

Grinton Parish Council Annual General Meeting, Monday 5th May 2014 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr H Brown, Cllrs Sunter, Coates and Alderson, the clerk, local press reporter, and four members of the public.

Election of Officers: Chairman Councillor H Brown
 Vice Chairman Councillor B Sunter
 Reeth Memorial Hall Representative Councillor B Sunter

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Porter.

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

Matters Arising: The broken drain on Swale Hall bank has been repaired but further works are required. Repairs will be carried out to hazardous defects on Silk Wood bridle path, at the current time budget cuts will not allow for any other works.

Equipment has been removed from the green by Grinton Bridge and the green by Corner House has been reinstated. The footpath from Parks Field to Reeth has been surfaced with hard core.

The matter of the small wooden bridge will be discussed at the Parish Meeting.

Mr Brown has spoken to both parties regarding the parking dispute.

Grants have been awarded from YDNP and RDC for £500 each towards items for the Tour in Yorkshire weekend. Clerk to speak to D Coates to find out if the estate is allowing parking on the moor. Also to source toilets, bunting and a banner.

Correspondence: RDC are looking at litter management over the TdeF weekend. A skip and bins on the moor are to be suggested.

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

YDNP advise that two trees are to be removed at Bushes House, Low Row.

The environment agency is sending leaflets to residents of the village with information on the risk of flash flooding from Grinton Gill.

RDC Communities Opportunity fund 2014/15 is open for applications.

RDC's draft proposals for the review of parish arrangements for Richmondshire are open for comments until 28th June 2014. The proposal includes joining Grinton and Ellerton Abbey parishes.

This would mean a new Parish Council to be a grouped Council with two wards, Ellerton Abbey and Grinton. There would be six councillors with five from Grinton and one from Ellerton Abbey. Grinton Council supports the proposal.

The Department for Communities and Local Government are consulting on a draft transparency code for parish councils with a turnover of less than £25,000. These councils will be exempt from routine external audit, the code acting as an audit substitute. Under the code the council would be required to publish all items of expenditure, end of year accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report, location of public lands and buildings assets, agendas, approved minutes and list of councillor responsibilities. Comment should be submitted by Friday 9th May 2014.

Finance: It was resolved to approve the accounts and Annual Governance statement for year ending 31st March 2014.

It was resolved to pay YLCA (sub) £42.00, H Woolley £48.60, Yorkshire Water £13.33. Zurich Insurance £575.75. Monies received precept £750.00, NEDL wayleave £21.56, four consolidated stock dividends of £0.57p have been received during the year.

Any other business: Small repairs are required to the bus shelter roof. As there was no further business the chairman closed the meeting. Next meeting Monday 7th July at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.