

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2026 at
Gunnarside Village Hall**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 29th January 2026 at Gunnarside Village Hall. Present were Councillors Alderson, Calvert, Bowe and Strafford with Cllr A. Silver chairing. There was one member of public present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. All were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from North Yorkshire Council Councillor Yvonne Peacock.

2. Declaration of Interests

None noted.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 27th November 2025 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Vice-Chair.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Finance

- a) Banking forms - these were signed and the clerk will return these to the Barclays Bank.
- b) Cheque for Geoff West for work completed to the two notice boards - the cheque has been returned as 'prohibited by legal order'. Councillor Silver will contact the bank to resolve this.
- c) Parish Precept. It had previously been agreed to request £1900, however it was then decided to increase this to £2500 to cover the cost of a website etc., and it was confirmed that this has now been requested from NYC.

6. Highways

- a) Highways - The Highways Officer, Ian Burgess, had been in touch regarding the work needed at Peat Gate, and was going to call Councillor Silver but this has not been done yet. The Clerk will contact him again.
- b) Damage to Surrender Bridge. The Clerk to contact Highways regarding this,
- c) There is some wall down at Lodge Green, Gunnarside. The Clerk to contact GSC Grays regarding this.
- d) The Council noted that some work has taken place to cut back trees near Gunnarside Bridge.
- e) Urban Grass Cutting 26-27. The Council agreed to continue with NYC cutting the grass verges for this year.

7. North Yorkshire Council

- a) Garden waste collections: It was noted that the cost of a garden waste bin has increased to £52 per year.

8. YDNPA

a)
Listed building consent for conversion of the attached barn to create additional living accommodation for use ancillary to the main dwelling; refurbishment of the existing dwelling including internal and external alterations; reinstatement/repair of pigsty for use as ancillary cycle storage; and increase of paved area to south of the barns to allow for parking and turning. at Barfside (formerly Staining), Low Row, Richmond, (GR: 397596,498194) - R/05/258A/LB. The Council raised no comments or objections.

b) Full planning permission for conversion of the attached barn to create additional living accommodation for use ancillary to the main dwelling; refurbishment of the existing dwelling including internal and external alterations; reinstatement/repair of pigsty for use as ancillary cycle storage; change of use of agricultural land to extend the residential curtilage; and increase of paved area to south of the barns to allow for parking and turning. at Barfside (formerly Staining), Low Row, Richmond, (GR: 397596, 498194) - R/05/258. The Council raised no comments or objections.

9. Any Other Business

- a) A request has been received to register Melbecks Parish Council with the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement, to support Melbecks Emergency Group and Resilience and

Emergencies Team, NYC to access mapping for the area. The Clerk to arrange this.

b) Dales Police Report 10th October 2025 to 7th November 2025: This was shared with
councillors

c) The Council

noted that the next meeting of Yorkshire Local Councils Association Richmondshire Branch is on
Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7pm on Zoom.

10. Dates of next meeting_____The

meeting dates for the year ahead were agreed:

- Thursday 19th March 2026 at Low Row Institute
- Thursday 14th May 2026 at Gunnerside Village Hall
- Thursday 16th July 2026 at Low Row Institute

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 20.11