

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday August 20th 2015
at Gunnerside Village Hall

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday August 20th 2015. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert and McCartney with R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Councillor Richard Blows. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

The Chair welcomed new District Councillor Richard Blows to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received, all were present.
2. Declaration of Interests. Cllr Calvert declared an interest in item 9(e)
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on June 26th 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters Arising.

a) Highways query

There has been no reply regarding the wall/road where the inspection has previously taken place. The Clerk will write to Highways again to find out more information. It was also agreed to request that the cones be put back in place to prevent vehicles from parking there, or pulling over for other vehicles.

b) Dog Waste bin. The Clerk advised that the dog waste bins would be delivered to RDC in the beginning of August, and will be installed as soon as possible after that, as long as the location is suitable. Cllr Blows offered to contact Sally Dixon at RDC to find out more regarding when this will be taking place.

c) Vacancy

As no requests were received for an election to be held to fill the casual vacancy, the Council agreed to invite Mr Andrew Silver to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. The Clerk will write to Mr Silver.

5. Finance

a) Bank mandate. The Clerk advised that the signatories do not appear to have been added on to the account, meaning that cheques still cannot be paid. The Clerk will check again with the bank, and if necessary arrange for the cheques to be signed by the previous Cllrs so that these bills can be paid as soon as possible.

6. Highways

a) Highways reply. The Council has been advised that the cattle grid at Peat Gate would be cleared in the next 4 weeks (from 20/7/15) however it appears not to have been done yet. In addition, repairs to the wall at Lodge Green are due to be carried out in April 2016, and as a road closure will be required

the winter months were being avoided. Also Cllr Crapper advised that the cattle grid in Gunnerside on the road heading towards

Gunnerside Lodge, has been damaged and is in a dangerous state. Highways have already been contacted and they have painted the damaged cattle grid to highlight the danger to walkers/cars, however the Clerk was requested to write to Highways to find out when it will be repaired.

Cllr Blows had been contacted by a resident concerning the road to Blades and that in winter the blocked drains caused hazardous freezing water on the road. The Council noted that this has been discussed previously and would monitor over this winter,

b) The Clerk will raise the following issues:

- (i) The road/wall outside Gunnerside on B6270 heading towards Low Row
- (ii) The beckside wall near Gunnerside Bridge

(iii) Cattle grids at Peat Gate and Gunnerside

7. Richmondshire District Council

a) Cllr Blows offered his assistance in any matters and expressed his appreciation . Likely changes

to waste collection were discussed which will put more emphasis on recycling additional materials such as plastics and cardboard. More information will be available in the autumn.

8.NYCC

a) Proposed Signing and Ligning work - B6270 , Gunnerside. The Council noted that a resident of Gunnerside has raised concerns about damage to their house, which was being caused by vehicles passing too close. Highways have proposed installing an additional warning sign, 'Road narrows on left' to be sited above the existing 'Pedestrians in Road Ahead' warning sign. In addition an 'Edge of Carriageway white line' is proposed to be laid on the southern side of the road adjacent to the first row of properties. The Clerk was requested to write to Highways to confirm that the Council is in favour of this work going ahead and has no objections.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning application: Scott Trial, Arkengarthdale, Gunnerside and Reeth Moors: Granted.

b) Planning application: Gunnarsgill Hall, Gunnerside. Granted.

c) Planning application: Birds Nest, Blades, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning application: Punch Bown Inn, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

e) Planning application: Brockma Gill East, Morley Gate, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.

f) Yorkshire Dales Local Plan. The Council was advised that the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030 is available to inspect at Reeth Community Office or at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/local-plan and that representations about the plan can be made up to 14th September 2015.

g) Parish Forums. The Council noted that the next Parish Forum will be held at The Old School House, Leyburn on Tuesday September 22nd at 7pm

10. AOB/Correspondence

a) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority. The Council noted that a consultation is taking place over the summer, about proposals for changes to the way the Fire and Rescue Service organises some of its resources for reponses to fires and other emergencies.

Cllr Blows advised that he will be attending a meeting with the Fire Authority in September to clarify details. It appears that there will be no change to services in Richmondshire, however concerns will be raised as to how changes to other areas may affect services in this area.

b) Pipeline works

Cllr Crapper raised the point that following the works to upgrade the water pipeline, this work has left a great deal of pipework underground on the site of the bonfire, which means that the bonfire will not be able to take place on that site.

It was felt that local people had not made fully aware of the implications of this work.

Unfortunately now that the work is

complete there is nothing that can be done about this, and the bonfire will either not go ahead or

have to be relocated.

11. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday October 22nd 2015.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm