

## **Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Low Row Institute**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday July 6th 2017 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Calvert, McCartney, Silver and Crapper, with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. RDC Councillor Blows was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

### **1. Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies, all were present.

### **2. Declaration of Interests.**

None declared.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed to be a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

### **4. Matters Arising.**

a) Trees in Gunnerside Ghyll. Cllr McCartney has been in touch with Dave Allen, who has requested that trees are labelled by YDNPA, to confirm which ones can be cut back. Cllr McCartney will continue to make further enquiries and get some quotations for the work.

b) Dog waste bin

RDC Cllr Blows has been in touch with Sally Dixon at RDC, and he has been advised that they are able to install the dog waste bin, and will be doing this in the near future. It was noted that this does need doing as soon as possible, as the current dog-waste bin does fill up quickly, particularly at this time of year.

c) Notice boards

Cllr Silver has put up the notice board in Low Row, thanks for this. Cllrs Calvert and Crapper will arrange for the one in Gunnerside to be installed.

### **5. Finance**

No items.

### **6. Highways**

The clerk was asked to report the following issues to Highways:

a) Grass cutting within Low Row on Melbecks Common has been taking place recently, however only a small area was done. All areas within the 30mph area should have been done.

b) Overgrowing vegetation on the road to Peat Gate This is causing problems with visibility and some vehicles have broken their wing mirrors on this section of road. This needs urgent attention before any more damage is caused.

c) Wall at Gunnerside. Close to the area where the new wall was built recently, there is another section which looks in danger of collapse.

d) Drain at Peat Gate, this has still not been cleared.

### **7. Richmondshire District Council**

a) Upper Dales Partnership Funding Scheme

The Council noted that the Upper Dales Partnership funding scheme is open for applications again, and the closing date for these is September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, with funding per project increasing to £1000. It was proposed that the council apply for funding to tidy up the trees in Gunnerside Ghyll, and the clerk will make an application to this funding scheme.

b) Electoral review of Richmondshire -warding arrangements

The Council has received consultation documents regarding the proposed reduction in the number of councillors from 34 to 24, from 2019. The current ward size is approximately 1000 electors, this is expected to increase to 1500 following the changes. Cllr Blackie is to circulate a proposal that Gunnerside and Muker join

Hawes and Abbotside, but that would mean splitting the parish, as Low Row would remain within Swaledale Ward. RDC has previously advised that parishes will not be split. The consultation closes on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. NYCC**

No items.

#### **9. YDNP**

a) Invitation to the National Park Management Forum

The council noted the YDNPA's 2018-2023 Management Plan forum.

b) Parish Forum – Autumn 2017

The council noted that the next Northern Parish forum would be taking place at The Buck Inn, Reeth on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Notes from the Spring forum: the council read the notes from the spring forum.

c) Planning application – Swale View, Low Row, first floor extension over existing garage. The Council raised no comments or objections.

d) Swale Trail – the Council noted receipt of a letter from YDNPA to advise that funding has been received to create a family friendly cycle route in Swaledale.

#### **10. AOB**

a) Scott Trial

The council received a letter and permission slip regarding the Scott Trial , this was signed and returned.

b) St. John's Community Centre – request for financial assistance.

A letter was received requesting financial assistance.

#### **11. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Low Row Institute on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.