

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

Present: Chairman Cllr Brown, Cllrs Coates, Sunter, Alderson and Porter, the clerk, local press reporter, District Cllr Gardner and one member of the public. There were no apologies for absence.

Matters Arising: The clerk had met Abi Player, RDC to view work carried out with the Community Opportunities Grant.

Cllr Gardner advised work is in hand to cut back trees on Grinton Bridge.

Parish Arrangements: The Council resolved that they continue to support joining Grinton Parish with Ellerton Abbey. The current council will be dissolved on 1st April 2015 until the elections on 7th May 2015. Clerk to send copy of the asset register to RDC, Cllr Gardner will provide contact details. Cllr Gardner will investigate whether Cllr Brown can continue after the 1st April as a Parish Representative on the National Parks committee.

Polling station provision for Grinton Parish remains unchanged.

Clerk to acknowledge the National Parks response re: the unregistered bridge footpath.

Mr Brown, Low Row has asked if the Council could try to deregister as village green the corner of his field which was registered in error in the 1960's.

Correspondence: RDC has notified of funding opportunities available from them.

NYCC advise contracts for local bus services in Richmondshire are due for renewal in April 2015. The Arkengarthdale to Leyburn service will not be replaced and Service 32 is not performing well.

From 1st October there is no longer an inpatient (overnight) children's ward at the Friarage hospital. A short stay paediatric unit will operate which will only assess and treat children referred by their GP or who have open access arrangements.

YDNP are hoping to develop a family friendly cycle route in Swaledale. Clerk to request a map of the proposed route so an informed decision can be made on support.

The Council will register interest in a free energy efficiency audit on the Parish Hall.

Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report 2013/2014 was at hand.

Permission has been given to remove a flowering cherry tree from grounds of the Old Parsonage, near Crackpot.

Audit Report: The external audit read 'in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practise and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'. It was noted the Annual Report was not submitted by the date requested and the Council Tax support grant should be included in Box 3, not in Box 2.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Yorkshire Water £13.68, A Chandler £18.00, Royal British Legion £17.00.

Any other business: Cllr Sunter reported that roads on Whitaside have been resurfaced, in the main work is good but beyond 3 Sisters the surface is lifting. Also roadside gutters still need clearing. Work on pot holes round Crackpot is also required. Cllr Gardner asked in any unfilled grit bins could be reported to him and he will inform North Yorkshire Highways. Following the MOD condemning the lighting at the Duchess of Kent hospital, the out of hours doctor has moved to the doctor's practise opposite Tesco's on the Richmond road. This is temporary for 6 to 9 months when the service will be moved to The Friary in Richmond. Cllrs were reminded of the Remembrance Day Parade.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 5th January at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.