

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 5th January 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Councillor H Brown, Councillors Coates, Sunter and Alderson, the clerk, local press reporter and one member of the public. Apologies were accepted from Councillor Porter.

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

Matters Arising: Melbecks Parish Council had replied that the mast at Gallas Top is a repeater not a transmitter and is in operation.

Yorkshire Dales National Park has acknowledged the Council's letter re: Neddy House. This application will go to the planning meeting on Tuesday 13th January with a recommendation for approval with the front wall being taken down and re built. The chairman acknowledged the work that County Councillor Blackie has put into this application.

Highways will investigate the problems raised at the November meeting. The walls near Mergill Cottage and on the moor road are not highways responsibility. If funds are available the Parish Council may be able to carry out some repairs along Swale Hall Lane when the weather improves. Permission was given for Councillor Coates to cut back undergrowth on parish land that is blocking footpaths.

A letter has been received from Mr and Mrs Colman also claiming an easement to store waste on the village green. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the National Association of Local Councils for advice from the legal department. The clerk will acknowledge and thank the Colman's for their letter and advise that legal advice is being sought on the issue.

Correspondence: The Council noted RDC's Strategy Board will be reviewing the final phase of the kerbside recycling schemes which introduced alternate weekly collections on 13th January 2009.

Details of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust Parish Caretaker Scheme were available. Councillors agreed this would be too costly for a small parish.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are introducing a 'call for housing sites' for affordable and local needs housing between 5th January and 27th February 2009.

Councillors could not identify any suitable sites in the village.

YDNP planning minutes, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority accounts summary 2007/2008, Country Air and The Playing Field were all at hand.

No projects were identified as suitable for RDC's Safer Community funding.

Model Publication Scheme: The Council resolved to adopt the new model publication scheme as issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The clerk will review information that can be made available. The Council will only be committed to providing the information which it actually holds.

Precept: It was resolved to set the precept at £1500 for the financial year 2009/2010.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Npower £149.29.

Any other business: A letter will be sent to highways regarding the poor standard of winter gritting, grit heaps and bins were not supplied, gritting did not take place until late morning and some roads were ungritted. Councillors all agreed to again request an upgrade for Stainton Lane especially as all heavy traffic now has to use this route. As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.