

**MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2011.**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, at Gunnerside Village Hall, beginning at 7.30p.m. Councillors D. Alderson, Calvert and RDC Cllr M. Gardner were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Clerk was Mrs. Sharp.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors Blackburn and Crapper.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, had been circulated. One amendment was made to Item 11.1, 'Cllr P Metcalfe' was amended to read 'Cllr P Calvert'. The minutes were then approved on the proposal of Councillor P. Calvert, seconded by Councillor D. Alderson, agreed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

- a. Further to Item 11.1. of the Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> May 201 the Clerk reported that Highways had been written to and that no reply had been received yet.

**5. FINANCE:**

- a. The Clerk produced the completed Mazars annual accounts form, internally audited and ready for inspection and by the Council. The Council approved the accounts and the Chair signed the form.
- b. The Clerk produced letters of authority for signature by the Council to grant the Clerk access to the Parish accounts as Financial Officer to the Council.

**6. HIGHWAYS:**

- a. The Chair read out an e-mail from Peter Ball, Electrical Inspector, Street Lighting Dept stating that street light no. RDS 12 near Melbecks Parish Church Low Row would be installed in April/May. Cllr R Alderson informed the meeting that this had not yet been installed.

**7. RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

- a. The Chair read a letter to the Council from an Affordable Housing Enabler. The Council felt this area was covered by the National Park.
- b. A letter from Richmondshire District Council regarding Consultation on Preferred Core Strategy and Local Strategy Statement for land outside the National Park was noted.

**8. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

- a. The Richmondshire Area Committee Agenda was made available to the Council.
- b. The Council was notified that from Friday, 16 September 2011 the mobile library service will cease. NYCC aim to provide a replacement service using 3 new supermobile vehicles alongside volunteer services. Cllr Gardner updated the Council on the provision for Swaledale reporting that as a consequence of the closure more libraries would be kept open. The supermobile service will come up to Reeth and possibly Langthwaite for 2 hours every 2 weeks, every other Wednesday. Hawes community bus will be running a service to coincide with the supermobile service coming over the Buttertubs and down Swaledale where it will stop for 1 hour at Reeth. Cllr Gardner added that a volunteer from Hudswell runs a voluntary library service out of Colburn and is willing to extend this service up the Dale to Keld. Cllr Gardner will update the Parishes of the Dales further in an upcoming article in the Reeth Gazette.

**9. Y.D.N.P.A.:**

- a. The Council considered: Planning Application at East Broccabank, Low Row - no comments or objections.

**10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE / AOB:**

- a. The Council agreed to keep the Clerk as the representative for the Upper Dales Health Watch.
- b. The Council considered the Parish Caretaker Scheme offered by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and decided not to join.
- c. The Council were made aware of a proposal for a community safety event by the Environment Agency hoped to be held in Reeth at the end of July/beginning of August and confirmed their support for this event.
- d. A request for support from Association of Suffolk Councils was heard by the Council for new planning guidance to major developers for fuller disclosure and consultation with Councils. The Council decided on no further action.
- e. The Council was notified of the training for funding rural community buildings to be held in Masham and passed the details to the village hall and Institute committees.
- f. Upper Dales Health Watch – the Council were made aware by the Health Watch of the withdrawal of mental health counseling services by the North Yorkshire Primary Care Trust.
- g. The Clerks & Councils Direct publication was made available to the Council.
- h. Correspondence received on the night of the meeting regarding Richmond District Voluntary Services on services available in the District was made available to the Council.
- i. Cllr Gardner reported to the Council his appointment to the Planning Committee and reported on planning issues as follows:
  - an application had been made to buy the Tourist Information Centre on its closure and turn it into a café paving part of the rose garden adjacent to allow for café seating. Cllr Gardner reported that 100 oppositions against were received and the application was thrown out.
  - planning has been agreed for the Arriva Bus Station to be knocked down and 24 apartments to be built, 6 of which are to be affordable homes.
- j. Cllr D Alderson notified the Council that the cattle grids at Shoregill, Gunnerside and Peat Gate needed to be cleaned out. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways.
- k. Cllr D Alderson notified the Council that the recent roadside mowing/cutting was unsatisfactory and appeared to be hit and miss. The Council felt this needed to be completed more thoroughly and for areas missed to be cut back. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Woodford of Highways to notify him of the same and remind him of the Gunnerside beck wall issue.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Low Row Institute on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at 7.30pm.