

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 3rd March 2014, at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Brown, Cllrs Coates, Sunter and Porter, District Cllr Gardner, the clerk, local press reporter, Amanda Madden (Rural Housing Enabler) and two members of the public. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Alderson.

Matters Arising: The blocked drain at Crackpot had been cleared by a local person.

The window in the telephone kiosk has been repaired.

Mr and Mrs Gardner have cleaned the hall on behalf of the gazette team.

Highways have revisited the site near Blaeberry Cottage where there the beck is undermining the road.

Work is not currently required but they will monitor the location.

Potholes on Harkerside and Whitaside have been assessed and a works order issued to have potholes filled and repaired.

The chairman introduced Amanda Madden the local Rural Housing Enabler. A scheme is currently being looked at in Reeth. Anyone local requiring housing should complete a questionnaire so need can be assessed.

Tour De France: The church are proposing a willow weaving community event, however the Council didn't feel it would meet the criteria for grants. Clerk to refer them to Cllr Gardner for information on the Communities Opportunity Fund. Clerk will submit an application for a banner, toilets and bunting. Correspondence: RDC are consulting on part night lighting of District Council street lights. Cllrs agreed lights in Grinton should remain switched on.

Mr Brown had received a letter regarding a parking problem in the village, the matter falls outside the Council's authority. Chairman will speak to the resident.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Yorkshire Water £13.33, M Porter (salary and expenses) approved for payment after 31st March. Monies received Reeth Gazette £275.00.

Any other business: Cllr Gardner advised questionnaires are now being sent out to Ellerton Abbey parish re: joining of the two parishes. He is pressing highways to clear overgrowth from passing places on Reels Head and surface dressing the smooth tarmac on the Buttertubs road and at Rowleth. Highways have erected extra marker posts on the moor road over to Leyburn.

The clerk is to contact the National Parks area ranger to either repair or block to prevent usage the wooden foot bridge near Blaeberry; also to request if surface work can be carried out on the Grinton to Reeth footpath after Parks field.

Correspondence will be sent to Highways to ask if repairs can be carried out on the unmetalled road at the end of Silkwood bridle path.

Mr Matthews will be asked to move building equipment from the green and the clerk will contact the owners of Corner House to ask if they have removed turf from the village green, if they can remove the new hard standing and reinstate the original surface.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be held on Monday 5th May at 7.00pm in the parish hall. This meeting will be the AGM to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.