

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr H Brown, Cllrs Porter, Alderson, Coates and Sunter, the local press reporter, the clerk and Mrs E Sutherland. There were no apologies for absence.

Matters Arising: Potholes on the Harkerside road still need attention, MYCC have forwarded an update on gritting following the severe winter weather.

Cllr Coates has passed her details to LINK to be the local health and social care communicator. The Forum meeting for the Upper Dales Area Partnership has been rescheduled for Monday 8th March, at 7.00pm, at the Dales Countryside Museum. Cllr Sunter will try to attend this meeting.

Correspondence: Natural England has forwarded a consultation document 'Lakes to Dales Landscape Designation Project'. The Council will respond expressing concern over membership of the Authority, that it should be increased to maintain current levels of representation and allow for allocation for representation for any new areas designated, also that the title Yorkshire Dales National Park be maintained.

In response to the District Council's survey there are no services currently procured that the Council could secure from the District Council.

Following the recent death of Mr Sutherland, Mrs Sutherland has advised she will not be able to maintain grass cutting on the green near Mill House. The chairman thanked Mrs Sutherland for the work done over the years on this area of green and expressed the Council's sympathy on the loss of her husband.

Mrs Sutherland has also requested that a new booking secretary be appointed for the parish hall. Councillors will consider this prior to the next meeting.

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

The owners of Corner House have advised that they still claim a prescriptive easement to site bins on the village green on the basis that the location has not been moved. Clerk to clarify with NALC solicitors the exact establishment of an easement as their earlier correspondence indicated that an easement would not have been established if over the passage of time the bins have not remained in the same position.

A decision on whether to make a small donation to the Great North Air Ambulance was left in abeyance until year end accounts are available.

YDNP planning agenda and minutes, Local Homes for Local People newsletter, RCVS Newsletter, Hambleton and Richmondshire rural transport and access partnership newsletter and Yorkshire Dales Leader programme newsletter were all at hand.

YDNP have sent notice of cutting back of the canopy of an oak in line with the boundary to the south of The Old Vicarage, Grinton.

Details of North Yorkshire Housing Strategy is now in its final stages, details of the consultation process are available on the website.

Finance: It was resolved to pay the following Yorkshire Water £21.73, YLCA subscription £34.00 and Npower electric bill.

Any other business: Cars parking on the Harkerside junction are causing access problems for vehicles along Harkerside road. It was agreed that the chairman would speak to nearby residents. The streetlight opposite Mill House will be reported and repairs requested for pot holes on the Summerlodge to Springend and Crackpot roads.

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

Next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd May at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall. This meeting will be the Parish Council AGM followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.