

Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr H Brown (chairman), Cllrs Porter, Alderson and Coates, the clerk, Mike Briggs YDNP Area Ranger and four members of the public. Apologies were received from Mrs Little, press reporter.

Election of Officers            Chairman – Cllr H Brown, proposed and seconded  
   Vice-Chairman – Cllr G Coates, proposed and seconded  
   Reeth Memorial Hall Rep: - Cllr G Coates

Cllr H Brown signed a declaration of office as chairman of the Council.

Co-Option of Councillor for Grinton Ward: There had been two expressions of interest from Mrs Mandy Barningham and Mrs Jo Fletcher-Lee. Mrs Barningham was unanimously elected to the vacancy.

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

Matters Arising: Details of the results of the Parish Hall energy survey had been circulated. Suggestions included upgrade of the lighting, additional loft insulation, upgrade to the heating system, solar panels and upgrading the double glazing.

Council agreed to a formal easement for undergrounding a cable on village green adjacent to Mill House, Grinton. Work is not to take place until after the SWAAG dig has taken place at the same location. Ground to be reinstated on completion of works.

Correspondence: NYCC are reducing grass cutting in urban areas from 6 to 5 cuts per season and will only cut grass within defined visibility areas at road junctions.

A new service is being provided by The Little White Bus, the Swaledale Shuttle Service; some are scheduled and some are demand responsive services.

Yorkshire Water has circulated details to households of the new water line being installed to serve upper Swaledale.

An events company are running a cycle event which passes through the parish on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015, they anticipate approximately 400 riders.

DEFRA has given advance notice of upcoming vacancies for secretary of state appointments to National Park Authorities.

The Transparency Code for Smaller Councils issued in December 2014 is mandatory for local councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000. The Parish Council will be exempt from external audit but will have to publish annually information about their accounts and governance. These will be published on the Council's web site.

Finance: It was resolved to approve the Council's accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> march 2015. The Annual Governance Statement was completed, approved and signed.

It was resolved to pay the following Y Water £13.68, Zurich Insurance £583.40, YLCA subscription was confirmed as £43.00 and payment made to H Woolley (fire extinguisher service) was £30.00. Money received Northern Electric wayleave £22.46.

Any other business: A blocked drain at Crackpot and pot holes at East Bank Heads will be reported to highways. Surplus benches and tables will be advertised for sale. The gazette will be asked to move machines from the hall to make more space available in the ground floor room.

Thanks were recorded for the work carried out for the Parish by Malcolm Gardner whilst our District Councillor. Clerk will send list of meeting dates to the newly elected Councillor Richard Blows.

The clerk has handed in her resignation; position will be advertised in gazette and on noticeboard.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.