

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday December 4th 2013 at Low Row Institute

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday December 4th 2013. Present were Councillors Calvert, Crapper, D. Alderson with Councillor. 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. E. Blackburn and Cllr. M. Gardner.

2. Declaration of Interests. Cllr. R. Alderson declared an interest in item 10(f)

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, held on October 3rd were signed as a correct record, after a spelling error was corrected.

4. Matters Arising. Bench in Gunnerside. The Council was advised that Cllr. Crapper had looked at benches however not many were available due to the time of year and would look again after Christmas. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Wicks again in the New Year to confirm that he still wants to go ahead with the donation towards the bench.

Damaged fencing in Low Row. The Council was advised that the Clerk had contacted Mr Bill Emms regarding the damaged fencing in Low Row.

5. Finance

6. Highways

a) Highways reply. The Council noted receipt of the following reply from Highways regarding the issues that were causing concern:

The Highways Inspector had assessed the overgrown vegetation at Peat Gate and had raised a works order for it to be cut back.

The details of the faulty street light at Gunnerside has been passed to Street lighting department.

A works order has been raised for the becksides wall on the B6270 between Gunnerside and Gunnerside Great Bridge, however a definite date for this work could not be confirmed.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Highways of the following issues: There has been no grit left for Brocca, or for outside the Institute in Low Row, or at the bottom of Peat Gate.

A gap has appeared in the retaining wall below Brown Hill Top recently and the road is started giving way. Wagons were parked here during the recent road works and there are concerns this has made the situation worse.

The recent roadworks were also discussed and it was also felt that there should have been more notice given to residents regarding the recent road closures and the communication received by the Clerk did not allow much time to notify residents of road closures.

b) Line painting. The Council noted receipt of a reply regarding the line painting, advising that the work should be completed in the near future. However at this point, it still has not been done.

c) Press release: Repairs to A6108/B6270. The Council noted receipt of a press release from Highways stating that the work to take place at Stainton Lane, Swale Farm and Cogden Hall would now start on Monday March 3rd 2014, with the road closed to through traffic for 10-12 weeks. Where lower level routes are available as a diversionary route repair work will be carried out as soon as possible.

7. Richmondshire District Council

a) Melbecks Parish Precept Information. The Council agreed a precept amount for next year of £1000, proposed by Cllr. R. Alderson and seconded by Cllr. D. Alderson with all in favour. The Clerk was requested to return completed form to Richmondshire District Council.

b) Richmondshire Local Plan Core Strategy - Examination.

The Council noted receipt of this however it is not applicable to the Melbecks Parish area.

c) Parish Update. Council noted receipt of the October Update. It was discussed that garden waste recycling would from February 2014 cost each household £17 per bin per year. However households could opt out of using this service altogether, and have their bins taken away, and the Council would be contacting every household in December.

The Parish review was also discussed where residents were asked to have their say on a review of the number of parishes and parish councillors in the district.

8. NYCC

a) Household Waste Recycling Centres. The Council noted receipt of information about the consultation on the County Council's household waste recycling centres network.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning application: Troutbeck House, Gunnerside. Council was advised that planning permission had been granted.

b) Planning application: East Brockma Gill. Council was advised that planning permission had been withdrawn.

c) Planning permission: Nell Tom, Blades. Council was advised that planning permission had been granted conditionally.

d) Tour de France update. Council noted receipt of this update which advised that the route was now confirmed, and details of road closures would be available in early 2014.

10. AOB/Other correspondence

a) North Yorkshire Police : Crime and Disorder in the Dales. Council noted receipt the update.

b) Tour de France query. Cllr. Crapper enquired whether the Council would support an application for grants from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Richmondshire District Council to fund the provision of portable toilets in Gunnerside for the Tour de France. Council were all in favour of this request.

c) Oil Cooperative project. Council noted receipt of information from the oil buying cooperative coordinator for Richmondshire. The Clerk was requested to pass this information to Jill Armstrong, who already organises an oil cooperative in Gunnerside.

d) Turning Yorkshire yellow. Council noted receipt of this gardening initiative from Welcome to Yorkshire

e) Great North Air Ambulance - Council noted receipt of a letter of thanks for the recent donation.

f) Village Hall Consultations - Rural Action Yorkshire. Council noted receipt of information about a consultation on the possible deregulations of licensing regulations aimed at community groups and buildings. In addition information was received about a European Commission review of VAT legislation, including how Parish Councils are exempted from VAT on certain projects.

g) Leyburn & Dales Policing Team - Quarterly newsletter. The Council noted receipt of this newsletter regarding crime in the Dales

h) War Memorials Trust. Council noted receipt of information regarding grants available for the upkeep of war memorials, however Council agreed that this was not required at the present time.

11. Date & Time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday January 30th at 7.30pm