

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday October 22nd
2015
at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday August 22nd 2015. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert, McCartney and Silver with R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Councillor Richard Blows and two members of the public. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

The Chair welcomed new Parish Councillor Andrew Silver to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received, all were present.

2. Declaration of Interests. None noted.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on August 20th 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

a) Vacancy. The Chair welcomed Mr Andrew Silver to the meeting, who is joining the Parish Council as a co-opted member. The Clerk gave Cllr Silver the Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests forms to complete.

b) Dog waste bin. RDC Cllr Blows advised that there had been a delay with the delivery of the dog waste bins, but that they are now in, and due to be sited in the next couple of weeks. The Council agreed that the best site for it would be at the end of the track heading towards Gunnerside Ghyll. The Clerk will contact Sally Dixon at RDC to check that this location is suitable.

5. Finance

a) Order to pay – an order to pay was signed for uncontested election fee from Richmondshire District Council for £75. The Clerk will send the cheque to RDC.

6. Highways

a) Highways reply. The Council noted receipt of an email from Highways stating that:

- the cattle grid at Gunnerside has been repaired
- the cattle grid at Peat gate was included in an extensive list of cattle grids requiring clearance, the Clerk was asked to contact Highways again regarding this
- Beckside road at Gunnerside: Highways are unable to provide a specific timeframe for this repair due to the amount of structures in the area requiring repairs

b) Road collapse at Gunnerside. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to find out what is happening with this.

c) Proposed signing and lining work. The Clerk advised that a reply had been received advising that the work would be going ahead.

d) Grit bins - The grit bin at Brocca Bank has been filled, however the broken bin in Gunnerside outside the school has still not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to see if this can be done as soon as possible.

7. Richmondshire District Council

a) Consultation – Council Tax Discount and Reduction Scheme. The Council noted receipt of this information.

b) Community Newsletter. The Council noted receipt of this.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

a) Footway Lighting Maintenance. The Council noted that the receipt of this, however not relevant to Melbecks as there are no footways in the parish.

b) Consultation –reduction in bus subsidy. The Council noted that the results of the consultation were presented to the Transport Scrutiny Committee and recommendations were to reduce bus subsidy by £1.5 million each year from 2016/17. The report will go the Executive in December. The Council also noted that there would be a new timetable in place from Monday November 9th.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning Application, Turnip House, Blades. The Council raised no objections or comments.

b) Planning Application, Punch Bowl, Low Row: (Biomass boiler) Withdrawn.

- c) Planning Application, Birds Nest, Low Row: Approved with conditions
- d) Planning Application, Punch Bowl, Low Row. (Re-pointing) . The Council raised no objections or comments
- e) Yorkshire Dales Access Forum Membership. The Council noted that the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum is looking for new members.

10.AOB/other correspondence.

- a) New Fire and Emergency vehicle – British Red Cross. The Council noted this request for financial assistance towards this vehicle, however agreed not to contribute at this time.
- b) Cllr McCartney asked if honesty boxes for parking could be purchased to be installed in Gunnerside. Cllrs Crapper and McCartney will look into the cost of this.
- c) The Council was advised that Gunnerside School has contacted the Council regarding Open Reach vans parking outside the substation in the village, blocking access to the school. The Clerk was asked to write the school suggesting that the School Governing Body write to North Yorkshire County Council/Open Reach to see how this situation can be resolved.
- d) Superfast Broadband. Cllr Blows advised the Council that he had attended a meeting about the possibility of superfast Broadband for the Gunnerside Muker and Low Row areas next year. Outlying areas would be able to get vouchers to access satellite broadband. People would be able to register their interest online.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday December 17th 2015.