

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday October 13th 2022 at Gunnerside Village Hall

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 13th October 2022 at Gunnerside Village Hall. Present were Councillors Fiona Bowe, Stephen Calvert, Darren Strafford and Raymond Alderson as Chair. County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

All were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Andrew Silver.
2. Declaration of Interests: Councillor Calvert declared an interest in item 11(a). Councillors Alderson and Calvert declared an interest in item 11(b).
3. Election of Vice-Chair

Following resignation of Councillor Lloyd, who was Vice-Chair, nominations for the post of Vice-Chair were invited. AS was proposed as Vice-Chair by Councillor Alderson, this was seconded by Councillor Bowe and unanimously agreed.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st July 2022: Subject to an amendment to correct the date of the next meeting from October 6th to October 13th 2022, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 21st July 2022 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

5. Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 22nd September 2022: The minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 22nd September 2022 were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising.

It was noted that a bank mandate needs to be completed as new signatories are needed on the bank account. The clerk to arrange.

Maps of the Melbecks Parish area were distributed to the councillors.

Good Councillor guides have been requested to be returned by former Parish Councillors.

The clerk to distribute these once they have been received.

7. Finance:

a) SAAA (Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments) The council noted receipt of this letter regarding the option to opt-out of the central procurement and appointment scheme and appoint its own external auditor for the next 5-year period. It was unanimously agreed to remain in the SAAA arrangements for the next year.

8. Highways

a) Highways Reply:

- i) The cattle grid at Strands has been repaired, thanks to Councillor Bowe for reporting this.
- ii) The road past the Low Row Institute has a turning point at the end, however cars are parking in this area. There is also no grit outside the Low Row Institute. Councillor Peacock to report these two issues.

9. RDC

There were no items.

10. NYCC

There were no items.

11. YDNPA

a) Planning application: Barn west of High Row, Gunnerside, DL11 6LA: Full planning permission for conversion of barn to create a one- bedroom holiday let with off-road parking space - R/05/248. Councillors were provided with the considerations and recommendation from the Highways Officer. The council raised no further comments or objections.

b) Planning application: R/05/251: Shared Rural Network Project. Land near Pot Ash Gutter, Melbecks Moor. The council noted receipt of this amendment to the original application which increased the height of the proposed tower from 20 to 30 metres. The Council raised no further comments or objections.

c) Trees in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Barns and Walls Conservation Project:

Notification to crown lift a lime tree, Trellis Cottage, Low Row: The Council noted receipt of this, and no comments or objections were raised.

12. Any other business

a) Yorkshire Local Councils Association Richmondshire Branch meeting- Thursday October 27th 2022, Richmond Town Hall. Councillors noted this date. b)

Melbecks Emergency Plan trial report – a report was also circulated via email. This trial took place on 6th October 2022 and it was attended by Councillors Bowe and Silver. This will also be taking place at Gunnerside Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2022. A generator is being organised for Gunnerside Village Hall which will be able to power the heating and cooking facilities, and there is already a generator at Low Row. Maps of the parish have been requested so that bordering parish councils can liaise with each other, and it was noted that Grinton, Reeth and Arkengarthdale Parish Councils are also looking into setting up emergency plans. c) Dales

Police reports for July, August and September 2022 were circulated and the council noted receipt of the Dales Police Reports d)

Citizens Advice Bureau report, The Council noted the report from the Citizens Advice Bureau and the request for financial assistance. Councillors agreed unanimously to donate £50.00 to the Citizens Advice Bureau and a cheque was signed. The clerk to send. e) Low

Row. Rabbit holes. A resident has raised a concern about rabbit holes in Low Row, opposite Toledo, which is bringing earth down on to the road. It was noted that this is not Parish Council land, but it belongs to Reeth Estates. Councillor Bowe will contact the resident and advise them to contact Olivia Fox at GSC Grays. f) Chris and

Amanda Carter of Low Row have asked if they can repair the bench below the Low Row Institute. The council unanimously agreed that they would be happy for this work to be done. Councillor Bowe will let them know.

f) Overhanging trees and bushes on B6270 between Strands and Gunnerside: This has been raised as a concern by a resident. Councillor Peacock advised that she has spoken to Steve Barker, Highways Officer, NYCC regarding hedge cutting and Highways are putting a list of sites together and they will be completing some hedge-cutting work.

g) A new hand gate is needed at Peat Gate, however it was noted that Highways are aware of this and this is being added to the programme of works.

h) Great North Air Ambulance: A request for financial assistance was received, and the Council agreed unanimously to donate £50. A cheque was signed, and the clerk will arrange for this to be sent.

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Low Row Insitute on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.