

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009, at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor B Sunter, Councillors G Coates and J Alderson, the local press reporter, the clerk and two members of the public. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Brown and Porter.

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

Matters Arising: RDC advises that as both Corner House and Church View have curtilage they do not qualify for the purple bags scheme. The matter will be left in abeyance until a reply is received from the Local Councils Association solicitors.

Potholes and drains reported to highways will be inspected and saplings growing out of Grinton Bridge removed. Highways advise they are no longer allowed to apply chemicals to stop re growth.

YDNPA advises a condition will be applied to the barn at Dyke House tying the barn to the existing property to prevent it being sold as a separate property.

The Dales Bike Centre has won the environmental award they were nominated for.

Correspondence: K Webster has written to Highways regarding the area of grasscrete near the white footbridge which is breaking up. Council agreed to support his letter asking for repairs or replacement.

Planning permission has been granted for change of use of barn to ancillary domestic use and creation of new vehicular access at barn adjacent to Banks Head Cottage East, Low Row.

YDNPA has funding available for planting new native broadleaved woodland.

North Yorkshire Libraries have sent a reminder of their free Home Library and Information Service taking books and CD's into peoples' homes. This will be forwarded to the gazette.

Details of York Nightstop Charity will be displayed on the village notice board.

Richmondshire Safer Neighbourhoods ward summary for May and June for Swaledale, Reeth and Arkengarthdale were read out to attendees.

YDNPA are not progressing the minerals and waste development plan as the government will not permit the review in advance of the preparation of a Local Development Framework, Core Strategy. YDNPA will not preparing a Core Strategy until after its review of detailed housing policy.

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service have sent a reminder of the free home fire risk check available from their organisation, these can be requested by phone or via the web site.

'Local homes for local people' newsletter, RCVS newsletter, TDNPA planning agenda information, NYCC Area Committee agenda information, Clerks & Councils Direct, YLCA Annual Report and Accounts and Country Air were all at hand. CE Electric have a register of people for priority treatment during a power cut, details are available from the clerk.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Npower £163.26.

Any other business: Mr Mason at Mergill had reported a cable lying on the roadside along the Harkerside road, it was thought this has now been buried.

Mrs Sutherland raised the issue of the Parish Hall. Many members of the committee have either died or moved away and interest in the hall has diminished. It was suggested that as owners of the hall the Parish Council should take over the running of it. The clerk will contact YLCA to find the best way forward on this issue.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.