

## **Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm in Low Row Institute**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Silver, McCartney, Lewis and Crapper with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. All were welcomed to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor, Yvonne Peacock and Tracie Taylor-Page.

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Alderson, Crapper, Lewis and Silver declared an interest in item 9(a) as they had all been lobbied regarding this planning application.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

### **4. Matters Arising**

i) Cattle grid at Gunnerside: Work has taken place on the cattle grid at Gunnerside during December 2021.

ii) Emergency kits have arrived. Councillor Lewis wanted to thank County Councillor Yvonne Peacock for her help with funding for these kits. It was noted that all the names which have been provided are now registered on the plan. A query was raised about whether there would be any data protection issues resulting from this, however Councillor Lewis confirmed that this is not a public list, and this is only to be used by the North Yorkshire Local Relief Forum. There are just one or two items to finalise then the plan will be complete. Councillor Lewis was thanked for all his work on this.

iii) Following the power cuts that took place in November 2021, the clerk has written to MP Rishi Sunak, and a confirmation of receipt has been received but no response has yet been received. (Post-meeting note: MP Rishi Sunak's office contacted the clerk on 3<sup>rd</sup> February to confirm that this issue is being looked at by the MP).

The clerk also wrote to NYCC, EE and BT, and responses have been received from both NYCC and EE to confirm that this is being considered, as part of a review of Storm Arwen, but no reply has yet been received from BT. The clerk will chase this up.

### **5. Finance**

i) Order to pay for EVAQ8 kits of £804.00

An order to pay for £804 for EVAQ8 kits was signed.

ii) Order to pay for Zurich Insurance of £167.44

An order to pay for £167.44 and a cheque was signed for the annual insurance premium. It was noted that this amount has not increased since last year.

### **6. Highways**

The following update to issues from the last meeting:

- i) Pothole at Strands. It has been confirmed that the NYCC Highways engineer has confirmed that this does not meet the criteria for repair.
- ii) Potholes on the roads to Peat Gate and Blades. This has been added to the programme of works.
- iii) Blocked drain on Waller Hill (on the B6270 heading out of Low Row towards Reeth). This has been added to the programme of work.

The clerk was asked to report potholes on the road to Gunnerside School.

### **7. Richmondshire District Council**

There were no items.

### **8. NYCC**

i) It was noted that Councillor Lewis completed the Rural Bus Survey.

ii) It was noted that currently the Little White Bus has to be pre-booked to travel to Gunnerside at lunchtimes.

### **9. YDNPA**

Planning application, Hazel Brow Farm Visitor Centre, Low Row. Full planning permission for removal of timber outbuilding and erection of building to provide staff accommodation for the

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site manager and visitor reception area. Councillors advised that they had been lobbied regarding this planning application and therefore a reply of 'no comment' would be entered.

b) Planning application, Holy Trinity Church, Melbecks, Low Row. Full planning permission for installation of a trench arch drain with associated drainage works; works to the main path in the churchyard, including regularising the steps and providing a compliant handrail.

The council raised no objections or comments.

c) Wardle House, Feetham, Richmond. Full planning permission for alterations to part of existing dwelling to create a two-bedroom holiday let/linked annex and change of use of land to provide off road car parking. The council raised no objections or comments.

d) Shared Rural Network Pre-Application Telecommunications Installation: Land near Pot Ash Gutter, Melbecks Moor, Richmond. The council raised no objections or comments.

#### **10. Any other business**

a) Dales Police report: The council noted receipt of the Dales Monthly Crime Bulletin for January 2022, and this was read out to Councillors.

b) NYCC monitoring form: This was completed and signed for the Parish Council to receive locality funding for the emergency kits. The clerk to submit this.

c) Millennium Tree: Councillor Silver has been successful in applying for a Millennium Tree, which will be a Rowan tree, and asked whether the Parish Council would sponsor posts and rails to go around the tree, which will be planted in the village. Councillors unanimously agreed to fund this and AS will send the invoice to the clerk.

d) Jubilee Beacon: Councillor McCartney will see what can be arranged for this event and the clerk will send on the paperwork.

#### **11. Date of next meetings:**

- **Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Gunnarside) at 7.30pm**
- **Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Low Row) at 7.30pm**
- **Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 (Gunnarside) at 7.30pm**

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