

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday February 4th 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday February 4th 2021 on Zoom. Present were Councillors Silver, McCartney, Crapper and Lewis with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Yvonne Peacock and Cllr Jill McMullon who were unable to attend as the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council meeting is taking place at the same time, however Cllr Yvonne Peacock advised that she will try to join the meeting later.

2. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd December 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd December 2020 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. Finance

No items.

6. Highways

Councillors were notified that Cllr Silver has met with Steve Barker, Highways, NYCC and the work has now been mostly completed. No further work at Gunnerside has taken place.

7. Richmondshire District Council

No items.

8. North Yorkshire County Council

No items.

9. YDNPA

a) Croft House, Gunnerside - Planning application/Listed Building consent, for erection of porch and replacement of existing roof. The Council raised no comments or objections.

b) Brow Hill Farm, Gunnerside - Planning application: householder planning permission for conversion of adjoining stone building to create additional living accommodation. It was noted that this application has been withdrawn.

b) YDNP Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation no.3 – Exploring our options, Building new homes January – February 2021. It was noted that Cllr McCartney had attended the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum in January, where it was advised that the YDNPA have completed surveys of people coming in and out of the national park, and there have been large numbers of visitors, and this is expected to increase. The Forum had discussed what else could be done to promote tourism going forward.

10. AOB/other correspondence

a) Dales Police report – December 2020. The Council noted receipt of this report.

b) Dales Police report – January 2021. The Council noted receipt of this report.

c) Tree planting High Gill House, Low Row. The Council was notified of a plan for planting of trees at High Gill House, Low Row and a letter of support was requested from the Parish Council to support their application to the Millennium Trust. The council was happy to support the plan and the clerk will reply to advise of this, however it was noted that it is important that trees are managed properly once they are established.

d) Tree planting Old Dairy, Low Row. The Council was notified of a plan for planting of trees at The Old Dairy, Low Row and a letter of support was requested from the Parish Council to support their application to the Millennium Trust. The council was happy to support the plan and the clerk will reply to advise of this, however it was noted that it is important that trees are managed properly once they are established.

e) Request for bench at Low Row Church. The Council was advised that a member of the public has requested that a bench be installed outside the Church in Low Row. The Parish Council raised no objections however this will need to be agreed by Reeth Estates which is now administered by GSC Grays. The clerk will contact them to see if this is possible. It was also noted that the Church has permission to put a path for disabled visitors along the wall side, and it was agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Andrew Bedford regarding this.

f) Salt bin, Low Row. A resident has contacted the Parish Council regarding the possibility of installing a salt bin on the road up from the Institute, to hold grit, as currently the grit is put by the side of the road and much of it is wasted. The resident is happy to fund the purchase of this, however as grit bins can only be requested by Parish Councils, the clerk has contacted highways to find out more information, but is waiting for a response. The Council raised no objections.

g) The clerk was asked to request more salt for the Institute, Brocca Bank and Peat Gate.

h) The clerk was asked to report to Highways that on the road up to Peat Gate, there is an issue where the road is starting to slip into the gully in a passing place, which could cause damage to vehicles.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 25th 2021 at 7.30pm, which will be the Annual Parish meeting, to be held either at Gunnerside Village Hall or on Zoom, if to be held virtually, this is yet to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.