

Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 24th 2022 at 7.30pm at Gunnerside Village Hall

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday March 24th 2022 at Gunnerside Village Hall Present were Councillors Silver and McCartney with Cllr R. Alderson presiding. County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was also present. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. All were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Crapper and Lewis.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, held on February 10th 2022 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

- i) Potholes at Peat Gate: It was noted that Highways have marked out the potholes with white paint.
- ii) Potholes on road to Gunnerside School: These have been repaired.
- iii) Beacon for Jubilee: It was decided not to go ahead with the beacon.
- iv) Next meeting: This has been brought forward to May 19th 2022, as the first meeting following the election of new councillors has to be held within 14 days them taking office on May 9th 2022.

5. Finance

- i) It was confirmed that signatories for the bank account will be arranged after the elections.
- ii) Order to pay was signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses. A cheque was issued for £1132.50
- iii) The Parish Council agreed unanimously to continue with membership of YLCA. Order to pay was signed for YLCA membership. A cheque was issues for £133.

6. Highways

The pothole at Strands has worsened and it was agreed to report this again to Highways.

7. Richmondshire District Council

Parish Council elections: It was noted that the Parish Council elections will be taking place on Thursday May 5th 2022. Councillors Crapper, McCartney and Lewis will be stepping down at the end of their current terms of office.

8. NYCC

County Councillor Yvonne Peacock advised that following the elections on May 5th 2022, all County Councillors will run as Shadow Councillors preparing for the new Unitary Authority which will commence from 1st April 2023. Richmondshire District Council will continue until 31st March 2023 for a handover period.

9. YDNPA

- i) The proposed diversion of public Footpath no.79 was discussed. This is due to flood damage which caused a landslip in Birk Park Wood, Healaugh. There were no comments or objections raised.

10. Any other business

- a) Dales Police report: The council noted receipt of the Dales Monthly Crime Bulletin for February 2022, and this was read by the councillors.
- b) Jubilee Party on Reeth Green: An email was received from the Chair of Hudson House, Mike Evershed, regarding the Jubilee Party to take place on Reeth Green and an invitation was received for Melbecks Parish Council to join in with this event. As there are already plans underway for events in the Parish, it was agreed not to take part in this. The clerk will write back to advise of this.
- c) Smaller Councils Committee Letter, NALC: The council noted receipt of this letter from National Association of Local Councils.
- d) Green Lane Association: The council noted receipt of this letter from the Green Lane

Association.

e) 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire: The council noted receipt of the update from 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire. A discussion took place around speeding locally and Councillor Peacock advised that it might be possible to secure some funding towards a vehicle activation signal. It was noted that a speeding survey was completed last year, and it was agreed at the time that the amount of speeding taking place did not warrant spending so much money. It was agreed for the clerk to contact PCSO Taylor-Paige about possibly having a speed camera. The clerk to contact PCSO Taylor-Paige.

f) Best Kept Village Competition 2022: The council agreed not to take part at this time.

g) Land at Brown Hill Top: A letter has been received from the owner of a property at Brown Hill Top, regarding some concerns regarding Estate Owned Land. The areas of concern are

i) a large tree on the estate land ii) damage to a dry-stone wall and iii) an infestation of Rooks. The council noted receipt of this letter however unfortunately, as this land is owned by Reeth Estates, there is not much that the Council can do. It was agreed for the clerk to send a response back.

h) A letter has been received from MP Rishi Sunak which was read out to the Council. This was received following representations made to the MP following the issues caused by Storm Arwen, and how this affected communications locally. i)

A request has been received from a resident at the bottom of Peat Gate, Low Row, to remove an old cherry tree which has died, and replace with a new one. There were no objections.

j) Thanks were noted to Councillors David Crapper, Richard Lewis and Jackie McCartney for all their service over the last few years.

11. Date of next meetings

- **Thursday May 19th 2022 (Low Row) at 7.30pm**
- **Thursday July 21st 2022 (Gunnarside) at 7.30pm**

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm