

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday October 2nd 2019 at Low Row Institute**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday October 2nd 2019 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Silver, McCartney, Crapper and Lewis with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received, all councilors were present.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared

3. Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2019

The minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting, held on 25th July 2019 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Finance

No items.

6. Highways

a) Councillors were advised that work has been taking place to clear both cattle grids at Surrender Bridge and Peat Gate, and the work is now complete.

The clerk will notify Highways that bushes at Peat Gate need trimming back and will report the blocked drain. The clerk will contact Highways for an update on the drain at Gunnerside which was reported at the last meeting.

Cllr Lewis will check with Bill Emms, Low Row Pasture Committee to find out what can be done to prevent water running across the road above Peat Gate.

7. Richmondshire District Council

No items.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

No items.

9. YDNPA

a) Planning decision: 2, Lilac Cottages, Low Row. Installation of air source heat pump. This application has been refused.

b) Planning application: Foxgloves, Gunnerside. The council raised no objections or comments.

c) Planning application; Scott Trial. The council raised no objections or comments.

d) Planning application: Hazel Brow, Low Row. Councillors noted that Cllr Silver and McCartney visited Hazel Brow to discuss amended plans, however new plans were not available. Councillors agreed for this planning application to be considered once it has been submitted to the YDNPA.

e) YDNPA management plan forum – 29th November 2019 at Middleham Key Centre
Councillors were notified of this event, and to let clerk know if they wish to attend.

10. AOB/other correspondence

a) Dales Police report August 2019

The council noted receipt of this report.

b) Dales Police report September 2019

The council noted receipt of this report.

c) YLCA free training event

Councillors were notified of this event, and the clerk and Cllr Lewis will be attending. The clerk to book both places.

e) Emergency response to flooding

A discussion was held and it was agreed that it is important that the Parish Council thinks about how to respond to flooding as it is likely that this will happen more often in the future.

Councillors agreed to look into preparing a Parish Emergency Plan, to consider flood risks, vulnerable people and council emergency telephone numbers etc. and the Parish Council's position within this, so that people are aware of what to do in the event of emergency

flooding. Cllr Lewis will look into this further and bring to the next meeting.

f) Flooding grant money

It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply to the Two Ridings Community Foundation for funding to repair the road at Low Row, on the south side of the road on the east side of the village. The flooding affected the road which serves six properties, and it has been notified that up to £1000 can be claimed towards these repairs.

Councillors resolved to go ahead with this application, and the clerk will make the application.

f) Great North Air Ambulance. It was agreed to donate £50 to Great North Air Ambulance and £50 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

g) Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed to donate £50 to the CAB.

h) Review of polling stations. Following a review of polling districts and polling stations, a resident has contacted the council regarding the role of the Parish Council in public consultations to ask that both RDC and the Parish Council do more in future to ensure that local residents are made aware of proposals that affect them. It was advised that notices were displayed on the notice boards at both Low Row and Gunnerside to advise residents of the consultation which was then included on the agenda for the next meeting, where it was discussed. The clerk will respond to the resident.

i) Dog-fouling in Gunnerside. The dog waste bin that is situated by Gunnerside Bridge is not used much currently and it was decided to move this bin to a location in Gunnerside where it is hoped it will be used more. Cllr McCartney has contacted RDC who have agreed that this can be moved, which they can do at a cost of £90. Councillors agreed that RDC would be asked to relocate the dog-waste bin.

j) There are currently no rubbish bins in Gunnerside, however an offer of a recycled bin has been received and it was agreed for this to be installed as soon as possible.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at Gunnerside Village Hall on Thursday December 5th 2019 at 7.30pm. Dates for the rest of the year were agreed as follows:

- Wednesday February 5th 2020
- Thursday March 26th 2020
- Thursday May 14th 2020
- Thursday July 23rd 2020

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.