

MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th NOVEMBER, 2011.

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 24th November, 2011, at Gunnerside Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Councillors D. Alderson, Calvert, Crapper, Blackburn and Gardner were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Clerk was Mrs. Sharp.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None received.
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**
None.
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September, 2011, had been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a. Councillor R Alderson reported the Street Light at Low Row had now been connected.
- 5. FINANCE:**
 - a. Councillors agreed and signed the banking authority forms to enable the Clerk to administer Council funds.
- 6. HIGHWAYS:**
 - a. The Chair read out a progress report from Highways on matters raised by the Council. All items had been added to Highways work list.
 - b. Councillors discussed a solution to Gunnerside parking in particular on the strip of land between the Village Hall and the bridge end. Cllr Crapper reported he had consulted with Highways who advised they could mark-up parking spaces using their maintenance budget. The Council is to ascertain land ownership before proceeding.
 - c. Cllr Crapper reported a significant volume of water running across the road at Rowleth End thought to be a blocked drain. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways.
- 7. RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**
 - a. A Parish Precept of £1,000 was proposed by Cllr Calvert for the financial year 2012/13, Cllr Crapper seconded the proposal. The Council unanimously agreed.
 - b. The RC Safety Partnership reported periodic speed enforcement activity would continue in the areas of Langthwaite, Low Row and Reeth.
 - c. The Chair advised the Council that the Clerk had attended a free training session run by RDC for a website provided by them free of charge for the Council's use if they wished. The Council agreed the Clerk to utilise this facility as provided for Minutes and other Council information for the public to view on web address Melbecks@parishconnect.co.uk.
 - d. The Council noted the RDC update on the Richmondshire Local Development Framework consultation.
 - e. The Council noted the Parliamentary Boundary Review update.
 - f. The Council reviewed the proposals for changes to local public convenience services and advised RDC they were not happy with proposed winter closure proposals. The Council suggested an alternative reduced cleaning winter service of one clean per day.
- 8. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**
No notifications had been received from the NYCC.
- 9. Y.D.N.P.A.:**
 - a. The Council offered no members to the request from the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum.
 - b. The Council noted the National Park's update of the YDNPA Housing Development Plan 2011-2025.

- c. The Council noted the letter expressing concerns about the YDNPA Housing Development Plan 2011-2025 and offered no comments.
- d. The Council noted the Planning Application for East Broccabank (R/05/37A) had gone to Appeal, no further comments were required from the Council.
- e. The Council reviewed the Planning Application (R/05/220) for Gunnerside Methodist Church raising no objections but querying whether the building was listed. The Clerk was instructed to enquire.

10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE / AOB:

- a. The Council noted the correspondence from Natural England giving an update on the Lakes/Dales Designation Project.
- b. The Council noted the latest Rural Action Yorkshire 'Country Air' publication.
- c. The Council agreed to a joint order of Jubilee commemorative mugs for Parish children under the age of 16 with Reeth Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to reply.
- d. The Council noted the Clerks & Councils Direct publication.
- e. The Council noted the update from the Upper Dales Health Watch on the NYCC Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- f. The Council noted the Minutes of the Upper Dales Health Watch latest meeting.
- g. The Council noted the document sent from the Upper Dales Health Watch on the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Patient Transport Charter.
- h. The Council agreed a donation of £100 to the request from South Cleveland Heart Fund as it could potentially benefit parishioners.
- i. The Council noted correspondence from the Environment Agency asking if the Parish needed more specific flood warning communication. Councillors felt this was not relevant to this Parish.
- j. The Council noted the LEADER programme update newsletter.
- k. The Council noted the offer from Richmond Eco Week for free trees for planting in parish projects and took no further action.
- l. The Council noted advice on the TV digital switchover and agreed to distribute this information to parishioners.
- m. The Council decided against a donation request from North Country Theatre.
- n. A report of a damaged commemorative bench in the parish had been received by the Council. A replacement is to be looked into by the Council.
- o. Cllr Crapper raised the issue of the Orange mobile telephone mast at Dykes Head developing a fault and the system going down for a number of days before Orange were made aware of this fault. The Council requested the Clerk write to Orange to obtain details of any emergency telephone number that can be used to inform Orange in such a situation in the future.
- p. The Council declined a donation request from the Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau.
- q. The Council considered the contents of an anonymous letter received from a parishioner detailing various issues of concern in the parish. The Chair proposed a signed formal letter be requested from the parishioner so that the issues may be formally dealt with in accordance with Parish Council correct procedure at the next Parish meeting.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Low Row Institute on Thursday, 26th January, 2011 at 7.30pm.