

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.30pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr H Brown, Cllrs Porter, Coates, Alderson and Sunter, the local press reporter, clerk and six members of the public. There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. July and September minutes were both signed.

Matters Arising: NEDL advise the cable on the verge along the Harkerside road is not an electric cable but it may be a BT cable. Clerk will contact BT to investigate.

NYCC will investigate the retaining wall at Bank Heads. Cllr Porter advised that this has been repaired.

Correspondence: The village had scored 74.7% in the best kept village competition. Points had been lost on the condition of farmyards, barns and outbuildings. A poster advertising Richmondshire and Hambleton council's cycling to health scheme will be displayed on the village notice board.

NYCC are reviewing their provision of salt bins and heaps. Highways inspectors will assess these against an assessment criteria, those with a (-) score will be removed. For new bins required by Town and Parish Councils, those which do not meet the assessment criteria will be charged at £85.00 plus £75.00 annually to fill the bin twice with rock salt.

RDC have written regarding results of a recent survey which showed 4% of responses felt anti social behaviour was a big or very big problem in Swaledale. The number of reports of anti social behaviour from April 08 to March 09 was zero.

It was noted from YNDPA 'call for housing sites' progress report that four sites in Fremington had been rejected, three sites in Reeth will be subject to further investigation.

Cllr Coates took details of the Council's budget and Council Plan consultation. Comments should be forwarded by 22nd January 2010.

The August and November LEADER newsletters, YDNPA planning agenda, RDC Local Homes for Local People newsletter and Country Air were all at hand.

YDNPA have forwarded a copy of their recreation and tourism strategy 'Special Qualities, Special Experiences'. Views and comments should be forwarded by 7th December 2009.

Finance: it was resolved to pay the following M Porter (clerk), A Chandler (shelter cleaning) and Mazars (audit fee) £57.50. Monies received £750.00 precept.

The external audit has been completed. It was noted the consolidated stock had been correctly moved into the assets, also that comparatives had not been restated.

Any other business: A letter of thanks will be sent to Tom Guy for over 40 years of service winding Grinton church clock.

Pot holes on the Harkerside road will be reported to highways.

Members were reminded of the Remembrance Day parade and service at 2.30pm on Sunday.

Chairman asked as many as possible to attend.

Parish Hall: It was resolved that the Parish Council would take over the financial management of the hall. It was agreed to invite representatives of the gazette to a meeting to be held on Monday 7th December 2009 at 8.00pm, councillors to meet at 7.15pm.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th January 2010 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.