

MELBECKS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21ST 2013
AT LOW ROW INSTITUTE.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Councillor Calvert and RDC Cllr Gardner.
2. Declaration of interests. Cllr Blackburn declared an interest in items 9(b) and (c).
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 31st were approved as a correct record, and were signed by Cllr. R. Alderson.
4. Matters arising. There were no matters arising.
5. Finance.
 - a) Clerk's salary and expenses. The Clerk's salary of £524.97 was agreed as well as expenses of £13.00. The increasing of the Clerk's salary to £800 per year was discussed, and agreed by the Council.
6. Highways
 - a) Highway reply. The Clerk stated that a reply had been received from Mike Woodford, advising that he would be soon be retiring, and that he would arrange for the Highways Inspector to order repairs to the Blades and Low Row Institute roads, and that he would pursue the repairs to the wall opposite the water treatment works. He also stated that he would ask one of the engineers to contact Cllr R. Alderson and arrange a meeting. The Clerk was instructed to find out who would be Mr Woodford's replacement.
7. Richmondshire District Council
 - a) Communities Opportunity Fund
There is new grant available to provide a contribution towards community projects, such as maintenance projects on village halls. The Council instructed the Clerk to contact the Secretary for Low Row Institute to see whether they would be interested in applying.
 - b) County Council Elections - Council was advised that there would be a County Council election on Thursday May 2nd 2013
8. North Yorkshire County Council
9. Y.D.N.P.A.
 - a) Planning Permission application received : Sunnyside, Low Row. Council raised no objections or comments
 - b) Planning Permission REFUSED: Nell Tom, Blades. Council raised no objections or comments.
 - c) Planning permission GRANTED : Gorton Lodge, Low Row. Council raised no objections or comments.
10. Other correspondence/ A.O.B.
 - a) Police and Crime Plan Consultation. The Clerk was instructed to complete and return the questionnaire.
 - b) The Rotary Club of Richmond - Best Kept Village Competition 2013. There will no entries this year.

- c) Richmond Motor Club Three Day Trial. A reply slip giving permission for the Trial, was signed and the Clerk will arrange for this to be returned.
- d) North Yorkshire Timber Freight Quality Partnership. The Council was informed about Timber routes in the area.
- e) RCVS Newsletter. Council noted receipt of the newsletter.
- f) Richmondshire Local Sports Association. Council declined to be affiliated to this association at the present time.
- g) Cllr Crapper raised the point of the notice board in Low Row, which appears to need some work, both to stabilise and make pinning notices easier. Cllr R. Alderson agreed to look into this.

11. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday June 6th at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall.