

MELBECKS ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6th 2013
at GUNNERSIDE VILLAGE HALL

Present were Cllr R. Alderson, Cllr Calvert, Cllr Blackburn and Cllr Crapper. The Clerk was Nikki Adams.

1. Apologies. No apologies were received.

2. Election of officers. Cllr Calvert proposed Cllr R. Alderson to be Chair, which was seconded by Cllr Blackburn. Cllr Blackburn proposed Cllr D. Alderson to be Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Cllr Calvert. All were in favour.

3. Declaration of interests. Cllr Blackburn declared an interest in item 9c.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st March 2013 were agreed to be a correct record.

5. Matters Arising. Cllr Calvert advised that he had looked at the notice board in Low Row and would provide an estimate for repairs that are needed. Cllr Crapper enquired about the line painting that is due to take place in Gunnerside. The Clerk was requested to contact Highways to find out when this may be taking place.

6. Finance

a) Order to Pay - Low Row Institute. An order to pay for the hall bookings was signed.

b) Order to Pay - Gunnerside Village Hall. An order to pay for the hall bookings was signed.

c) Audit/Annual return. The annual return was signed by the Clerk and Cllr R. Alderson. and the Clerk will return the signed audit. The Council agreed to appoint Mr Kevin Pellat as internal auditor again this year.

d) Parish precept. The Council was advised that the April precept of £500 has been received.

7. RDC.

a) The Council noted receipt of the RDC Parish update. The Clerk was requested to find out whether the register of interests of Parish Cllrs needs updating.

b) Communities Opportunities fund. It was agreed that the Council would support the Low Row Institute in applying for funding for the heating system. The Clerk was asked to contact the Secretary of the Institute.

c) Richmondshire Area partnership funding scheme. The Council noted receipt of application form to applying for funding.

d) Improved recycling. The Council noted new recycling facilities for card. The Clerk will display the notice.

e) Parish Insurance Scheme. The Council was advised that the insurance had been renewed through the Richmondshire Parish Insurance Scheme.

8. NYCC.

a) Richmondshire Area Committee Meeting. The Council noted that this took place on May 29th.

b) Highways Capital Programme 2013/14 and 2014/15. The Council was advised of details of highways spending in the Melbecks area.

9. YDNPA.

a) listed buildings condition survey. The Council was advised that the YDNPA would be carrying out a survey of listed buildings in the area during 2013/14.

b) Tour de France. The Council was advised that Kathryn Beardmore from the National Park could be approached for any queries regarding the Tour de France.

c) Planning Application- Nell Tom. The Council was advised that a planning application had been received for Nell Tom, Blades. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Electronic consultation. The Council agreed that it would like to receive planning applications by email, although the Clerk would also print out a paper copy for those not currently contactable by email. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

10. Other correspondence/AOB

a) Staffing at Bainbridge Ambulance station. The Council was advised of the concerns raised by County Cllr John Blackie regarding staffing at the ambulance station in Bainbridge.

b) Rural Action Yorkshire Newsletter. The Council was advised of the receipt of the newsletter.

c) Rural Action Yorkshire - Winter Weather agents toolkit. The Council discussed the issues regarding severe weather.

d) North Yorkshire and York Forum. The Council was advised that a representative from the North Yorkshire and York Forum would like to give a presentation concerning issues of sleeping rough, however it agreed that this was not an issue at the current time and declined the offer.

Cllr Crapper raised the issue of a memorial bench in Gunnerside which is in a bad state of repair, and the Clerk was requested to draft a letter to send to the owner, asking whether they were intending to repair or replace it, or even remove altogether, as there are concerns for the safety of people using the seat.

Cllr Calvert enquired regarding the landslip outside Gunnerside. Cllr R Alderson advised that he would be seeing Bill Emms in the next week and hoped to clarify the situation then.

The Clerk notified the Council that it would need to enrol any employees (the Clerk) into a pension scheme and make a contribution towards it, following a new law coming into force. This will not take effect for the Council until 2015.

Cllr R Alderson advised that Highways have patched the road outside the Institute and at Brocca.

11. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday August 15th at 7.30pm at Low Row Institute.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm