

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 3rd November 2008 at 7.30pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman H Brown, Councillors Coates, Sunter, Alderson and Porter, the clerk, local press reporter and five members of the public.

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

Matters Arising: A Yorkshire Water technician will check the sewer pipe in Grinton Beck for signs of deterioration since December 2006. Necessary works may be carried out if there are significant signs of deterioration, subject to Environment Agency consent and water levels.

A letter of thanks has been received from Mencap for the small donation.

The proprietor of Church View has replied to the Council regarding storage of waste on the village green. She is asking the Council to recognise that she has gained an easement having stored a dustbin next to her coal house for 35 years. The Council has a duty to protect the village green however and does not want to set a precedent to allow waste storage on the green. It was also noted that both Church view and Corner House have curtilage to the front of their properties and Richmondshire District Council advise that it is the responsibility of the occupiers of properties to store the receptacles within the curtilage of their property. Clerk to write to both home owners and ask again that the bins be removed from the village green.

Correspondence: The village had scored 71.76% in the best kept village competition. Judges were impressed by the absence of litter but a little disappointed with the state of some hedges and gardens.

Councillors are invited to join the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 9th November, leaving Reeth at 2.30pm.

Yorkshire Dales National Park have advised the Endurance Rally Association have a rally passing through the parish on 27th- 29th March 2009.

Richmondshire District Council has forwarded a timetable for parish precept information 2009/10. Parish Councils to send in replies by 21st January 2009.

Richmondshire District Council in partnership with the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre are holding free energy saving advice drop in sessions, one will be held at Reeth Community office on 7th November from 10 am to 4pm.

The next Richmondshire West Area meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm at The Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. The Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, Grahame Maxwell, will talk about community policing issues and hold a short question and answer session.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Corporate Report 2008 – 2011, R.C.V.S. newsletter, White rose Update and a copy of the final report from Richmondshire District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee into out of hours services in Richmondshire were all at hand.

It was noted from the National park planning minutes and agenda that Neddy House will be on the agenda of the next meeting on Tuesday 11th November. It was agreed the Council send a further letter requesting the matter be resolved as soon as possible.

Audit Report: The annual return had been amended to remove the VAT claim from receipts and the year end balances, the auditors advise the accounts should be on a receipts and payments basis. Consolidated stock should in future be shown in Box 8 as long term investments.

Mr J Dawson has asked if copies of the Council minutes can be displayed on a web site created as www.grinton.org. Councillors agreed this was a good idea, clerk will forward the minutes although these will not be approved minutes because of the time delay of meetings.

Finance: It was resolved to pay the following M Porter £170.23, A Chandler £18.00, Mazars (audit fee) £58.75. Money received precept £600.00.

Any other business: A letter will be sent to Melbecks Council enquiring as to the purpose of the mast at Gallas Top Farm. Highways will be asked to carry out the following maintenance; opening th culvert under the road to clear standing water at Mudd House, clear drains in Crackpot, deal with water standing at Bell Isle Bridge, clear mud and grit from the road below Swale Hall, sweep the road opposite Corner House and along Moor Road when leaves have fallen. Repair potholes and the riverside wall between the end of the church yard and Mergill and to repair the road side wall below Moor House and above The Grange.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 5th January 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.