

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 24th 2016 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday March 24th 2016. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert, Silver and McCartney with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. District Councillor Blows was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from PCSO Taylor-Paige.
2. Declaration of Interests. AS declared an interest in item 9(c).
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on January 28th 2016 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.
4. Matters Arising.
 - a) Drain at Robin Gate. The clerk had reported this to Highways, however work has been done to this drain recently.
 - b) Bench on B6270. This has been replaced by Highways.
 - c) Access to house on Lodge Green. Cllr Crapper has contacted Reeth Estates who advise that they do not own the land in Gunnerside. The owner of the property has advised that a letter from the Pasture Committee is needed, confirming that they are happy for this to go ahead before anything can be done. Cllrs Crapper and McCartney will draft a letter and send this to the clerk to forward to the Secretary of the Pasture Committee.
 - d) Light in Gunnerside. This has been repaired.
 - e) Cllr Crapper advised the Council that the cattle grid on the road going towards Gunnerside Lodge has been completely replaced, as well as new fencing installed.
5. Finance
 - a) Clerk's salary and expenses were agreed and paid.
 - b) Order to pay for £1020.50 was signed for the Clerk's salary & expenses.
 - c) PAYE. The clerk confirmed that the clerk's salary has now been put through the PAYE system, which is now required for all Parish Councils.
6. Highways
 - a) The blocked drain at Low Whita has been notified to Highways but it has been inspected and no further action will be taken by Highways. Cllrs were concerned about this as the water is not draining away quickly enough following flooding and cars were damaged there during the recent flooding.
 - b) The Council noted the road closure to install broadband cables from Gunnerside Bridge to Muker for 4 weeks, 0900-1500, Monday to Friday from April 11th 2016. Cllr Blows advised that this has now been reduced to 3 weeks work, Monday to Friday to be closed for the same times, but on Saturday and Sunday work will be carried out from 0900-1700. There is also a closure to take place between 18:00 and 23:59 on Monday 16th May, in Gunnerside.
7. Richmondshire District Council
 - a) Parish precept. The Council noted that the precept will be paid as follows: £500 on 21st April 2016 and £328.21 on September 8th 2016. (The insurance premium has been deducted from the September payment).
8. North Yorkshire County Council
 - a) Changes to household waste recycling centres. The Council noted that the new opening times at the waste recycling centres, from April 1st 2016 will be as follows: April to September 8.30am to 5pm, and October to March 8.30am to 4pm They will continue to be closed on Wednesday of each week
 - b) Changes to supported bus services, April 2016. The Council noted receipt of this which does not affect the Melbecks area.

9.YDNPA

- a) Planning application The Roof, Gunnerside- (Installation of satellite dish): Granted with conditions
- b) Planning application: Glory Be, Blades. The Council raised no objections or comments.
- c) Planning decision: The Punch Bowl, Low Row (Biomass boiler) Granted with conditions
- d) Planning decision: The Roof, Gunnerside (new first floor window) The Council raised no objections or comments
- e) Planning decision: Turnip House, Blades: Granted with conditions
- f) Conservation tree works. The Council noted that work will be carried out to one Black Pollard tree at Birds Nest, Low Row.

10. AOB/other correspondence.

- a) Best kept village competition. A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Richmond, regarding the best kept village competition. It was decided not to enter this year.
- b) Cycle sportives. The Council noted the dates of cycle events passing through the Melbecks area.
- c) Queen's 90th birthday. It was decided not to purchase commemorative medallions
- d) Notice board in Low Row. A resident had commented that the Low Row notice was quite difficult to use and in an unstable state. It was agreed that Cllr Calvert would have a look at this and provide a quote to repair it at the next meeting.
- e) Dog waste bin. Cllr McCartney advised that the dog waste bin in Gunnerside is proving very popular and a second one would be beneficial as sometimes it is full. The Council agreed to fund half of the cost and the village would provide the rest.
- f) Reeth 3 day trial. A permission slip was signed for the trial.

11. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday May 12th at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9pm.