

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter and Barningham, the Clerk, press reporter T Little and two member of the public

1. Apologies:

District Cllr Blows and Cllr Brown. Cllr Coates read out a letter received from Cllr Brown tendering his resignation from the Parish Council due to ill health. Cllr Coates paid tribute to Cllr Brown and expressed thanks on behalf of the whole council for his dedication to the Parish over the past 42 years of service.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Commons Registration:

Rosegarth, Grinton: The change have now been formally accepted by NYCC and the register and map amended.

Jimmy's Field, Crackpot: This is still on-going. The landowner is preparing further documentation to send to NYCC. They are also looking for aerial photos showing the area before the road was altered by highways to support their case.

Street Lights: The 2 lights in the village are still not working. The Clerk has spoken to RDC regarding this matter on several occasions. The light in front of Whitelea is due to be replaced. The Clerk to contact RDC again regarding this matter.

Dog Waste Bins: The Clerk has spoken to RDC to request a bin be placed at the end of the new Swale Trail. Unfortunately RDC are not siting any more waste or dog waste bins in the foreseeable future. They are currently assessing their capability to empty the existing over 500 bins within the district. If there is a problem with dog fouling in this area it can be reported to the Dog Warden who will then investigate the matter.

Council Tax on Second Homes: Cllr Blows has emailed to report that the proposal has now been rejected by RDC.

4. Correspondence:

RDC:

Parish Plans: Correspondence has been received regarding parish plans and their updating. It was felt that the YDNPA Parish Plan covered all aspects needed for our Parish.

YDNPA:

Parish Briefing Note: The latest briefing note received regarded the proposed council tax increase on second homes which has now been rejected by RDC.

Planning Application, Many Walls, Grinton: Approval notice has been received for this application that was part retrospective.

National Parks Forum Meeting: The next meeting for the Northern Parishes will be held on Monday 23rd April at West Burton Village Hall. Cllr Coates would try to attend.

Cllr Blackie

Upper Dales Localities Fund: An email reminding parishes of the availability of this funding has been received. Although the deadline has now passed for this year, bids are welcomed for 2018/19.

Dales Mobile Skip Service: This service will be available at Reeth Green on Saturday 17th March 2018 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

5. Finance:

A Cheque was signed for the fitting of the defibrillator cabinet. The Clerk can now complete the claim for the Area Partnership grant.

6. Any Other Business:

Highways: Cllr Barningham reported that there is still an open hole on the Moor Road that has been left for over a year where the highways authority dug to investigate a road drain. The Clerk will report this on the NYCC Parish Portal.

Spruce Tree, Grinton Bridge: A local resident has requested the council's agreement to remove a spruce tree growing near the main bridge. He has spoken to YDNPA planners who have advised him to check with the landowner for permission. The area in which the tree is growing is not classed as village green and therefore not parish ground. The council, however have no objections to the works.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: AGM -Monday 7th May 2018.