

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2013 AT GUNNERSIDE VILLAGE HALL**

Present were Cllrs Calvert, Crapper, Blackburn with Cllr. R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. Also present was one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Alderson and Cllr. M. Gardner.
2. Declaration of interests. Cllr Blackburn declared an interest in item 9(a) Planning application, Nell Tom, Blades.
3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct record, after a spelling error was corrected.
4. Matters Arising. Cllr Crapper raised the point that the line painting in Gunnerside has still not been done. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways again. Cllr Calvert advised that he had not yet had time to remove the bench but would be doing so in the near future.
5. Finance. The Council was advised that the Audit had been received back and all was in order. There was no charge this year.

6. Highways. The Council was advised that a reply had been received from Highways regarding the overgrown tree at the junction of the B6270 and A6108, and was told that the Highway Inspector would be checking the ownership of the vegetation and arranging for any necessary works to be carried out.

Cllr Calvert requested that some issues were raised with Highways: firstly, at Peat Gate, on the left hand side when going up the hill, there is a lot of overgrown vegetation obscuring visibility around the corner. Secondly, there is a problem with a street light in Gunnerside, opposite the memorial bench. Thirdly, there is still a large gap in the becksides wall outside Gunnerside. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways regarding these issues.

7. Richmondshire District Council

a) Parish precept update meeting. The Council was advised of a meeting on Wednesday October 30th, at Swale House, Richmond.

b) Receipt of Parish Precept. The Council was advised of the receipt of the precept.

c) Register of Electors/Review of Polling Stations & Parishes. The Council noted receipt of information regarding the Register of Electors, and that there would be a European Parliamentary Election on 22nd May 2014. A Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places will be taking place and a survey was completed to be returned by the Clerk.

In addition a Parish Review of the Parish Arrangements for the District of Richmondshire will be taking place.

8. NYCC

a) Parish & Town Council communication with Area Highway Office. The Council was advised of how to contact the Area Manager of Richmond Highway Office following new arrangements.

9. YDNPA

a) The Council noted receipt of amended Planning application for Nell Tom, Blades. No comments or objections were raised.

b) The Council noted receipt of Planning application for Brockma Gill, East. No comments or objections were raised.

c) Yorkshire Dales National Plan. The Council noted receipt of the consultation summary 10. AOB/Other Correspondence

a) Memorial Bench, Gunnerside. The Council was advised that Mr Wickes had contacted the Clerk, with an offer to donate £250.00 towards the cost of a replacement bench. The Council agreed that it would like to accept this generous offer, and Cllr Crapper would have a look at some benches.

- b) Email from John Blackie. The Council noted receipt of an email from Cllr Blackie regarding The Friarage Hospital and a meeting in Hawes on Thursday October 17th and regarding barn conversions in the Upper Dales
 - c) Rural Action Yorkshire Networking event. The Council noted a RAY networking event on October 12th.
 - d) Letter from resident concerning damaged fencing at the North West corner of the Methodist Cemetery, Low Row. The Council noted receipt of a letter from a resident regarding damaged fencing. The Council advised that the resident would need to contact Low Row Pasture Committee and the Clerk was instructed to pass the letter on to the Secretary.
 - e) Great North Air Ambulance - request for financial assistance. The Council agreed to donate £50.
 - f) Healthwatch North Yorkshire. The Council noted receipt of letter from Healthwatch North Yorkshire, the new consumer champion for health and social care services.
 - g) Request for financial assistance - defibrillator. Cllr Crapper advised that a defibrillator is being purchased for the village of Gunnerside, which is being funded partially by the Communities Opportunities Fund. It was thought that additional funding might be requested from the Parish Council, however it does not seem to be necessary at the moment.
 - h) Enquiry regarding facilities for the Tour de France. A letter from a resident was received concerning parking and toilet facilities for the Tour de France and these issues were discussed by the Council.
11. Date & time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 4th
The meeting closed at 8.30pm