

## **Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert, McCartney and Silver with R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Councillor Richard Blows. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received, all were present.
2. Declaration of Interests. Cllr Silver declared an interest in 9(b).
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on October 22nd 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

### **4. Matters Arising.**

- a) Dog waste bin. This is now in place next to the bus stop.
- b) Grit bin, Gunnerside. This is also now in place by the school.
- c) Superfast broadband. Cllr Blows advised that there will be fibre- optic link hub in both Gunnerside and Muker, and the line going up the valley may be able to connect to individual houses and it would be beneficial to register interest online.

### **5. Finance**

- a) Parish precept. This is required by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cllr Alderson proposed requesting a precept of £1000. Cllr Crapper proposed asking for £1250, seconded by JM. A vote was taken and it was agreed to ask for £1000 (3 votes to 2).
- b) Council tax. Cllr Blows informed the council that RDC has decided to increase council tax for houses left empty. The new rates will be 100% discount for the first month, 0% discount after that. In addition there will be 150% council tax on property left empty for over 2 years.

### **6. Highways**

- a) Highways reply. The Council noted receipt of an email from Highways stating that:
  - a) the work on the cattle grid at Peat Gate would be carried out by a gully emptier.
  - b) the grit bin at Gunnerside School has now been replaced, relocated and refilled.
  - c) the beckside wall at Gunnerside is on the list for repair although no timeframe for this at the moment due to higher priority defects.
  - d) the Clerk was asked to contact Highways to thank them for the repairs done to the road from Gunnerside to Reeth for their prompt work and consideration given to local residents. The Clerk advised the council that the road would be closed on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> for the day to remove the trees from the landslip that took place during the flooding. The Clerk was requested to inform highways of the following:
    - a. drain under road at Robin Gate is blocked
    - b. the flooding at Low Whita took much longer to drain away than usual
    - c. drains are blocked on Kearton pasture near Gallows Top
    - d. the seat on the B6270 near the roadworks has been damaged during the roadworks
    - e. there are lots of trees near Rowleth Bottom which are leaning towards the road making the ground unstable and could possibly cause more land to slip
    - f. there is no grit in the bin outside Low Row Institute

### **7. Richmondshire District Council**

- a) Draft Hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy consultation. The Council noted receipt of this.
- b) Dog fouling new campaign. The Council noted that the Street scene team are trialing a new campaign against dog fouling.

### **8. North Yorkshire County Council**

### **9. YDNPA**

- a) Planning Application, The Roof, Gunnerside. The Council raised no objections or comments.
- b) Planning decision : Brockma Gill, Morley gate, Low Row. Granted with conditions
- c) Planning decision: The Punch Bowl, Low Row. Granted with conditions
- d) Planning committee meeting : Turnip House, Low Row.
- e) Planning application: The Punch Bowl. The Council raised no objections or comments

10.AOB/other correspondence.

a) Request for financial assistance: Great North Air Ambulance. It was agreed to donate £50. The clerk will arrange for a cheque to be sent.

b) Overgrown tree at Gunnerside. The Council noted that a resident had been in contact regarding a tree that is overgrown and it is affecting the chimney of their property. The clerk has been trying to determine ownership of the tree in order that it can be trimmed.

b) Winter weather scheme. The Council noted receipt of this information.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.