

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter, Barningham, Sunter, Jones and Forrest, the Clerk, NYCC Councillor Y Peacock, M Briggs YDNPA Ranger, press reporter T Little and 9 members of the public

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings held on 6th January 2020 and the extra-ordinary meeting on 17th February 2020 having been circulated were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Flood Works:

1. Beck Works and Insurance Claim:

The temporary work that has been held up for the last seven months because of the dangerous state of Corner House is now able to take place as the underpinning of the property has now been completed. The insurance companies' loss adjusters have identified the Parish Council as a riparian owner of a section of the beck and have calculated a percentage cost that we are being asked to contribute. The main cost of the beck clearance is to be met by four properties and to two landowners, of which the Parish Council is one.

The contribution being asked of the Parish Council towards the temporary repairs is £630.00. Cllr Jones proposed that this been paid as a donation but that the Parish Council take no further responsibility for these areas. This was agreed by Cllrs Sunter, Porter and Forest. Cllrs Coates and Barningham took no part in the vote as they both declared an interest as effected riparian owners.

2. Re-Instatement of Parking Places:

Cllr Peacock reported that these works are to be undertaken by NYCC but are on a list of repairs that is being worked through. NYCC are aware of the exposed power cable in this area.

3. Re-Instatement of Footbridge above Vicarage Bridge:

The Parish Council have now received 2 letters, from residents Chris Atkins and Richard Sharp, requesting that the bridge is replaced following the July 2019 floods. We have also received 2 letters from resident, F Henderson, and Lord Peel's agent both expressing concerns regarding possible damage to

Vicarage Bridge and access to their properties should be bridge be washed away again if there was another flood. Catherine Weetman also expressed concerns. The Parish Council do not own the land on either side of the site of the bridge. Chris Atkins has started the process to get a right of way recorded on the Definitive Map. YDNPA Ranger, M Briggs advised that even if a right of way is recorded by NYCC there is no obligation for a dry river crossing to be provided.

4. Footbridge – Waterford House:

The damage to the east abutment of the bridge has been assessed by YDNPA and will be dealt with in due course. Works are required to the banks of the village green opposite Waterford House. It was agreed that a site visit will take place with the YDNPA Ranger who would be able to advise the Parish Council as to what works could be undertaken.

5. Wall near Mirgill House:

An estimate has been obtained from Trevor Atkinson for the works to be carried out for a cost of £175.00. It was agreed unanimously to accept this quotation. Cllr Sunter will contact the contractor to carry out these works as soon as possible.

6. Richmond Motor Club Flood Donation:

Correspondence has been received inviting Councillors to a reception at The Buck Hotel, Reeth when flood relief cheques will be presented. It was agreed that 2 people would attend to represent the Parish Council.

YDNPA Local Plan Consultation

The initial stage of the consultation has now ended but Cllr Peacock reported she is hoping to work as a group with Parish Councils in Swaledale to get involved with the next part of the consultation. Cllr Peacock will keep us informed of any progress with this.

5. Correspondence:

Two Ridings Community Foundation:

A request for a project update has been received following the donation of £10,000 to the Parish Council. As yet no major works have been able to take place due to the advice of NYCC that these could not be undertaken until the underpinning of Corner House was completed. Cllr Coates will contact the Two Ridings following the site visit with the YDNPA Ranger to update them of the situation.

YDNPA:

Parish Forum Meeting: The next meeting is to be held at Fremington on Wednesday 20th May. Cllr Sunter may possibly be able to attend. Cllr Coates will contact YDNPA to ask that flooding in Swaledale and in particular the Grinton Beck, Haggs Gill and Cogden beck areas be put on the agenda for discussion.

Planning Application, Ellerton Abbey: An application has been made for full planning permission for a pop-up Antique Shop and Café in the entrance hall. Councillors had no objections.

6. Finance:

Cheques:

A cheque was signed for £9.98 for a new smoke alarm for the Hall.

7. Any Other Business:

River Swale Bankside: M Bilton asked who was responsible for the bank side of the river Swale near River View as there has been a significant amount of erosion in this area. This would be the responsibility of the Environment Agency. It was decided to contact them to request a site visit to this area.

Registration of Parish Hall: Cllr Coates reported that the hall has now been inspected by an Ordnance Survey inspector.

Street Light No 10, vicarage Bridge: Cllr Forrest reported that RDC are testing a solar powered street light and if this proves to be successful one could be installed at this location.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meetings will be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 4th May 2020