

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015, at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: The ditches on Whitaside have been cleared, although in places the soil has been placed on the road. The temporary repair at Crackpot is to ensure safety for road uses. Permanent repairs will be organised when funds are available. Cllr Gardner has formally requested a meeting with highways, trees on Grinton Bridge will be included in discussions.

There will be an energy audit at the Parish Hall at 4pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Mike Briggs has provided maps of the route of the proposed Swale Trail for bikes. In Grinton parish a lot of the route is on footpaths popular with casual walkers. Cllrs felt that surfaces would need considerable upgrading to prevent damage by usage.

Clerk to send copy of the minutes for the last meeting to RDC re; the new Parish arrangements; Also details of the Council's asset register. RDC has suggested contacting YLCA for PAYE advice.

The Council will try to de register the area of village green which is actually Mr & Mrs Coates's garden.

Cllr Gardner confirmed if the Council is dissolved on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, Cllr Brown can continue as a Parish Representative on the National Park's committee.

Correspondence: The Richmondshire Local Plan 2012-2018 Core Strategy was adopted by RDC on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

NYCC are holding a three month public consultation on their proposals for changes library services, the consultation will run until 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Following the recent seeking of tenders for renewal of local bus contracts NYCC are investigating options to provide some services using reduced resources.

The clerk had received the new full register of electors.

Changes to National Planning Policy means the National Park Authority can no longer require affordable housing as part of developments on sites of 5 units or fewer. On sites of 6-10 houses the NPA can now only require the developer to pay a 'commuted sum' in lieu of on-site provision of affordable housing.

Precept: It was resolved to again set the precept at £1500 for 2015/2016.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Npower £72.91.

Any other business: The storage heater in the ground floor room of the hall doesn't appear to be working, clerk to contact an electrician. A card with the Council's best wishes is to be sent to Cllr Brown. The Council were thanked for the Remembrance Day wreath.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.