

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Melbecks Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025 at Low Row Institute**

The Extraordinary Melbecks Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 17th November 2025 at Low Row Institute. Present were Councillors Silver, Calvert, Bowe and Strafford with Cllr R. Alderson chairing. Also present was NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock. The Clerk was Miss N. Adams. All were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies. All were present.

2. Declaration of Interests: There were none declared.

3. To discuss information shared and actions regarding turning circle at Low Row Institute.

A discussion took place regarding the sharing of information between parish councillors, in particular about the turning circle at Low Row Institute and why some information had not been shared following a meeting between a resident and the Chair of the Parish Council.

It was advised that the information was not shared because this issue was not considered by Councillor Alderson to be concern of Melbecks Parish Council, as the land concerned belongs to Reeth Estates. Reeth Estates have been contacted regarding this, and they do not wish to the matter any further. A conversation also took place with the North Yorkshire Council Highways Officer, who also did not raise any concern about this.

However, councillors had been approached by three local residents regarding the tarmac issue, and informed them that this would be raised at the next Parish Council meeting. The other members of the Parish Council felt that they would have made a different decision if they had known the full facts.

In addition, the name of a resident who had requested to remain anonymous, was shared at a previous meeting by the Chair of the Parish Council, with a member of the public present.

4. To consider how to respond to communication received regarding this issue (by email and verbally)

It was agreed for a letter of apology to be sent to the two residents who had previously contacted about the tarmac concern, and to the residents whose name had been disclosed at a recent Parish Council meeting.

5. Motion of no confidence in the Chair

Councillor Alderson left the meeting for this item, and Vice-Chair, Councillor Silver took over as Chair.

A motion of no confidence in the Chair had been proposed by Councillors Strafford and Bowe.

A vote took place with the following result;

1 - abstain, 3 - approve, therefore the motion of no confidence in the Chair, Council Alderson was carried.

Councillor Alderson returned to the meeting, and was informed of the above decision.

6. Any other business

The councillors were provided with a copy of an email complaint from a resident, which was shared as requested. It was agreed for the Clerk to reply to the resident, to acknowledge receipt of this complaint and to be provide a copy of the Melbecks Parish Council Complaints Procedure. Councillor Alderson was thanked for all his service to the Parish Council.

7. Dates of next meeting \_\_\_\_\_ The meeting dates for the year ahead were confirmed:

- Thursday 27th November 2025 at Low Row
- Thursday 29th January 2026 at Gunnerside
- Thursday 19th March 2026 at Low Row
- Thursday 14th May 2026 at Gunnerside
- Thursday 16th July 2026 at Low Row

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 20.00