

Grinton Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 4th May 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Councillor H Brown, Councillors B Sunter, G Coates, S Porter and J Alderson, County Councillor J Blackie, the clerk and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Mrs T Little the local press reporter.

Election of Officers:

Chairman	Councillor H Brown
Vice-Chairman	Councillor B Sunter
Grinton Hall Rep	Councillor G Coates
Memorial Hall Rep	Councillor J Alderson

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

Matter Arising: Cllr Coates had spoken to Richmondshire District Council regarding their bins stored on the village green. They advised that this is a problem in several towns and villages and if requested they will contact property owners and request that they store the bins within their own cartilage. Clerk to write to RDC requesting they take this action.

The clerk had completed the information available from the Council under their Model Publication Scheme. Councillors had no objections to their name, address and telephone numbers appearing on the web site.

Councillor Blackie agreed to follow up the Council's request for information regarding The Causeway.

Correspondence: Requests can be made to Richmondshire Community Safety Partnership for the speed matrix boards to be deployed to places where speeding is a problem.

Permission has been given to crown and trim a beech tree and remove and replant an ash tree at The Old Vicarage, Grinton.

The Information Commissioners Office have produced a DVD to provide clear and practical advice regarding requests to councils for information under the Freedom of Information Act. This will be available to Councillors from the clerk.

It was agreed not to subscribe to the Richmondshire Local Sports Council.

RDC are holding 'Safer Sessions' events throughout Richmondshire to provide information to vulnerable people, the Community Safety Officer will organise these sessions.

Nobody wished to attend the RLSP 'Celebration of Many Cultures' on 7th May.

Planning has been granted for the continued use of SSSI land for Richmond Motor Club's annual three day trial until 2011.

North Yorkshire Police have forwarded their ward summary document detailing activities of staff based at Leyburn station and crimes in each dales neighbourhood.

North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enablers newsletter, Newline newsletter, Performance Matters Waste partnership newsletter, White Rose Update and YDNP planning agenda and minutes were all at hand. An update on YDNP's housing development plan had been received. County Councillor Blackie advised that in some cases where barns are within villages or close to roadsides there should be a case for supporting their conversion for local housing rather than new build properties. It was agreed that this would be a sensible policy.

Finance: It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts for the year end 21st March 2009. Councillors completed the annual governance statement and this was also approved.

It was resolved to pay the following YLCA membership, Allianz insurance and M Porter half year salary and expenses. Monies received precept, NEDL wayleave and hall contribution to electric.

Any other business: The clerk will contact highways to ask if something can be done with water standing opposite the Youth Hostel gates. A large pot hole west of Crackpot will also be reported. It was noted that the new Bike Centre at Fremington is in the running for an environmental award.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Next meeting Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.