

# GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 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 Cllr R Good

## **2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**

### Chair:

G Coates was proposed by M Barningham, seconded by M Forest and agreed unanimously.

### Vice Chair:

M Forest was proposed by M Barningham, seconded by M Jones and agreed unanimously.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 having been circulated were approved and the Clerk will arrange to have them signed.

## **4. Matters Arising:**

### Flood Works:

The major works to the low green have now been completed and white posts installed. Written estimates will be required from Chris Curry before any further works can be carried out. Chris has offered to speak to the residents of the upper green area to explain the proposed willow planting works to them. This planting would be managed and maintained periodically and could potentially be used to help other flood defence works in the area. It was discussed that a cost for this maintenance would need to be built into future precepts. The willow planting on the road side of the beck on parish land would probably be carried out first.

Brownagill Bridge on the Harkerside road is still in a dangerous condition and repair works have still not started. The barriers that had been erected around the collapsed parapet have now fallen into the stream and more of the bridge wall. This is causing the tarmac to crack and damage the other side of the bridge. Cllr Peacock will chase up again with NYCC Highways.

It was also reported that there is still a large amount of flood debris under the bridge on the main road over Grinton Beck which still needs to be cleared. This is Highways responsibility and Cllr Peacock will contact them regarding the matter.

### Village Name Sign:

A new position for the sign has now been agreed and the Clerk will send this to NYCC for approval.

### Village Hall Registration:

The Chair is still waiting to hear from the solicitors regarding the progress of the registration. Cllr Jones raised the issue of what would happen to the Hall if the parish council were to be amalgamated with another council in the future. It was agreed unanimously that this would be investigated with the solicitor when the current registration process was completed.

## **5. Correspondence:**

### Richmondshire District Council:

BT Pay Phone Removal Consultation. One of the pay phones proposed to be removed is situated in the parish at Low Lane near Low Whita. The Clerk has circulated details of the on-line survey to all councillors and will be completing the survey on behalf of the parish council to object to its removal as it is felt that all these phones should be retained until there is full mobile coverage in the area.

### Councillor Porter:

An email has been received tendering the resignation of Cllr Stephen Porter. The Chair thanked Cllr Porter for his work as a parish councillor during his time in office. The Clerk will inform RDC of the resignation.

## **6. Finance:**

Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: This was read and approved by Cllrs.

Approval of Annual Accounts 2020/21: These were circulated and approved by Cllrs.

It was also approved that £26,400 would be held in reserves for any future works required to the Village Hall and £34,500 held in reserve to complete flood damage repairs.

Cheques to sign – Business Stream £15.44

## **7. Any Other Business:**

### Dog Waste Bins:

Cllr Forest has been asked by residents of the village is it would be possible to get some dog waste bins in the village. As all the litter bins had been removed from the village by the parish council several years ago due to littering problems, it was felt that the best place to have a bin would be at the end of the Swale Trail. A bin had been requested here in the past but at the time the council were informed that RDC were not siting any new bins. The clerk will contact RDC again to ask if this is still the policy.

### Cemetery Waste Bins:

It was reported that both the wheelie bins in the cemetery have not been emptied for some time and are overflowing. The Clerk will report this to RDC.

## **8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall (subject to any further Covid restrictions)

