

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday September 29th 2016 at Gunnerside Village Hall

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday September 29th 2016. Present were Councillors Crapper, Calvert, McCartney and Silver 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 RDC Cllr Blows.

2. Declaration of Interests. None declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on July 21st 2016 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

a) Notice Board. Following the meeting of the Upper Dales Partnership, the Council was advised that the grants have been oversubscribed by £7500 in this area, however Lower Wensleydale is undersubscribed. The allocation of funds will be decided at their next meeting. The Clerk has not received the quote for the notice board, but will obtain this for the next meeting.

b) Dog waste bin. The Council was advised that this is due to be put in place in the next couple of weeks.

c) The Council noted that the becks side wall has been repaired by Highways.

d) Highways have advised that the pothole at Low Row Institute does not meet the criteria for repair, however the Clerk was asked to contact Highways again on this issue, as the pothole is of a significant size.

e) Public Participation at meetings.

A discussion regarding public participation was held, and it was proposed by RA that the procedure should stay as it is currently, (members of public can speak prior to the Annual Parish meeting in March). This was seconded by PC and agreed unanimously by Councillors. It was confirmed that members of the public can contact councillors in person or in writing to the Clerk to raise issues, and agendas are placed on the website and the notice boards in advance of the meetings to advise of items for discussion.

The Clerk will send the 'Good Councillors Guide' to all Councillors.

5. Finance

a) Parish Precept letter

The Council noted receipt of the precept due of £362.85, which has had the insurance deducted.

6. Highways

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

a) Peat Gate foot. This has been surface-dressed, and a drain gate has been covered up.

b) Drain that comes out between West End Cottage and garage is blocked.

c) There is a light out outside Toledo, Low Row.

Cllr Calvert agreed to contact the house owner to sort this out the overgrowing foliage from the garden, which is obscuring vision at the corner in Gunnerside as road heads towards Gunnerside Lodge.

7. Richmondshire District Council

a) Community Led Housing

A letter was received however this is not applicable to areas within the national park.

b) Parish / Town Council meeting – 27th October 2016. The Council noted that there will be a meeting to advise Parishes of known and likely changes that may affect certain areas, and updates on budgetary issues facing the District Council.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

9. YDNPA

a) Planning decision, Glory Be, Blades: Granted with conditions.

b) Trees at Birk Park, Healaugh. The Council noted that works would be carried out to remove 24 Larch & 9 Scots pines, and to remove large broken limbs from 2 Oak trees, alongside the removal of 17 other dead or dangerous trees. The Council raised no objections or comments.

- c) Planning application, Reeth 3 Day trial – the Council raised no objections or comments.
- d) Northern Parish Forum meeting – 25th October 2016. The Council noted that the Northern Parish Forum meeting would take place at West Burton Village Hall on October 25th at 7pm.

10. AOB/other correspondence

- a) The Council was advised that Harold Brown has resigned from YDNPA and there will be nomination papers sent out shortly to find a replacement.
- b) Citizens Advice Bureau – a letter was received requesting financial assistance, however it was agreed not to contribute at present.
- c) Friends of Garget Walker House- a letter was received requesting financial assistance, however it was agreed not to contribute at present.
- c) Trees from Gunnarsgill Hall along the beck, are becoming very overgrown and need to be cut back. A maintenance agreement was set up – the Clerk will look into what is covered by this contract.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday 8th December 2016.