

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 1st September at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Brown, Cllrs Coates, Porter and Sunter, the clerk, local press reporter and two members of the public. Apologies were received from District Cllr Gardner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: Highways advise that trees on Grinton Bridge were cut back in late June further investigations will be carried out. Swale Hall Lane has been repaired and cleaned and the water running down the road has stopped.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association has suggested the Council contact YDNP offices to ask if they can use compulsory powers to create a footpath over the small wooden bridge.

The clerk will meet Abi Player from RDC re: a follow up meeting on the Communities Opportunity Grant on Wednesday 10th September.

Correspondence: Grinton had come equal third in the 2014 Best Kept Village Competition. The Council will forward information on the churchyard conservation project as judges had awarded low marks for the condition of the churchyard and burial ground.

Vodafone are opening a programme designed to bring mobile coverage to rural communities; at least 4MBps broadband speed at 5-10 sites across the community is required.

The University of Reading has sent an apology for the behaviour of students staying at the Youth Hostel in July.

RDC Parish Review of the Parish Arrangements final proposals has been published; the consultation period will end on 5th September 2014. The review of polling stations ends on 12th September 2014. YDNP has notified an appeal has been made to the secretary of state re: the unauthorised conversion of a barn at Swale Hall Lane, Grinton.

NYCC has notified of several road closures the next being the road leading to the moor on Tuesday 7th October between 09.00 and 15.00 hours to enable tree pruning.

NYCC are raising awareness of implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 which comes into force on 1st October 2014. The act makes provision for amending the Registers to bring them up to date and for rectification of certain mistakes and omissions made when the Registers were opened in the late 1960's.

NYCC will be renewing contracts for local bus services during 2014.

The Public Housing Needs Survey has been received; this has been circulated to Councillors.

YLCA have forwarded information regarding the publication of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 with reference to the recording of meetings.

Mr Dawson has asked the Council to revisit the matter of laying a poppy wreath at the Remembrance Day Service. It was resolved the Council purchase a wreath to be laid by the Chairman.

Finance: Received RDC Precept £750, TdeF grants RDC £385.22, YDNP £285.22. It was resolved to pay Npower and Yorkshire Water.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd November at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.