

MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 22nd 2012 at
GUNNERSIDE VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council meeting was held on November 22nd 2012. Councillors Calvert, Blackburn, RDC Councillor Gardner were present with Councillor R. Alderson presiding. Miss N. Adams was Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Councillors Crapper and D. Alderson.
 2. Declaration of Interests. Cllr Calvert declared an interest in item 5f, Order to Pay-P.S.Calvert Ltd.
 3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 6th were approved as a correct record, and were signed by Cllr. R. Alderson. The original date for this meeting had been 15th November , however this had to be changed due to the unavailability of the hall in Gunnerside.
 4. Matters Arising. Cllr Calvert advised that the bench at Isles Hill Top was now done and in place.
 - 5a. Precept. A remittance was received and agreed to be correct by the Council.
 - b. Precept arrangements. Cllr R. Alderson proposed the precept amount of £1000. This was seconded by Cllr Calvert and agreed by the Council as a whole.
 - c. The Annual return was agreed to be correct.
 - d. Order to Pay. The audit fee of £60 was agreed.
 - e. Order to Pay. The contribution of £40 to Gunnerside Jubilee Celebrations was agreed.
 - f. Order to pay. Cllr Calvert left the room whilst the Council discussed the bill of £350 for the bench at Isles Hill Top, which was agreed.
6. Highways.
- a. Highways reply. A reply was received from Mike Woodford regarding the tree cutting proposals. It advised that most of the overhanging trees and branches were the responsibility of the landowner, and that a general clearance would not be possible due to current limited budgets.
 - b. Gunnerside Great Bridge. Cllr Gardner updated the Council regarding the proposed repairs which were due to commence in October. The work had to be re-tendered due to a delay which was caused by the fact that the bridge is a Grade 2 listed building, and English Heritage required lime mortar to be used.
It has now been agreed to use a low cement mix . However now the work will commence around January 21st 2013 with an approximate duration of 8 weeks.
 - c. Landslip on B6270 outside Gunnerside. This landslip which occurred following flooding in September has not been cleared, although traffic lights are in place. The clerk was instructed to write to the landowners as repairs to the wall appear to be the responsibility of the landowner, rather than NYCC Highways .

7. Richmondshire District council

- a. Police and Crime Commission Election. This took place on November 15th 2012.
- b. Anti-fraud initiative. A letter was received with details of the Audit commission's Anti-Fraud initiative.
- c. Children's Play Improvement fund 2012/13. This advised of a grant available for existing children's play areas, which is not applicable at the current time.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

- a. Richmondshire Area Committee meeting. This was held on November 8th 2012, however there were no items on the agenda regarding Melbecks specifically.
- b. Children and Young People's Service. A notice was displayed advising of local services.

9. Y.D.N.P.A.

- a. Council noted Planning permission has been refused for East Broccabank, Low Row. This has now lost its second appeal.
- b. Council noted Planning permission granted for 3 day Trial.
- c. Council noted Planning permission granted for Gunnerside Great Bridge.
- d. Council noted correspondence notifying intent to prune trees at the following locations, agreed by YDNPA. Council raised no objections or comments:
 - Brocca Cottage, Low Row
 - Little Strands, Strands
 - Gorton Lodge, Low Row
 - Jubilee House, Gunnerside
- e. Yorkshire Dales Access Forum Membership. No councillors currently able to attend.
- f. Planning Forum. No councillors currently able to attend
- g. Draft Management Plan 2012-18 for consultation. Cllr Blackburn will read and circulate amongst the Councillors.

10. Other Correspondence/A.O.B.

- a. Letter from resident regarding ditches on road. A letter was received advising of concerns regarding water run-off on Dyke Heads Road, and querying responsibility of clearing culverts and ditches. NYCC Highways have now met with Gunnerside Estate to clarify responsibility. Gunnerside Estate will be doing some work on the north side of the road, and Highways have a Work Order to clear out the culverts under the road and cattle grid. As yet no exact timescale for the work is known.
- b. Gunnerside Parking. It was agreed to proceed with the line marking with a width of 2.5m for the 16 parking spaces, as proposed by Highways. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council was agreed on this and to go ahead with the work, although it is likely that this will not take place until the Spring of 2013.
- c. Request for financial assistance. A request was received from Great North Air Ambulance Service. It was agreed to donate £50 and the Clerk was instructed to arrange this.
- d. Letter of thanks. A letter of thanks was received from the Treasurer of Gunnerside Jubilee Celebrations thanking the Parish Council for their donation to the Rose arch and bench.
- e. Polaris Challenge. A letter was received advising of a cycle race that took place on

September 22nd/23rd.

f. Rural Action Yorkshire. A Fuel Poverty Awareness Event was held at Hawes on November 21st. No councillors were able to attend.

g. Society of Local Council Clerks. An invitation to join the Society of Local Council Clerks was received. It was agreed not to join at this time.

h. The Community Energy Online Bulletin. This advised of updates on latest policy development within the Dept of Energy and Climate Change on community energy policy and the Green Deal.

i. Alternative Travel Voucher Scheme. This provided information that Age UK North Yorkshire has received a grant from Richmondshire District Council to help vulnerable people living in the Richmondshire area with their Alternative Travel voucher Scheme. Posters have been displayed.

j. Letter from John Blackie. An update was received from John Blackie regarding the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton and the proposals to remove the consultant-led support. Richmondshire District Council authorised a fact finding visit to 3 small District General Hospitals in the West Country facing similar challenges. A report was attached. Cllr Blackie also advised there would be a meeting of the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee on November 22nd, to discuss referring the proposals to the Secretary of State in order to gain a full scale review by a National Panel of NHS Business Managers and leading clinicians.

k. Cllr Gardner also advised that Downholme, Woburn and Stainton have now been incorporated into Husbwell Parish Council.

11. Date and Time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 31st at 7.30pm at Low Row Institute.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.