

**MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2012.**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, at Gunnerside Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Councillors D. Alderson, Calvert, Crapper and Blackburn, were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Clerk was Mrs. Sharp.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** RDC Councillor Gardner.
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**  
Cllr Alderson declared an interest at Item 10f.
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, had been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:**  
None.
- 5. FINANCE:**
  - a. The Council appointed their internal auditor Mr K Pellat.
  - b. The Council agreed the draft Financial Risk Assessment be finalised and brought to the next meeting for approval.
  - c. The Clerk's salary and expenses were approved an order to pay was signed for the value of £719.06.
  - d. The Council signed the on-line banking registration form to allow the Financial Officer/Clerk to administer the Council finances.
  - e. The Council agreed to rejoin the Small Parishes Insurance Scheme for the premium for 2012/13 of £156.88.
- 6. HIGHWAYS:**
  - a. Cllr Alderson raised the issue of the drains reported to Highways for cleaning had not yet been cleaned and that Gunnerside beckside wall had not yet been repaired. The Clerk was instructed to write a reminder.
- 7. RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**
  - a. Council noted the RDC's advice that public conveniences in the Dales threatened with winter closure would now remain open. Public conveniences would be cleaned twice daily in summer and three times weekly (Mon/Wed/Fri) in winter.
- 8. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**
  - a. No items received.
- 9. Y.D.N.P.A.:**
  - a. Council noted advice on the proposed changes to National Park Governance from DEFRA and declined to fill in the questionnaire.
  - b. Council noted the proposed changes to the Housing Development Plan and deletion of 5 housing sites.
  - c. Council noted planning consent was refused for Gorton Lodge, Low Row.
  - d. Council noted planning consent granted for Birk Park, Heulaugh
  - e. Council noted planning consent granted for Hill Top Farmhouse, Low Row
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE/A.O.B.:**
  - a. Cllr Calvert is to quote to the Council for repair of a bench at Lodge Green, Gunnerside and provision of two new benches in Gunnerside.

- b. Council were informed that of the estate's requirement for the Council to obtain a lease for the strip of land between Gunnerside Village Hall and the B6270 be marked up for car parking. The Clerk was instructed to write to the estate solicitors for initial cost enquiries.
- c. Council noted a request from the Environment Agency to attend at a Parish meeting to discuss flash flooding. The Council declined this request.
- d. Council noted the new Library Opening Hours
- e. Council were notified of plans for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Gunnerside.
- f. Council noted correspondence updating on the Lakes and Dales Landscape Designation Project and raised no comment or objection.
- g. Council noted advice that Andrew Landsley's visit to the Dales had been postponed again.
- h. Council noted various responses to their correspondence sent to all parties concerned in the threatened closure of some services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.
- i. Council noted the Digital Switchover Newsletter update giving dates for drop-in advice sessions throughout the Dales. The Clerk was instructed to enter such dates on the webpage and send dates to Reeth Gazette.
- j. Council agreed to come out of the joint order for mugs with Reeth Parish Council and to order their own for the Parish children. Cllr Alderson left the meeting declaring an interest on the discussion of the purchase of Jubilee mugs. Cllr D Alderson (Vice Chair) took the Chair and proposed the purchase of mugs for all Melbecks Parish children up to the age of 16. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a definitive number of children in the Parish and enquire about minimum orders from the company supplying the mugs.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Low Row Institute on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 at 7.30pm.