

**Minutes of the Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 30th January 2025 at  
Gunnarside Village Hall**

The Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 30th January 2025 at Gunnarside Village Hall. Present were Councillors Silver, Calvert, Bowe and Strafford with Cllr R. Alderson chairing. 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**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

Subject to a correction to item 5. Finance: '*pabs*' to read '*pads*' the minutes of the last meeting, held on 28th November 2024 were agreed to be a correct record, and these were signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising.**

Notice boards: Cllr Silver shared details of two different possible notice boards, either with a heading or without. The cost with the header is £2938, or £2438 without. These are made from recycled plastic and they are waterproof. It was agreed for the clerk to ask Reeth Estates/Gunnarside Estates if they would like to sponsor the heading, and for the clerk to investigate other sources of funding including from North Yorkshire Council Locality funding and Small Lotteries. It was unanimously agreed to purchase the notice boards once funding is available.

**5. Finance**

a) Order to Pay - An order to pay and a cheque were signed for the £50 donation to Great North Air Ambulance.

b) Bank mandate - work is ongoing to ensure bank details are correct and Councillor Silver will speak to the bank this week, the clerk to share details.

**6. Highways**

a) It was noted that there is a phase of surface dressing planned by Highways but there were none in the Melbecks area.

b) The clerk was asked to report the pothole at Woodend.

c) At Low Row Institute, a concern has been raised by some residents regarding the grit pile, which cannot be seen when it snows, and also some cars are parking or turning in this area. The cost of a grit bin is £50 plus VAT and there is a cost of £75 plus VAT to fill it. It was therefore decided for Councillor Silver to put up a post to make this more visible.

d) The clerk was asked to report to Highways that the railings at Robin Gate are broken.

e) The clerk was asked to report the blocked gutter on the main road at Stoney Gill just outside Gunnarside.

**7. North Yorkshire Council**

a) There were no items. \_\_\_\_\_

**8. YDNPA**

a) Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan consultation on draft objectives was shared and it was noted that the closing date for responses is 10th March 2025.

b) YDNPA - Protected Tree Decision Weekly List - Horse Garth, Low Row Fell of 1 x cherry tree. The council raised no comments or objections.

**9. Any Other Business**

a) Monthly Police Report - 4th September - 6th October 2024. Councillors noted receipt of this police report.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th March 2025 at Low Row

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.