

Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council, Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th September at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr H Brown (chairman); Cllrs Coates, Barningham and Alderson; the Clerk; District Cllr Blows; Mrs Little press reporter; 3 members of the public. No apologies were received. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: Cheque had been received for the spare furniture.

A letter has been received from a member of the public regarding the poor state of repair of the path from the stile beside the quoits pitch over Grinton Bridge to the church. It was also mentioned that the path was further hindered by trees/hedges encroaching over the path hindering pedestrians and the pathway to the cemetery was now overgrown with weeds. Cllrs agreed to contact the highways department regarding repair of the path and the householders would be asked to cut back any hedges which hinder pedestrians.

Cllrs discussed the surcharge Npower add if not paid by direct debit, it was agreed to change to direct debit payments.

Cllr Brown has raised the issue of the slippery stepping stones to the ranger.

The barn in the field along Swale Hall Lane has an enforcement order still in force.

Planning application R/03/96D Beck Cottage, Grinton - permission for installation of solar Photovoltaic panels. No objections were raised by councillors.

Planning application R/03/122 Low Whita, Low Row – permission for construction of new clean water pumping station. No objections were raised by councillors.

Correspondence: NYCC highways responded to letter regarding faded white lines in Grinton. This has now been inspected and should hopefully be completed in the next month. District Cllr Blows updated the Cllrs on the issues raised regarding highways in the previous meeting. Cllr Blows has raised the matter with Cllr Blackie, who would be addressing the issues with the manager of the highways department. No further news had been heard at the time of the parish council meeting. NYCC grit bins – an assessment had been carried out on grit bins and heap provision. The assessment highlighted a grit bin/heap which did not meet the criteria and could be removed. Cllr Barningham noted there was a discrepancy regarding the bin location on the map and the location on the assessment form. Highways were to be contacted to clarify which grit bin/heap they were referring to. An email had also been received from Cllr Blackie regarding grit bin removal.

PFK Littlejohn LLP requested information regarding Ellerton Abbey Parish meeting. They have now been informed that Ellerton Abbey is now incorporated to become Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council.

Yorkshire Energy Partnership was following up on an energy audit; Cllrs agreed this wasn't a viable action.

Yorkshire Dales National Park – Planning application R/03/10G The Old Mill, Low Row has been approved subject to conditions.

Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030 – Cllr Brown informed the meeting it is in the process of being ratified.

Details of proposed Parish Forums were received from YDNP, Cllr Coates indicated she may attend.

Rural Action for Yorkshire provided details of the Good Neighbours Scheme, outlining the benefits, involvement and funding. More information is available at www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk

Information has been received regarding the OMM Bike & Lite Event. This event will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September.

Swaledale Big Dig thanked the council for their support and involvement. An invitation to attend their Pie and Pea supper was received.

Cllr Alderson discussed the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue review which concludes 16th October 2015. Cllr Alderson advised looking at the consultation document on the website and comment via the on-line survey. The proposals are available on the website www.northyorksfire.gov.uk and click on link "Fire Cover Review". Concerns were raised regarding any 'knock on' effects to Swaledale from changes to the wider area. District Cllr Blows is also in discussion regarding the review.

Yorkshire water bill paid £11.76

The Gazette wrote to enquire future charges. Cllr discussed and agreed to a new rent structure.

Commons Registration: 2 areas have been found to have been wrongly registered. Cllr Coates explained the issues and declared an interest. Cllrs agreed to offer support to the individuals concerned.

Bank Account: The account is now in the process of being renamed.

Hall rent: Cllrs agreed to update the charges for hall rental and agreed to display them in the hall window.

Clerks Pay: Cllr Brown, following discussions with other local parish council's, proposed to increase the clerks pay to £750 paid quarterly plus expenses. All cllrs agreed.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday 2nd November at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.