

**Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council, Annual Parish Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in Grinton Parish Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr H Brown (chairman), Cllrs Coates, Porter, Barningham and Barker, the clerk, District Councillor Richard Blows, Mrs Little press reporter and two members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Alderson.

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

**Matters arising:** Email received from Richard Coates expressing an interest in purchasing the tables and chairs as advertised in Reeth Gazette. Council agreed, subject to removal from premises. The price to be agreed at the time of removal.

District Cllr Blows enquired about printers and photocopier held in parish hall. All equipment has now been removed by the gazette.

Deeds of Easement, Mill House received and signed by Cllr Brown and Cllr Coates.

Cllr Brown to continue as Parish representative on the National Park Committee

**Correspondence:** NYCC bus subsidy, there is to be a reduction in subsidies for local bus services to 1.5m per year from April 2015. NYCC Proposals available to read and leave comments at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy).

NYCC Awards for Community Projects/Groups and Individuals, County Councillor David Jeffels is introducing a new Community Awards Scheme to honour projects, individuals and groups. Further information can be found at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/communityawards>.

Butterwick House Donation Appeal, request received for a donation towards the running of the service. Cllrs agreed to decline any donation.

It was resolved to pay the following: Npower £75.44, (Cllr Barker queried the amount of the bill), Reeth Gazette £27.00, Mrs Porter £75.00 (3 months' salary). Cllr Brown raised suggestion to give Mrs Porter a bonus in recognition of services to the Parish Council. All Cllrs agreed to a further £75.00

**Any Other Business:** Mrs Porter, after many years' service to the Parish Council has now retired. Mrs Karen Silver has agreed to take on clerk's role. Cllrs unanimously agreed. Complaints have been raised regarding uneven surface of the pavement over Grinton Bridge to the Church. Issue of no visible white lines along road in Grinton to the bridge was raised. Cllrs agreed this situation was dangerous and the Highways are to be contacted regarding renewal of the white lines in Grinton village. Cllr Barker raised the issue of barriers needed on Haggs Gill corner. Cllr Barker also mentioned since new footpath signs have been erected there is increased footfall on pathway leading to stepping stones which are very slippery. Cllr Brown to raise this issue with the National Parks. School buses appear to be travelling at speed along the roads and the question was raised as to larger coaches fit for purpose on local roads. District Cllr Blows to raise the matter. Cllr Barningham enquired if the enforcement order on a building on Swale Hall lane had moved forward. Since going to appeal Cllrs had no other news. Cllr Brown would enquire. District Cllr Blows brought the Community Opportunities Fund to the attention of the council. This fund is available and requires a contribution. If the council felt there was anything that would benefit from the fund Cllr Blows could get the information necessary. Bank account details are to be looked at due to the name change of the council.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

