

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday October 7th 2021 at 8pm at Low Row Institute**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday October 7th 2021 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Silver, McCartney and Crapper with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. All were welcomed to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Lewis and NYCC County Councillor Yvonne Peacock.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising**

- i) Cattle grid at Gunnerside. It was noted that no work has yet been done to the cattle grid at Gunnerside and the clerk will contact Highways again regarding this.
- ii) Pothole at Strands. The clerk has contacted Highways regarding this pothole, who have advised that it does not meet the criteria for repair. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways again as councillors feel that this does need some work as it has already caused damage to a resident's vehicle and it is not noticeable when full of water.
- iii) Trees below Robin Gate. Work has taken place to trim these back.
- iv) The clerk was asked to send the information about the Queen's Jubilee Beacon to the secretary of Gunnerside Village Hall and also to contact Susan Calvert at Low Row Institute to see what can be organised for this occasion.
- v) It was noted that a recycling bin has been installed in Gunnerside in recent weeks however it is being used by visitors to leave their recycling rather than them using the regular fortnightly collections for this, which is causing the bin to be full and additional items left outside the bin. The clerk/Councillor McCartney to contact RDC regarding this.

**5. Finance**

- i) Invoice from NYCC for Speed Survey and Order to pay: An order to pay and a cheque for the Speed Survey of £132.00 were signed. The results of the Speed survey were discussed, and although it was felt there were some vehicles travelling faster than they should be, councillors agreed that the cost of a Vehicle Activated sign is too high. It was therefore agreed not to go ahead with the Temporary Vehicle Activation sign at this time.

**6. Highways**

The clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the cattle grid at Gunnerside, and regarding the pothole at Strands.

**7. Richmondshire District Council**

**a) Purchase of additional litter bins**

The council noted receipt of a letter from Richmondshire District Council advising Parish Councils that they are now allowed to purchase additional litter bins from their own funds which will then be deployed, maintained and emptied by RDC. As a litter bin has been sited in Gunnerside in recent weeks, it was agreed that another bin was not needed at the moment.

A request has also been received from a resident of Low Row, requesting that a litter bin be sited in the village. This was discussed by councillors, however they unanimously agreed that a litter bin in Low Row was not required at the current time.

**8. NYCC**

**9. YDNPA**

- a) Planning application: Park Hall, Morley Gate, Healaugh: Listed building consent for works to farmhouse. There were no comments or objections raised.
- b) Planning application: Gallows Top, Low Row. Full planning permission for installation of a 15m lattice tower on concrete base with antennas, satellite dish, equipment cabin and standby emergency generator. There were no comments or objections raised.

**10. Any other business**

- a) Seat at Thistlebout Green: Councillors unanimously agreed to the replacement of the bench at Thistlebout Green which will be completed by the family who installed the original bench, the clerk to let them know.
- b) Seat at Low Row: Councillors unanimously agreed that work can go ahead to replace or repair the bench, however it was not able to contribute to the cost of this.
- c) Dales Police report: The council noted receipt of the Dales monthly crime bulletin from August to September 2021.
- d) Citizens Advice Bureau update: This had not been circulated, the clerk to send this round to councillors.
- e) Request for financial assistance – Great North Air Ambulance: The council unanimously agreed to send a cheque for £50 which was signed at the meeting. The clerk will send this to GNAA.
- f) Plant a tree for the Jubilee: The council noted receipt of this, but agreed not to take part in this.
- g) The Parish Council was reminded that the YDNPA Parish Forum is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.
- h) It was noted that a new internal auditor is needed and Richard Hunt's name was put forward. The clerk will contact Richard to see if he is willing to take this on.

**11. Date of next meetings:**

- **Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gunnarside)**
- **Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Low Row),**
- **Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Gunnarside),**
- **Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Low Row)**
- **Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 (Gunnarside)**

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm