

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 4th March 2013 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.
Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllrs Coates, Sunter and Porter, District Councillor Gardner, the clerk, local press reporter and one member of the public.

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

Matters Arising: Highways have filled the potholes on Whitaside and around Crackpot; the drain at Ellers Hill has been cleared. The pipe under the water splash, the road side wall on the moor road and the village sign still need maintenance. Cllr Gardner advised that following a lengthy conversation highways are using a flail to cut back roadside growth, this will be followed by manual cutting where required.

He has also spoken to Mike Dowson, RDC, regarding joining Ellerton and Grinton parishes, Mr Dowson will put in place the necessary procedures and contact Ellerton parishioners for their views. Cllr Brown proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Mike Woodford who retired last week from NYCC Highways. Six area managers have been amalgamated under three with Mr Woodford's replacement covering the dales area and Thirsk area.

District Cllr Gardner gave a report from the parish precept meeting held by RDC.

Correspondence: The Swaledale Festival has outlined proposed improvements to parking in the village during the festival. Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Bowland who have spoken to Cllr Sunter regarding the parking.

RDC advise The Gables, Low Row has a name change to The Old Parsonage. It was agreed to enter the Rotary Club best kept village competition. YDNP are again offering the opportunity of Councils to have an Authority Member attend their meetings.

A letter of support for the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group 'Big Dig' Project will be submitted. They propose to dig test pits around the centres of Grinton and Reeth to add knowledge of the development of both settlements.

RDC would like to book the hall for County Council Elections on Thursday 2nd May 2013. It was agreed to charge £60 for the hire.

A Yorkshire Water form has been completed regarding surface water drainage for the hall.

Comments are invited on the police and crime plan, this is available at www.crimeplan.org.uk. The consultation ends on 18th March.

White Rose Update, NYCC minerals and waste development framework update and RCVS newsletter were all at hand.

Finance: It was agreed to pay Yorkshire Water £21.82. Clerks pay and HMRC will be paid prior to the payroll year end on 5th April 2013.

Any other business: Cllr Gardner mentioned briefly the Tour de France passing through the parish on 5th July 2014, pot holes along the route will be repaired.

Cllr Gardner also advised the Council of the Community Opportunities Fund which opens on 1st April. Clerk to obtain quotes for painting of the hall door and windows, repairs to the bus shelter and maintenance on seats in the parish. Cllr Gardner advised the meeting that he is trying to obtain a gully sucking map of the village.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be the Parish Council AGM on 6th May at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, both are in the Parish Hall.