

## **Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Low Row Institute**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Silver, Calvert, and Strafford with Cllr R. Alderson chairing. NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. All were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Bowe. NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock advised that she would be arriving late.

3. Declaration of Interests: There were none declared.

4. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Annual Melbecks Parish Council meeting, held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising.

a) Dog waste bin: The clerk contacted North Yorkshire Council who advised that the dog waste bin at Gunnerside had been removed by the council, because it was irreparably damaged, probably having been hit by a vehicle. The cost of a new bin could be purchased at a cost of £270. Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase a new bin clerk to arrange this.

7. Finance

a) Audit

(i) Annual Internal Audit Report: The council had been provided with the Annual Internal Audit Report which was not available at the previous meeting, and this was unanimously approved.

9. Highways

a) Highways Reply:

The pothole at Hill Top, near Surrender Bridge had been reported to Highways by the Clerk, to report again.

10. North Yorkshire Council

a) NYC subsidized local bus services: The council noted receipt of this.

11. YDNPA

a) Trees in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Conservation Area: Oak Tree Barn, Low Row. The council received notification to remove a sycamore, crown thin an oak, and reduce 2 yew trees, located at Oak Tree Barn, Low Row. YDNPA has no objection to the work taking place and has recommended that a replacement tree of native species is planted within the first planting season after felling. The Council raised no comments or objections.

b) Parish Council planning training session to be organised in October, exact date to be confirmed. *Post-meeting note: This will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 6.30-8.00pm on Zoom.*

12. Any other business

a) Melbecks Emergency Plan

The updated Melbecks Emergency Plan was circulated to all councillors.

*Councillor Peacock arrived at the meeting.*

b) Scott Trial

The permission slip for the Scott Trial was signed and will be returned by the clerk.

c) Great North Air Ambulance,

The council agreed a donation of £50 which the clerk will arrange.

d) Telephone Box at Gunnerside

The clerk was asked to write to BT to clarify the situation with this telephone box, and whether it is on the list for closure and if it can be repainted.

e) Bus shelter

NYC Councillor Peacock has contacted NYC who have advised they will not fund the provision of a bus shelter at Gunnerside, however Yvonne offered £2K of Locality Funding towards this and has made some enquiries regarding the process. Highways would have to agree the position, and a decision is needed by the end of January 2024 to apply for funding. The clerk to liaise with Yvonne regarding this.

f) Dog waste bin: NYC Councillor Peacock also agreed to contact Julie Toombes regarding the removal of the dog waste bin.

g) NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock has a surgery at Reeth on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 10-12am, and these will be held periodically at different locations.

h) Overgrown vegetation: The clerk was asked to request from Highways that overgrown trees and bushes are cut back again.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.