

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.15pm via Microsoft Teams Video Link

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Barningham, Sunter, Jones and Forrest, the Clerk, NYCC Councillor Y Peacock,

1. Apologies:

District Councillor R Good

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd March 2020 and the extra-ordinary meeting on 17th March 2020 having been circulated were approved and the Clerk will arrange to have them signed. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the AGM and the Annual Parish Meetings have been postponed until next year. Cllr Coates will remain as Chair until then

4. Matters Arising:

Flood Works:

Cllr Coates had attended a meeting with Steve Barker of NYCC Highways on Thursday 2nd July to discuss the re-instatement of the parking places on Moor Road. He had indicated that it was not the Highways responsibility but that he would have to speak to his superiors to clarify the situation. NYCC Cllr Peacock has spoken to David Bowe regarding this and is urging them to take responsibility as they created the parking places when trying out grasscrete in around 1996.

Richard Scarr has been requested to provide an estimate for the provision of rock armour to the east side of the beck. A separate price for the west side and the parking areas would also be obtained should NYCC fail to take responsibility for the area.

It was agreed that works on the East side of the beck to clear and secure the bank should be undertaken as soon as possible. Keith Webster of Waterford House has emailed the council expressing his concerns regarding the works and is keen for them to be started soon, unfortunately all works have been delayed due to the Coronavirus lock-down.

Wall near Mirgill House: The wall is still to be repaired. Cllr Sunter will contact Trevor Atkinson again to ascertain when the work will be done, again this has probably been delayed due to the Coronavirus.

5. Correspondence:

K Webster

Mr Webster has emailed the council with his concerns regarding the beck clearance and the parking places on Moor Road. This was dealt with in Matters Arising

6. Finance:

Annual Accounts:

The Annual Internal Audit Report has been received and was noted.

The Annual Governance Statement has been circulated and was approved.

The Accounting Statements have been circulated and were approved

The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

The commencement date for exercise of public rights was set as 1st September 2020

The Clerk will arrange with the Chair to have the forms signed.

Reserves were set for the coming year of £7,000 for the Hall and £13,250 for Flood Recovery Works

7. Any Other Business:

Trees, Swale Hall Lane: Cllr Barningham has been contacted by a local resident requesting the removal of overhanging trees on Swale Hall Lane. The Clerk will contact NYCC to request that they are removed.

Parking on Moor Road: Concerns have also been raised by the same resident regarding parking on Moor Road. It is becoming increasingly difficult for large vehicles and tractors to travel up the village without damaging the village green due to cars being parked on the side of the road.

Parking Places – Wolf Cottage:

Cllr Forest reported that since 1st June there has been a new tenant in Wolf Cottage and that the tenants of Virginia Cottage are now unable to park their cars in front of the white gates, as this is now being used by the tenants of Wolf Cottage, and are parking on the road side. The retrospective planning permission for Wolf Cottage was only granted on the basis that Virginia Cottage provided two off-road parking places. The spaces can only be given to Wolf Cottage if two more are provided for Virginia Cottage. The Clerk will write to the landlord of the properties and request that the off-road parking is provided as per the planning consent.

5G Pilot Scheme:

Cllr Peacock reported that a pilot scheme for 5G coverage is to be rolled out by NYCC for the Swaledale area. NYCC should be contacting Parish Councils in the area shortly with more information.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 7th September at 7.15pm

