

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.
Present: Cllrs Brown, Sunter, Alderson, Porter and Coates, the local press reporter and Danielle Wheatley from the Environment Agency. Apologies were accepted from the clerk.

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

The chairman introduced Danielle Wheatley who updated members on progress of the rapid response catchment project. Cllr Alderson volunteered to be the local link with the Environment Agency to pass on warnings to the community. A list of useful contacts will be put on the web site. Cllr Alderson advised the local fire brigade are trained to Level 2 in flood procedure. Up to £100 grant funding may be available for emergency equipment; this could be kept at the parish hall. A site is still required for sand bags storage on the north side of the river. These are available for the public to use not just for the fire brigade to distribute.

Matters Arising: Councillors are considering the options regarding winter closure of the public toilets. RDC has offered to make a key available for hall users, the Council would be responsible for cleaning during the winter closure. A problem with drains blocking and overflowing into a neighbouring garden has been reported to Yorkshire Water.

Highways – Yellow lines outside the church have been re-ordered. Harkerside cattle grid, gutters at Springend and the beck undermining at Blaeberry Cottage will all be re inspected.

Vegetation on Grinton Bridge will be removed when resources are available.

Correspondence: Notice has been received regarding work to be carried out on trees in St Andrew's churchyard.

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

The next Upper Dales Area Partnership meeting will take place in Reeth at 7pm on 21st March 2012.

Cllr Brown updated the meeting on post examination hearing changes on the Yorkshire Dales Housing Development Plan. The inspector has objected to sites identified above Reeth due to their visual impact. He will be asked to reconsider.

Orders regarding the Lakes and Dales Landscape Designation Project have been submitted to the Secretary of State by Natural England.

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

Finance: It was resolved to pay Yorkshire Water £21.82, YLCA £39.00 and Npower £140.25. Monies received Reeth Gazette £275.00.

Any other business: A rail loose on the moor road cattle grid and pot holes at Crackpot, Belle Isle and Summer Lodge will be reported to Highways.

An enquiry will be made regarding the cost of mugs to mark the jubilee. Clerk to check with Reeth PC to find out if they are giving mugs to Reeth Parish children or all children attending Reeth school.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be on Monday 7th May 2012 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall. This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.