

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday January 28th 2016 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday January 28th 2016. Present were Councillors Crapper and Calvert, with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr McCartney and RDC Cllr Blows.
2. Declaration of Interests. None declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on October 22nd 2015 were agreed to be a correct record, following a correction to item 5(a), and these were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) Drain at Robin Gate and blocked drain at Low Whita. The Council was advised by highways that these drains have been inspected however the defects do not meet the criteria for further action. The Clerk was asked to contact highways again to confirm as the water at these locations is not draining away quickly enough following rainfall.
- b) Drains on Kearton pasture. Highways confirmed that this has been added to the schedule of works.
- c) Grit bin at Low Row. This has now been replenished.
- d) Trees at Rowleth Bottom. Highways advised that these are not the responsibility of NYCC.
- e) Bench at Gunnerside. Nothing has been heard regarding this yet.
- f) Access to house on Lodge Green. Cllr Crapper has had a request to put flags/path to a house on Lodge Green whose owners have had difficulty getting access to in the wet weather. Cllr Crapper will contact Reeth Estates to see whether this could go ahead. The Council have no objections to this in principle.

5. Finance

- a) Order to pay for £50 donation to Great North Air Ambulance signed.
- b) Order to pay for £224.40 signed for dog waste bin from RDC.
- c) Changes to the external audit regime. The council noted receipt of this information regarding changes to the external audit for smaller authorities, and it was agreed not to opt out of the Sector Led Body.

6. Highways

- a) the Clerk was asked to contact highways regarding a blocked drain between East Ing and West End cottage in Gunnerside.

7. Richmondshire District Council

- a) CPR dummy. The Council noted that there is a dummy available free of charge to parish councils for training in CPR.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

- a) Changes to the subsidised bus services. The Council noted receipt of this, which does not affect services within the Melbecks area.

9. YDNPA

- a) Planning decision, The Roof, Gunnerside -Granted with conditions.
- b) Planning application: Heatherdene, Brocca Bank, Low Row. The Council raised no objections or comments.
- c) Parish Forum. The Council noted that there will be a Parish Forum at Bainbridge on March 24th 2016.

10. AOB/other correspondence.

- a) Transparency Code for smaller councils. The Council noted that additional information needs to be included in the website. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.
- b) Dog waste bin in Low Row. Cllr Crapper raised this point on behalf of Cllr McCartney, regarding the possibility of installing a dog waste bin in Low Row, as the one in Gunnerside has been well used by dog-walkers. It was decided not to do this at the present time.
- c) Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre. The Council noted receipt of a letter from Hambleton and Richmond Carers centre, advising the council of the services that they offer.

It was decided not to take up the offer of a presentation at the meeting at the moment.

d) Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust. A letter was read out requesting information regarding possible building restoration projects in the parish. There were no suitable projects identified.

e) Thanks from GNAA. A letter of thanks from the Great North Air Ambulance was read out following the recent donation.

f) The Clerk was asked to contact highways regarding the following issues:

i) There is a street light out on Bridge Corner, Gunnerside

ii) At Gunnerside where the work has been taking place, there is another section of wall that is starting to lean. (on the same side of the road, heading towards Low Row.)

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting to be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday 24th March 2016.