

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

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday June 26th 2015. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert and McCartney with Councillor R. Alderson presiding.

There were three members of the public present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies were received from District Councillor Richard Blows.
2. Declaration of Interest. Cllr Calvert declared an interest in item 9(a).
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on May 15th 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

a) Dog waste bin for Gunnerside. It was agreed to purchase a dog waste bin from Richmondshire District Council to be sited next to the bus stop. The cost is £187 including fitting, and the charge to empty the bin fortnightly is £65 per year. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

b) Parish Council vacancy. Notices have been placed in both Low Row and Gunnerside stating that there is now a vacancy. Once the notices have been up for 14 days RDC will advise whether there have been any responses. If not, then the Council can co-opt a member. The Clerk will advise the Council once a reply has been received.

5. Finance

a) Bank mandate. The Clerk advised that this has been sent off to the bank, but a reply has not yet been received.

b) The Clerk was requested to bring the accounts book to the next meeting.

6. Highways.

a) Highways reply. Regarding the recent surface dressing programme a reply was received apologising that the email that was sent out had not been received. The contractor had been asked to deliver resident letters, and Highways do try to provide at least 2 weeks notice to Parishes and Councillors.

b) The Clerk was asked to raise the following matters: a) cattle grid at Peat Gate which is blocked and sheep can now cross, b) wall at Lodge Green which is in bad state of repair, and c) the B6270 just outside Gunnerside heading towards Low Row, which was inspected recently, to find out about the results of this survey.

7. Richmondshire District Council

8. North Yorkshire County Council

a) Awards for Community Groups/Projects. The Council noted that there is a new Community Awards Scheme for Best Community Project, Best Community Group, Volunteer of the Year and Young People volunteering award. Nominations close on 31st July.

b) Bus Subsidy reductions. The Council noted that there are new proposals on how further reductions towards bus subsidy for local bus services may be made. They can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy.

9. YDNPA.

a) Planning Application: Low Barn, Low Row. There were no comments or objections.

b) Planning Application: Gunnarsgill Hall, Gunnerside. There were no comments or objections.

c) Election of Parish Representative – cancellation of hustings. The Council noted that following the withdrawal of one of the two candidates for the Parish Representative to YDNPA, the scheduled hustings meeting was cancelled. The candidate remaining is Cllr Harold Brown of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council.

10. AOB/Correspondence

a) Scott Trial 2015. The Council noted receipt of a permission slip for Melbecks Parish Council for the Scott Trial. The Clerk will return the slip however will also request that the Secretary for the Scott Trial contacts Melbecks Moor Committee in future.

11. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall

on Thursday August 20th 2015.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm