

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall. Present: Chairman Cllr, H Brown, Cllrs. Coates, Sunter, Alderson and Porter, the clerk, local press reporter and two members of the public.

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

Matters Arising: Planning permission has been granted for listed building consent for dismantling and reconstruction of front wall, including foundations and partial demolition, reconstruction and extension of outbuilding at Neddy House, Grinton.

Pot holes on Swale Lane have been repaired and Councillor Coates has cleared undergrowth from the footpath opposite Mergill.

NALC require further information regarding wheelie bins stored on the village green. As requested a copy map and photographs will be forwarded along with any historical information known.

Correspondence: Three members of the council had accepted the invitation to attend the official opening of the Dales Bike Centre in Fremington.

YDNP advise that the case of unauthorised erection of a freestanding wind turbine at Birks End, Whitaside will be closed, reason being it is 'inexpedient to pursue further action'.

It was agreed to enter Richmond Rotary Club best kept village competition 2009.

RDC will undertake further consultation on their Local Development Framework. Consultation with Parish Councils is likely to happen in May/June 2009.

Richmondshire Area Newsletter and the joint newsletter from the District and County Councils will be displayed on the parish noticeboard. Information from YDNP biodiversity in the Yorkshire Dales will also be displayed.

In response to RDC's transport to hospitals review, Councillors commented that people were maybe unsure what options were available to them and that many people locally relied on family and friends for transport.

In response to 'leisure provision for the over 50's' Councillors felt that provision should be within walking distance; bowls, tennis, a swimming pool and spa would be nice. The main barrier to becoming healthier and fitter were existing health complaints.

RCVS newsletter, Richmondshire Area Committee agenda, YDNP agenda, CE Electric UK community update, Town and Parish Standard, Clerk and Council's Direct and Country Air were all at hand.

NYCC's latest Local Transport Plan is available on their website at

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=3995&p=0>.

RDC are offering to display parish council minutes and other information on their website.

These are already displayed at www.grinton.org.

A copy of NYCC Transport and Telecommunications Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 'Winter Maintenance Scrutiny Review Final report July 2008.' Was available at the meeting and will be deposited with the clerk. Councillors were disappointed that more action is not recommended to keep roads in and out of Swaledale open. The committee will look again at winter maintenance after a period of three years.

Finance: Clerk read the electric meter, payment was approved when a correct bill is received.

As there was not further business the chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm followed at approximately 7.45pm by the Annual Parish meeting. Both will be held in the Parish Hall.