

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 at Low Row Institute

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 16th July at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Alderson, Calvert, Bowe and Strafford with Councillor Silver chairing. North Yorkshire County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams.

1. All were welcomed to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from PCSO Heather Campbell.
3. Declaration of Interests: There were none declared.
4. Minutes of the last meeting: Subject to a correction, to minute 12b) to read 'Dog waste bin, Low Row, not Gunnerside), the minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th May 2026 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) There were no matters arising.

6. Highways

- a) Highways reply

The clerk has contacted Highways regarding the potholes and has been informed that these have been logged and the details passed to the local Highways Officer who will make an inspection. Arrangements will then be made for repair to any areas of damage which are found to meet the criteria for intervention.

- b) A meeting is planned with Yvonne Peacock and Paul Randall, Highways Officer to look at Peat Gate on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 12pm. Councillors Silver and Alderson to attend. To meet at the Punch Bowl (post-meeting note: this meeting has had to be rescheduled).

- c) It was agreed for the clerk to report overgrown vegetation between Low Row and Gunnerside, which is particularly dangerous at Rowleth Bottom as cars are pulling out to avoid this.

7. Finance

- a) Parish Precept. A letter from NYC was noted asking for Parish Councils to request their precepts by the end of December. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

8. North Yorkshire Council items.

No

9. YDNPA

- a) Householder planning permission for rebuild and extension to domestic garage to allow for use by a modern vehicle at Cherry Cottage Garage (GR 395175 498270), Gunnerside, Richmond, North Yorkshire - R/05/260 The council raised no comments or objections.
- b) Householder planning permission is sought for the erection of a single-storey flat roof glazed extension following the removal of the existing modern uPVC lean-to conservatory as well as installation of two new rooflights to existing house at Wardle House, Feetham, Richmond, DL11 6PE - R/05/249A The council raised no comments or objections
- c) Listed building consent for replacement of existing windows with new like-for-like double glazed units incorporating slimline glazing and replacement of existing doors with timber doors, including traditional ledge and brace and stable door designs, to complement the historic character of the property at Pursglove Cottage, Brocca Bank, Feetham, DL11 6PS- R/05/128D/LB The council raised no comments or objections
- d) Protected Tree Decisions: Calvercote, Gunnerside Fell 1x eucalyptus Approved Replant Recommended The council raised no comments or objections; this work has already been completed.

10. AOB

- a) Monthly Police Report 23rd March - 31st May 2026. The council noted receipt of this report.
- b) Monthly Police Report 31st May - 29th June 2026. The council noted receipt of this report.
- c) Traffic concerns in Low Row. Concerns regarding speeding traffic in Low Row were shared, and the council agreed to ask if the mobile speeding camera could be deployed in the area. The clerk will contact the police regarding this. It was also noted that there is more traffic than usual

on the Low Row to Gunnerside road as the road to Tan Hill through Arkengarthdale road is currently closed for roadworks.

d) Upper Dales Health Watch: The council noted that the next meeting of the Upper Dales Health Watch will take place on Tuesday 15th September at the Aysgarth Surgery at 5pm.

e) Councillor Bowe has met with Richard Lewis from Melbecks Emergency Group regarding two anonymous donations for upkeep of the Low Row defibrillator. As the group does not have a bank account, it has been requested that this money is kept within the Melbecks Parish Council bank account, but ringfenced for MEG work. The council unanimously agreed for this to be done. The clerk to contact Richard Lewis regarding this.

f) Website: The council noted that work on the website is underway and some photos of the local area are needed. Councillors to share these with the clerk.

g) Scott Trial: A permission slip for the Scott Trial was signed and the clerk will return this.

11. Dates of next meetings:

The following meeting dates for the year were agreed, all at 7.30pm:

- Thursday 7th October 2026 at Gunnerside Village Hall
- Thursday 2nd December 2026 at Low Row Institute
- Thursday 28th January 2027 at Gunnerside Village Hall
- Thursday 18th March 2027 at Low Row Institute
- Thursday 13th May 2027 at Gunnerside Village Hall
- Thursday 15th July 2027 at Low Row Institute

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th October 2026 at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.