

**MUKER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

The Parish Council meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Councillors Calvert, Metcalfe, Reynoldson, Porter, RDC Councillor Gardner were present with Councillor Whitehead presiding. The Clerk was Mrs T Sharp.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Blackie.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 had been circulated and were approved as a correct record on the motion of Councillor Calvert and seconded by Councillor Metcalfe. All were in favour.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. Cllr Calvert reported the completion of the road surfacing on the B6270 near Hoggarths Farm. Whilst it was felt the road surfacing was an excellent job, Cllr Calvert raised concerns about the soil left on the roadside by the contractors which has been washed by rain over the surface of the road making it unsafe. Cllr Calvert also raised concerns that the drain ditch by the roadside had not been dug out along the entirety of the new road surfacing. This resulted in the rain running straight back over the road again making the road surface less safe to drive on. Concerns were also raised that in colder winter temperatures this rain could freeze onto the road causing a considerable road hazard and if thick enough severely damaging the snow plough as has happened in the past. Cllr Calvert felt that to avoid any significant road hazards the drainage channels along the roadside needed opening up from Firs to High Hill. Cllr Gardner suggested the Councillors request the Clerk write to Mr Woodford at Highways raising these concerns and requesting action. The Clerk was duly instructed.
5. **Finance:**
  - a. The Council were notified of the receipt of the Parish precept in the sum of £601.35 with the insurance already deducted.
  - b. An invoice from Mazars Accountants for an external audit fee in the sum of £84.00 was considered by the Council. Cllr Metcalfe proposed the payment of the same and Cllr Porter seconded the proposal.
6. **Highways:**
  - a. The Clerk updated the Council with recent communication difficulties with Highways having been resolved and notification therefore received that the cleaning out of cattle grids is ongoing.
  - b. The Chair read out a copy of an e-mail from a Parishioner sent to Highways complaining about the poor and inaccurate temporary road signage erected whilst roadworks are undertaken. Road signage at Satron had sent drivers to a dead end. A reply is awaited from Highways.
  - c. Cllr Porter reported that the road tarmac was giving way above a culvert on the Satron to Askrigg road. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways.
7. **Richmondshire District Council:**

- a. The Council noted the Boundary Review update.
  - b. The Clerk is to attend a website & portal training event held by the RDC.
- 8. North Yorkshire C.C.**
- a. The Council noted that NYCC newsletters would now be on-line for the public to view.
- 9. Yorkshire Dales National Park:**
- a. Notification was received of a prospective scheme for the undergrounding of overhead electricity wires in Keld, currently at assessment stage. The Council had no comments or objections at this stage.
  - b. Planning Permission R/06/227: Notification was received that planning permission had been granted for Lane Farm, Muker.
  - c. Planning Permission R/06/182B: Rampsholme Farm, Muker for change of use of land and erection of ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse. The Council raised no comments or objections.
  - c. Cllr Gardner reported from the Planning Committee:
    - Rampsholme, Muker decision was ongoing
    - Brookside, Muker was approved
    - Stoneleigh, Muker was approved
- 10. YLCA:**
- a. The White Rose Update September edition was noted by the Council.
- 11. Other Correspondence/A.O.B.:**
- a. Correspondence was received from the Environment Agency Flood Risk Management Department requesting feedback on if and how Councils want flood management maintenance to be communicated to them. The Council had no comments.
  - b. The Council noted the September edition of Clerks & Councils Direct.
  - c. The Chair read out the invitation from Reeth Parish Council to the Remembrance Sunday ceremony on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
  - d. Correspondence from The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons Pageantmaster regarding 'The Guide to Taking Part' was passed to the Chair of the Muker Jubilee Celebrations Committee.
  - e. The Chair read correspondence he received on 10<sup>th</sup> October from a Keld parishioner about the street light outside the public toilets in Keld causing light pollution into their residence. This correspondence was passed onto Cllr Gardner for RDC to act. Cllr Gardner felt that it was possible to attach a light shield to this street light.
- 12. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**
- The next Parish Council Meetings will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Muker Institute at 7.30 p.m.