

Grinton Parish Council Annual Meeting, Monday 9th May 2011, at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Coun H Brown, Cllrs B Sunter and G Coates, the clerk and one member of the public. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Porter and Alderson and Mrs Little. Cllrs signed a declaration of office following the recent elections.

Election of Officers: Chairman Cllr H Brown
Vice Chairman Cllr B Sunter
Memorial Hall Rep Cllr B Sunter

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

Matters Arising: Danielle Wheatley will contact Reeth and Gunnerside Councils regarding holding a joint awareness even on flooding risks. Mark Young, NYCC Flood Management Officer, has been given as a contact for erosion to the bank sides of Grinton Beck. Further erosion opposite Blaeberry Cottage, noted in correspondence from J Dawson, could also be a cause for concern. It was agreed to contact Mike Young for a site meeting and notify Mike Woodford if he also wished to attend.

Cllr Brown advised that YDNP have agreed to remain at Hudson House.

Correspondence: J Dawson had brought the Council's attention to minor work required on the bus shelter. There is also further problems with the road side wall on Swale Hall Lane. The chairman will meet on site with Tony Sunter to discuss repairs required.

Mr Merton has been advised by RDC that they are awaiting funding from the Parish Council to repair the streetlight by Mergill. Clerk to contact RDC as the Council are not aware of any request for funding.

YDNP has decided there has been no breach of planning control regarding the unauthorised siting of three camping pods at Grinton Youth Hostel.

Natural England has forwarded details of their revised proposals to extend the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. The Council will back the extensions only with confirmation that there is membership and funding to administer and support it.

No nominations were put forward for the RDC Junior Sports Awards.

Any formal representations on the YDNP Housing Development Plan need to be submitted by noon on 16th May 2011.

YDNP has forwarded notice of the felling of a copper beech at Bridge Cottage, Grinton.

It was decided not to install a key box on the Parish Hall. J Dawson holds a key and is willing to open the hall if required and if he is available.

NYCC has forwarded details on bus service changes from April 2011.

White Rose Update, Clerks and Councils Direct and Country Air were all at hand.

YDNP advise they have stopped the provision of paper copies of agendas, minutes etc., to Parish Councils. All are available on the Authority's web site if required.

Finance: It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts for year end 31/03/2011.

Councillors completed the Annual Governance Statement and this was also approved and signed. It was resolved to pay Yorkshire Water £26.40, H Woolley £30.00, YLCA £37.00, AON £899.28 and M Porter £177.11.

Any other business: Maintenance is required to the cattle grid on Harkerside before Low Whita Bridge, clerk to notify highways.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting: Monday 4th July at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.