

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall. Present: Chairman H Brown, Cllrs Coates, Sunter, Alderson and Porter, the clerk, local press reporter, Danielle Wheatley (Environmental Agency), Terry Thorpe (RDC) and three members of the public. There were no apologies for absence.

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

The chairman introduced Danielle Wheatley from the Environment Agency who gave a short presentation on the rapid response catchment project, this focuses on managing flooding incidents and raising awareness of the hazards. A flood warden scheme gives a direct link to the EA and Cllr Alderson expressed an interest. It was thought a joint awareness day with Reeth and Gunnerside would work better than three separate events and at Reeth on market day would probably attract most people. A leaflet drop was also a possibility. T Thorp informed the meeting that sandbags are available free of charge from RDC for domestic properties. Sandbag stocks are being deposited at various sites in the dale for use by the fire service in emergencies. The nearest is Reeth Pumping Station, some at Grinton side of the river would be ideal. The chairman thanked Danielle and Terry for attending.

The gazette has forwarded details of key holders. They have also complained that the heating has been turned down in the hall making the paper damp so it jams in the printers. The heating has not been changed since the summer when T Hird adjusted it as it was set too high.

YDNP enforcement team has confirmed that the file has been closed on unauthorised erection of UPVc conservatory at Bank Head, Low Row. The breach has been rectified.

NYCC highways new address is Gatherley Road Ind Estate, Brompton on Swale, Richmond. RDC has forwarded an election timetable, nomination papers should be delivered by noon on 4th April.

A recent complaint regarding removal of a sycamore tree adjacent to East View has been resolved. Council had advised they had no objections in May 2010.

A letter of support will be sent to the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance to support a joint bid for funding from the Department of Transport.

RDC have forwarded a summary of the LDF Local Strategy Statement, further details are available on their web site.

It was agreed to take part in the rotary club best kept village competition. The clerk will provide flyers nearer the time, J Dawson offered to take these around the village.

Street naming and numbering is now an RDC shared service, contact is Mrs Clare Little at Hambleton District Council.

NYCC Parish Charter is available to view on the parish councils' web page on the County Council's website.

Comments on the YDNP guide to development for sustainable energy production in the Yorkshire Dales National Park should be submitted by 15th March 2011.

YDNP planning agenda, Country Air and YLCA White Rose Update were all at hand.

A letter of objection to YDNP proposals to withdraw from Hudson House will be sent to David Butterworth.

Finance: It was resolved to pay the following Tony Sunter Build Ltd £646.25 and Npower £304.27. The clerk advised the meeting that from April 2011 the Council must register as an employer with HMRC and operate PAYE on income the clerk earns.

Any other business: It was agreed not to hold any celebrations for the Royal Wedding but to consider something for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be the AGM at 7.00pm on Monday 9th May 2011 in Grinton Parish Hall, this will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.