

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday July 23rd 2020 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday July 23rd 2020 at Gunnerside Village Hall. Present were Councillors Silver, McCartney, Crapper and Lewis with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received, all were present.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Crapper declared an interest in item 13(d), Planning application: Kings Head, Gunnerside.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th February 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th February 2020 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18th March 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18th March 2020 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

6. There were no matters arising.

7. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14th May 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14th May 2020 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

8. There were no matters arising.

9. Finance

a) Financial statement 2019-20

The financial statement 2019-20 was approved unanimously and signed by the chair.

b) Annual Audit

(i) Certificate of exemption.

The certificate of exemption was approved unanimously by councillors.

(ii) Annual governance statement

The annual governance statement was agreed unanimously by councillors.

(iii) Accounting statement

The accounting statement was agreed unanimously by councillors.

c) Financial Risk Assessment

The financial risk assessment was approved unanimously.

10. Highways

a) The clerk advised that Highways have added the drain at Peat Gate and the trees to be trimmed back to their programme of works, however this has not yet taken place and the clerk was asked to contact Highways again.

b) The clerk was asked to report that vegetation on the verges of the B6270 from Robin Gate, Low Row towards Low Whita has become overgrown and this is affecting visibility.

When vehicles pass, cars have to pull in to the side of the road which is causing damage to vehicles. Cllr Peacock offered to assist with this and will help if possible.

c) The clerk was asked to report potholes at Brocca Bank, on the road to Blades, Low Row. Cllr Peacock will contact Highways in relation to this issue.

d) It was noted that the patching and re-surfacing has taken place with work on the road outside Low Row Institute and in Gunnerside on the road to Modesty. A councillor questioned how decisions are made as to which roads take priority for re-surfacing as they felt that there are other roads which are more in need of work. Cllr Peacock advised that inspections of road are made by Highways and it was noted that there are different funds available for different categories of roads. There are also issues around how roads have been categorized historically. It was suggested that it would be beneficial if Parish Councils could be consulted prior to work taking place. Cllr Peacock will look into this issue on behalf of the council.

7. Richmondshire District Council

No items.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

The Parish Council was notified that a re-organisation of councils in North Yorkshire is planned to potentially create a unitary authority for the whole of the county later this year. The District Councils have employed a consultant to put forward proposals looking at the possible creation of two unitary authorities of approximately 400,000 residents. This is due to be submitted by September 2020.

9. YDNPA

a) National Park Management Plan: County Cllr Peacock advised that one of the targets of the NPMP is the provision of new housing to meet local need, however this is once more below target and it was noted that this target has never been reached. It was noted at the recent YDNPA AGM that delivering the Management Plan will be the main priority and Cllr Peacock advised that she intends to take this forward and keep on top of the housing issue.

b). Planning application: 1, Lilac Cottages, Feetham, householder planning permission for erection of two storey side extension to west and single storey extension to rear, and excavation of part of garden to form level patio: Approved conditionally. Councillors commented that the approval of this conversion from a two to three bedroom holiday property does not appear to match the priorities of the NPMP, to meet local need.

c) Planning application: EE Ltd Consultation - Proposed Base Station Site Upgrade, Land at Stone Barn, Roof Farm, Gunnerside, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 6JG, councillors made no comments or objections. Cllr Peacock advised that Swaledale is part of a North Yorkshire County Council 4G pilot scheme which will involve looking at the areas where there is no coverage. It is expected that Parish Councils will be involved at some point going forward.

d) Planning application: Kings Head, Gunnerside- to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

10. AOB/other correspondence

a) Councillors unanimously agreed to join Yorkshire Local Councils Association at a cost of £129 for the rest of the financial year. The clerk will arrange this.

b) Dog fouling in Low Row. Councillors noted that there has been an issue of dog fouling in Low Row. Once it has been confirmed who is responsible for this, Richmondshire District Council should be contacted in writing, who will then send a letter to the person responsible.

11. Dates of meetings for the following year

The following dates for meetings were agreed:

- October 1st 2020
- December 3rd 2020
- February 4th 2021
- March 25th 2021
- May 13th 2021
- July 22nd 2021

Cllr Crapper left the meeting.

9 d) Planning application: Kings Head, Gunnerside. - listed building consent for replacement of 6 windows, to the rear and side elevations of the property, the council raised no objections or comments.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.