

## **Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Low Row Institute**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2018. Present were Councillors Calvert, Silver and McCartney, with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. RDC Cllr Blows was present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. Five members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Crapper.
2. Declaration of Interests. None declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed to be a correct record, subject to two spelling corrections, and these were signed by the Chair.

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

a) Funding for defibrillator. The council was provided with an update on available funding for the defibrillator at Low Row Institute and it was decided to approach the Richmondshire Area Partnership funding scheme when this becomes available later this year.

b) Council Tax for second homes. The council noted that RDC had voted not to increase council tax on second homes and RDC Blows was thanked for putting forward the views of the Parish Council at the full Council meeting.

### **5. Finance**

a) The clerk's salary of £1000, plus expenses were agreed and paid. An order to pay was completed. The clerk was asked to leave the meeting whilst the salary for the next year was discussed and it was agreed for the salary to remain as it is for now.

b) Insurance. A cheque for £167.45 to Zurich Municipal was signed.

### **6. Highways**

a) 'Children playing signs' in Gunnerside

The Council noted that a letter from Ian Bighton at NYCC had been received advising that consideration had been given to this request, but that the criteria of there being a likelihood of encountering children in the road ahead going to or from a school or playground were not met. It was also stated that there are already 'pedestrians in road ahead' and 'no footway' signs, and together with the nature of the roads, NYCC thought that this would suffice as appropriate warning to drivers. It will be confirmed that these are in place. The resident who requested this to be raised has been informed.

b) Surrender bridge cattle grid

This has been hit and there are no side gates. Clerk to report this.

c) Potholes outside Low Row Institute to be reported.

d) The drain at West End Cottage has been added to the programme of works.

e) Overgrown vegetation at Peat Gate – highways have confirmed that no further action required.

f) Peat Gate road has been added to the programme of works.

g) Street light at the bottom of Peat Gate.

This has been reported and the old pole has been taken away. Some debris has been left behind which is causing cars to pull out onto the road dangerously, the clerk to report this. It has been advised that this may take up to 10 weeks to be replaced. RDC Cllr Blows advised that he may be able to help with this.

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

a) Parish Plan

A letter regarding Parish or Community Plan was read and there is not a Parish Plan currently in place. It was agreed not to complete this at the current time.

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

No items.

### **9. YDNPA**

a) Planning application: Dial House, Gunnerside. This has been approved conditionally.

b) Parish Briefing. The Council noted receipt of this information for parishes from YDNPA.

c) Management Plan 2019-24. The Council noted that any comments to be made on the new draft Management Plan for the YDNPA needed to be received by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

10. AOB/other correspondence.

a) Commons Registration: Glory Be, Blades

The council noted that an application to correct a mistake to the commons register was in process at Glory Be, Blades.

b) Best Kept Village 2018

It was agreed not to take part this year.

b) The state of the roadside wall at Brown Hill Top was discussed and it was confirmed that this wall is not the responsibility of highways.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on 7.30pm on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.