

Grinton Annual Parish Council meeting, Monday 3rd May 2010, at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

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

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Councillor H Brown

Vice Chairman: Councillor B Sunter

Reeth Memorial Hall Rep: Councillor J Alderson

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

Matters Arising: Mr and Mrs Colman had replied to the council's letter agreeing that during the first summer of the new system their bins were trespassing on the village green and apologising for this action, but also maintaining that their old bins had also remained on the green at the same time in the original location. When the old bins were disposed of the new bins were sited at this location therefore maintaining the easement. This matter was left in abeyance awaiting comment from NALC/YLCA.

Natural England are holding two meetings in May in Grassington and Kendall re: the Lakes to Dales Landscape Designation Project. These will be briefing meetings to find out more about the proposals. YDNP had written to all Councils to set out their response on the proposals.

Clerk to respond to their letter as the Parish Council's views are very similar.

NYCC advise minor roads within the parish will be repaired as soon as possible. It was noted some repairs have been carried out.

In a response to a letter from Reeth Gazette, councillors agreed to review the rent in November 2010 and that for the rest of this year to leave the rent quarterly.

RDC had forwarded copies of two final reports, their scrutiny review into travel/transport to hospital appointments and the scrutiny review into leisure provision for the over 50's.

RDC are holding consultation meetings on the Richmondshire Local Development Framework. This is for communities outside the National Park.

NYCC are reviewing passenger transport services and home to school transport services in Richmondshire and the surrounding area. Council will comment that sixth form students from outlying areas should not be charged for school transport.

A copy of NYCC minerals core strategy was not discussed as this covers areas outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

CE Electric have developed their web site, councillors can now report problems such as trees near overhead lines on line.

Highways have sent notice that the road from Grinton to Bellerby Moor will be closed to traffic on Wednesday 30th June 2010.

It was decided not to put any nominations forward for YDNP Best Building Design Awards.

Mrs Morgan has requested permission to site a trampoline on the village green; this would be moved to one side when not in use. It was agreed that this shouldn't be sited and stored in the village green.

There were no objections to Mr Forrest replacing a sycamore tree growing on the west side of Grinton Gill. Clerk will check if this is on parish ground and advise Mr Forrest that National Park approval may be required.

YDNP has forwarded a list of the sites assessed in their call for housing sites which will be considered. The site appraisals and the Working Groups reasons will be published as part of the Housing Development Plan evidence base.

YDNPA have forwarded details of the process to be used for selection of parish members onto the Authority.

NYFRA draft integrated risk management plan consultation and YDNP planning agenda were at hand. No comments were made on the NYFRA document.

A letter from NYCC regarding proposals to deliver a Parish Charter between NYCC, parish councils and district councils will be circulated to Councillors. Any comments should be raised at the July meeting; responses are requested by Thursday 15th July.

Natural England have forwarded a copy of their 'England's Statutory Landscape Designations: a practical guide to your duty of regard', this has been circulated to all Parish Councils.

Finance: It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts for year end 31st March 2010.

The Annual Governance Statement was completed and also approved.

It was resolved to pay the following; H E Woolley Ltd £38.49, M Porter £170.87, Yorkshire Water £43.44, Allianz/Aon Ltd £1541.40. Rates for the Parish Hall remain at zero due to discretionary charitable rate relief. Monies received NEDL £18.04, precept £750, VAT refund £40.07, consuls interest for year £2.28.

Insurance: A review was conducted on the Parish Council and Parish Hall insurance. The majority of these are duplicated so it was agreed to find out if they can be all on one policy. It was agreed not to have Libel and Slander cover and Officials Indemnity Cover. The hall policy includes £45k approximately for Goods held in Trust for the gazette. The clerk had spoken to the gazette to find out if they wished to source their own cover as the premium seemed very high.

Any other business: The gazette will be reminded to tidy the hall downstairs room to make space for the election on Thursday. Councillor Sunter had attended the forum meeting for the Upper Dales Area Partnership; he had been disappointed to see that he was the only rural councillor in attendance.

Councillor Alderson advised that Mr Alderson at Greenways has offered to cut the grass near Mrs Sutherland's house. It was agreed to hold a parish hall meeting prior or after the next Parish Council meeting, until then hall bookings can be made via the clerk and Councillor Alderson will open the hall and switch the heating in if required.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.