

MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER, 2011.

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 8th September, 2011, at Low Row Institute, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Councillors D. Alderson, Calvert, Crapper, Blackburn and PCSO M Godridge 273 were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Clerk was Mrs. Sharp.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr M Gardner, PCSO Tracie Lee-Page.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**
None.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th June, 2011, had been circulated. One amendment was made to Item 4 whereby the date was changed from '201' to '2011'. The minutes were then approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
None.
5. **FINANCE:**
 - a. Councillors agreed the payment of Mazars external auditor's fee of £60.00.
 - b. Councillors agreed the payment of Richmondshire District Council's uncontested election fee of £65.00.
6. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - a. The Chair read out Highways advice on winter maintenance and snow code.
 - b. The Council was notified of the County Council Highways and Transportation Services new Local Transport Plan renewal (LTP3) including details of the RDC capital programme for 2011/12.
 - c. The Council had received correspondence from a parishioner that Street Light No RDS 12 near Melbecks Parish Church, Low Row was due to be installed on 24th August and subsequently electrically connected. The Chair informed the Council that this light had been installed but was not yet connected.
7. **RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**
 - a. The Council received and submitted a questionnaire for a Polling Station Review for Low Row and Gunnerside polling stations.
 - b. The Richmondshire District Council Update publication of July 2011 was noted.
 - c. The Council was notified by the RDC Hambleton & Richmondshire Community Safety Partnerships that the Richmondshire Speed Matrix meeting had been held on 24th June 2011 and that speed enforcement action would continue at Low Row on the B6270.
8. **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**
 - a. The Council had been notified of the Richmond Cycle Race Grand Prix taking place on Sunday, 4th September 2011.
 - b. The Council noted correspondence from the NYCC notifying them of the consultation to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire and inviting comments. None were made.
9. **Y.D.N.P.A.:**
 - a. The Council was notified that Swaledale & Arkengarthdale has a new Area Ranger, Mr Michael Briggs and that Mr Ian Broadwith returns to his role as Access Ranger.
 - b. The Council was asked by the YDNPA whether they required one of their Members to attend one of the Parish meetings as a National Park Authority representative. The Council affirmed that a Member of the YDNPA already attended their meetings.

- c. The Council received notification that planning permission at East Broccabank, Low Row had been refused.
- d. The Council was notified of the changes to the Planning Application Scheme of Delegation relating to decision making process. Small and non-contentious cases would no longer go to committee.
- e. The Council received notification that approval had been given for tree pruning to take place within the Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Conservation Area at Horsegarth, Broccabank, Low Row. The applicant has 2 years in which to undertake the work.

10. YLCA

- a. The Council was notified of the unopposed election of Cllr Harold Brown (of Grinton Parish) to the YLCA as parish representative.

11. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE / AOB:

- a. The Council noted correspondence from Richmond & Hambleton Furniture Store (registered charity) requesting household items from parishioners be donated to them.
- b. Yorkshire Energy Partnership wrote offering free insulation for over 70s and asked for the Council to promote their services.
- c. The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme Newsletter notified the Council that it continues to support projects until 2013.
- d. The Council noted the Rural Action Yorkshire 'Country Air' publication for Summer 2011.
- e. The Council noted the Clerks & Councils Direct publication.
- f. The Council noted that works on the becksides wall at Gunnerside and three cattle grids had not yet been carried out and that no acknowledgement of the Council's instructions had been received by Highways. The Clerk was instructed to write a further reminder letter to Highways.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday, 24th November, 2011 at 7.30pm.