

Grinton Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 3rd September 2012, at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr Brown, Cllrs Coates and Sunter, the clerk, local press reporter and two members of the public. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Alderson.

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

Matters Arising: The clerk will contact James Feest, NYCC regarding an update reply from Yorkshire Water. Pot holes around Crackpot, Bell Isle and Summer Lodge will be reported again.

Correspondence: Planning has been granted for erection of a two storey extension at Crossbeck Cottage, Grinton.

RDC are holding training on Standards and Code of Conducts on 16th October 2012.

The Richmondshire Area Partnership Funding Scheme is open for applications; the closing date is Monday 1st October 2012.

The Polaris Challenge cycle event will pass through the parish on 22nd and 23rd September 2012.

Information on the Richmondshire Local Plan Core Strategy was noted, this covers that part of Richmondshire that lies outside the National Park.

A free training event 'planning for emergencies' will be held at County Hall on 3rd October 2012.

The revised register of electors will be published by RDC on 16th October 2012.

YLCA Annual Report 2011/2012, Clerks and Councils Direct and the NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee agenda for their meeting on Thursday 6th September were all at hand.

NYCC Highways have forwarded an update on the county council highways and transportation service. The ten year contract with Balfour Beatty ended in March 2012 and the new highway maintenance contractor is Ringway. The County Council Executive has recently approved an additional £2m of funding to be spent on pot hole repairs as part of the Council's response to the current economic climate and need to stimulate growth. As the money has not come through the normal funding arrangements it is not necessary for highways to follow their normal prioritisation mechanism. Each local member has been allocated approx £25k to spend in their own area and is being consulted on what they would like to see it spent on.

The Audit Commission has appointed Littlejohn LLP as external auditor for the next five years from 2012/13.

Finance: It was resolved to pay the following Yorkshire Water £15.88, Mazars £60.00. Monies received NEDL wayleave £18.71, Reeth Gazette £275.00, Jubilee Mugs £16.50.

There were no items to report from the external audit report. A copy of the amended standing orders was signed by the Chairman.

Any other business: The gate at the cattle grid at the west end of Harkerside will be reported to highways for repairs; the Grinton village sign at the east end of the village has been removed, a replacement will be requested; and roadside saplings Grinton to Swale Hall and Crackpot Gill to Springend road will be reported to Highways.

The hall key has not been returned by the Swaledale Festival. Clerk to contact the Festival secretary. It was noted that land along Swale Hall Lane has recently changed ownership, YDNP will be reminded of the tree preservation orders on sycamore trees on the land as they may like to inform the new owners.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.