

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday July 21st
2016 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday July 21st 2016. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert and Silver with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Cllr Blows. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr McCartney.

2. Declaration of Interests. None declared. The Declaration of Interest and Acceptance of Office forms were received from Cllr Silver. The clerk will return these to Richmondshire District Council.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on May 12th 2016 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

a) Notice Board. The Clerk has been looking into purchasing a new notice board. It was agreed to apply for a grant from RDC towards the cost of replacing both the Low Row and Gunnerside boards. The Clerk will get a form to apply for the grant.

b) Dog waste bin. It was agreed that the second dog waste bin should be placed at Gunnerside Bridge, close to the former bonfire site. The Clerk will contact Sally Dixon at RDC to organize this.

c) Public participation at meetings. The Council agreed to adjourn discussion on this item until the next meeting. The Clerk will circulate the 'Good Councillors Guide' to councillors.

5. Finance

a) Order to pay – Low Row Institute. A form was signed for this.

b) Financial Risk Assessment. The Council reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment and this was unanimously agreed.

c) Accounts book was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

6. Highways

a) Highways reply.

Beckside wall, Gunnerside. The Council noted a reply from Highways stating that this wall is the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk was asked to check this again, as it was thought that a works order for this work was in place.

Wall at Brown Hill Top, Low Row. The Council noted a reply from Highways stating that this wall is the responsibility of the landowner.

Roadwork signs. The Clerk advised that Highways had been in contact regarding signs that had been left in place for too long and at the wrong locations – if this happens again, the Clerk needs to contact highways with exact locations and dates.

b) Road closure at Satron. The Council noted that there will be a road closure in place for 20 working days at Satronside, for carriageway patching and draining works. commencing on August 3rd.

c) Grass cutting of roadsides. The Clerk was asked to contact highways about the cutting of grass verges cutting which had been very disappointing.

d) Potholes at Brocca. The potholes on the road in front of the Institute in Low Row, and on Brocca are in need of some work. The clerk will contact Highways.

7. Richmondshire District Council

8. North Yorkshire County Council

a) Community emergency plan. The Council noted of receipt of a letter from North Yorkshire County Council regarding producing a community emergency plan, to reduce the impact of a flooding event. It was decided that this was not needed at the present time.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning decision, Robin Gate, Low Row - Granted with conditions.

b) Planning application, Roof Farm, Gunnerside – Granted with conditions.

10. AOB/other correspondence.

The Council noted receipt of this

b) Coast to Coast- National Trail

A letter was received from Rishi Sunak, MP, regarding the Coast to Coast footpath, and the

possibility of making it into a National Trail. The Council agreed to support this plan and the Clerk will reply to this letter.

c) Scott Trial

A permission slip was signed by the Chair to allow the Scott Trial to pass over land in Melbecks, the Clerk will return this.

d) Water supply

A letter from Yorkshire Water was read out, advising that together with Morrison Utility services, sliplining works are due to take place from Monday July 4th for approximately 8 weeks between Angram and Keld.

e) Darlington Health Authority changes

RDC Cllr Blows advised that Darlington Health Authority were making changes to their A&E provision, and the Richmonshire area had been missed off the consultation process.

Cllr Blows will be attending a meeting in August to find out more about proposed changes.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday 29th September 2016.