

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday
February 7th 2019 at Gunnerside Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday February 7th 2019 at Gunnerside Village Hall. Present were Councillors Calvert, Silver and Crapper, with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. Also present was RDC Councillor Blows. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr McCartney.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

4. Matters Arising.

a) Potholes at Low Row Institute have been filled.

b) Children Playing signs. RDC Cllr Blows advised that the 'Children Playing' signs at Hawkswick have now been taken down.

5. Finance

a) Council Tax Base

Councillors were advised of the council tax base amount.

6. Highways

The clerk was asked to report the following:

a) Pothole at Strands

b) Drain at West End Cottage, Gunnerside, which appears to still be blocked as water has been running down from here to the centre of the village

7. Richmondshire District Council

No items.

8. NYCC

No items.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning application – Whitelock House. The Council raised no objections or comments.

b) Planning application – High Bents, Gunnerside. The Council raised no objections or comments.

c) Planning application- Jingle Pot Cottage, Ivelet. The Council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning decision- West Riddings, Low Row, approved conditionally.

e) Planning decision – High Gill House, Low Row, approved conditionally.

f) Notes from the YDNPA Management Plan forum.

The notes from the YDNPA Management Plan forum were circulated to all parish councillors.

g) Tree works, Rowleth End, Low Row. The Council noted that the YDNPA has given consent for the following:

To fell one mature Beech infected with *Meripulus giganteus* located to the south of Rowleth End near the parking area.

To fell two Scots Pine and one Larch located directly adjacent to an outbuilding in the garden.

To fell one Ash which is growing from the foundations of a second outbuilding close to Rowleth End.

To prune back the tertiary stems of one Beech on one side by 2m to remove growth over the house.

h) Tree works, High Gill House, Low Row. The Council noted that the YDNPA has given consent for the following:

To fell 1 Ash and the remove 1 co-dominant stem from 1 Sycamore located on land behind High Gill House.

10. AOB

a) Request for road signage, Low Row.

A letter was read out from a resident of Low Row, requesting for 30mph signs to be placed throughout the village, due to several incidents having taken place during the last couple of years, and for the emergency barriers and road signs that have been left behind following previous road works to be removed. The clerk has already requested that the roadwork equipment that was left behind after the work was completed is removed, and the letter will be forwarded to highways with the support of the parish council.

b) Northern Dales Bus Service

A letter from 'Friends of the Dales' charity was read out, requesting financial assistance to support a new bus service through the national park. This was declined at this time.

c) Dales Police report

The council noted receipt of the Dales Police report.

d) Public Toilet area in Gunnerside

A letter was read out from a resident of Gunnerside regarding the state of the area near to the public toilets. Councillors Crapper and Calvert will speak to those concerned and request that the area is tidied up. The clerk will write to the resident to advise what is being done.

e) RDC Councillor Blows advised that he has been in correspondence with BT regarding Superfast Broadband and costings are currently taking place. BT is planning for Superfast Broadband to be installed at some point, as well as extra broadband to link in with some outlying houses.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council meeting on Thursday March 28th 2019 at Low Row Institute.