

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 7th September 2009, at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read but could not be approved as only one councillor present had attended the July meeting.

Matters Arising: Highways are discussing the grass grid system on Moor Road with their contractor. They don't feel a site meeting is required at present.

NALC legal executive advise that as the bins on the village green have changed location several times a claim for a prescriptive easement is not solid. Encroachment on the village green is a public nuisance which is a criminal offence unless the encroachment is with the aim of improving the enjoyment of the green. Clerk will ask again that the bins be removed. Clerk will write to NEDL and ask that the cable along the Harkerside road and in the graveyard be buried underground.

YLCA have suggested the Council could set the Parish Hall up as a charitable trust. The clerk advised that a sub committee could be set up to include councillors and members of the hall committee. If the Council were to run the hall only one bank account would be used.

With regard to the electric usage, the clerk will circulate figures for the next meeting and Councillor Coates will advise the hall committee members that there will be a meeting at 7.00pm on 2nd November.

Correspondence: Mrs Stocks advises the beck side wall behind her property has fallen down. Councillor Coates and the clerk had visited the site and advised that it is not part of the village green. The minutes books state that the Council do not own the land past the wall which runs at a right angle to the beck. It was noted a hut had been placed on the land below the wall which would not have been allowed on village green.

A letter from Mr Atkins to highways re: the moor road cattle grid was read to the meeting. Planning permission has been granted for erection of a porch at Waterford House, Grinton, listed building consent for works to dwelling and outbuilding at East View, Grinton and erection of extension and alteration to existing outbuilding and change of use of agricultural land to form additional domestic cartilage at Plane Tree House, Harkerside.

A historic endurance rally association rally will pass through the parish between 5th and 8th December.

Richmondshire Safer Neighbourhoods Ward Summary and details of In Patient Paediatric Care at the Friarage were read to the meeting.

YDNPA planning agenda, NYCC Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to March 2009 and Clerks and Councils Direct were all at hand.

A questionnaire on NYCC Local Transport Plan and an annual survey on satisfaction with the Highways and Transportation Service were completed.

RDC are holding an informal Board Meeting of their new Area Partnership for the Upper Dales Area at Sycamore House, Bainbridge on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00pm. They will also hold the 'State of the District Debate' on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm at Risedale Sports and Community College, Hipswell, Catterick Garrison.

YDNPA have sent notification of changes in the organisation of their planning department. Planning surgery times and venues will be displayed on the village notice board.

Finance: It was resolved to pay Npower £102.65.

Any other business: The retaining wall supporting the road near Bank Heads House requires maintenance, clerk will report to highways.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.