- d) Publication of the Commons Registration(England) Regulations 2014. The Council noted that the transitional period has been extended to December 2018.

- e) Changes to Highway grass cutting. The Council noted receipt of information regarding

changes to the urban grass cutting regime.

This will not affect the Melbecks area.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning application: The Roof, Gunnerside: Granted, with conditions.

b) Planning application: Birk Park, Healaugh. The Council raised no objections or comments.

c) Planning application: School House, Gunnerside. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning application: Gunnarsgill Hall, Gunnerside. The Council raised no objections or comments

e) Planning application: Low Barn, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

f) Tree works in Melbecks PC. The Council noted that to facilitate the installation of a new water supply pipe there will be the

following works within Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Conservation Area: the removal of 4 Willows, 7 Alders, 8 Hawthorn and 1 Ash tree.

Also to crown raise 1 Sycamore on land adjacent to the river Swale. The Council raised no objections or comments.

g) The Clerk was requested to contact YDNPA to determine the situation for planning issues which are outside the parish boundary but visible from within it.

10. AOB/Correspondence

a) Leyburn Police Quarterly Newsletter. The Council noted receipt of this newsletter.

b) Rural Action Yorkshire. The Council noted receipt of this.

c) Reeth 3 day trial 2015 . A reply slip was signed for Melbecks Moor for this event and the Clerk will arrange for it to be returned.

d) Dangerous tree. The Council was notified of a bough from a tree opposite the United Reformed Church in Low Row which is creaking and felt to be potentially dangerous. The Clerk was requested to write to Highways to see what could be done.

e) Grit bin at Moor Croft, Gunnerside. The Council noted a query from a resident regarding the grit bin, which has been damaged recently.

The resident has already contacted NYCC who have confirmed they will replace the bin, and it was suggested a better site for a new one would

be on the opposite side of the road. The Council agreed that this would be a better position and Cllr Crapper agreed to let the resident know

that the Parish Council was happy with the new site.

11. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting to be held on Thursday May 14th at Gunnerside Village Hall at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm