

Grinton Parish Council meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present Chairman Cllr Brown, Cllrs Sunter, Porter and Coates, District Cllr Gardner, the clerk, local press reporter and 3 members of the public. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Alderson.

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

Matters Arising: Highways will lift the LGV restriction on the moor road only if it forms part of the diversion route. Swale Hall Lane and Whitaside roads have been assessed and potholes that meet the necessary intervention level will be repaired.

Mike Briggs, YDNP Ranger, advises the hand rail on Crackpot Bridge has been repaired; further work will be carried out to the stonework.

There will be a meeting with highways regarding the proposed closure and repairs of the B6270; this will be held at the CB Hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00pm.

Correspondence: Alan Mills updated the Council on the SWAAG Big Dig project. It was agreed that test pits could be dug on parish owned land in Grinton.

Cllrs are invited to attend the Remembrance Day parade on 10<sup>th</sup> November starting at 2pm from Reeth Green; also the service at the war memorial on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am.

No enforcement action will be taken by YDNP regarding the unauthorised siting of a caravan to the rear of Virginia Cottage as it is stored on land well screened from open public views. The caravan should not be occupied for residential purposes.

NYCC are holding a consultation on their household waste recycling centre networks regarding proposals to save money; the consultation end on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013.

The Yorkshire Dales Access Forum is looking for new members; application forms should be submitted by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

NYCC are proposing to increase the current charge for post 16 home to school transport to £480 per annum. A consultation is being held, comments should be submitted by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

It was noted there will be a European Parliamentary Election on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014. A polling station questionnaire has been completed and returned.

Planning permission has been granted for erection of a greenhouse and replacement of oil tank at Beck Cottage, Grinton.

It was decided not to donate to the St John's Community Centre or the Great North Air Ambulance as the Parish has limited funds.

Health watch North Yorkshire are the new local customer champion for health and social care services, replacing the former Local Involvement Networks (LINK). They are currently recruiting volunteers for a variety of roles; details are available on their web site.

Clerks and Councils Direct and NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee special agenda were at hand. The later hold a meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 which will include a presentation on Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital. A public consultation is being held on both these services, comments close on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Finance: the clerk reported the external audit for 2012/2103 is complete; there are no comments from the auditors.

It was resolved to pay G Frankland £426.00, G Braithwaite £1190.00, A Chandler £18.00 and Yorkshire Water £7.25.

Any other business: Mrs Slater attended the meeting as part of the Tour de France committee. Cllrs agreed to put together a funding application for a banner, bunting and portable toilets.

Cllr Gardner informed those attending of a meeting at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November regarding the planned cuts to local bus services.

He also advised that from spring 2014 there will be a charge of £17.00 a year for the green refuse bins; bins will be removed from households that don't wish to pay.

RDC are looking at less cleaning of public toilets with low footfall, including Grinton, and are consulting parishes on turning off alternate streetlights to make savings.

A blocked drain in Crackpot will be reported to highways.

As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall.