

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter, Barningham and Barker, District Cllr Blows, NY Cllr Blackie, Inspector Gee NY Police, the Clerk, press reporter T Little and ten member of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Fletcher-Lee

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018 were read, approved and signed.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – We have received an expression of interest from Mark Jones regarding the current vacancy. Cllr Coates proposed that Mr Jones be co-opted onto the council and it was agreed unanimously. Cllr Jones joined fellow councillors for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

Speeding through Grinton: Inspector Gee thanked the council for the invitation to the meeting and went on to explain that the current neighbourhood policing team for our area is based at Leyburn under Sgt Finley and consists of 2 Sergeants, a beat manager and 3 PCSOs. In response to questions regarding contacting the Police he reported that there has been a marked increase in the amount of calls to the Control Room with July being the busiest month ever experience by the force. The average 101 call was answered within 3 1/2 minutes. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, has pledged £3 million to improve the Control Room. An extension is to be built to accommodate new staff and a call back option is now available.

Cllr Barningham asked if anything can be done to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through the village. Insp Gee responded that there are only so many officer for the whole of North Yorkshire and that everything must follow protocol. Speeding reporting forms are available on the NY Police website and should be submitted to register concerns. When asked if the Parish could put up their own speed limit signs, Insp Gee reported that these would not be enforceable.

When asked what could be done to improve safety on Grinton Bank, Insp Gee reported that this would be a Highways matter. Cllr Blackie reported the Richard Marr of NYCC has now moved on but that he would try to get his successor to come back to a meeting or request a site visit with him when he is in place. Insp Gee also stated that he would be happy to attend any site visit that could be arranged.

A recent incident in Reeth concerning hunt saboteurs was also discussed and questions asked as to how the Police handled the situation. Insp Gee reported that he had received feedback that some members of the public thought that the Police were too heavy-handed in their dealing with the protestors.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be in Reeth at Hudson House on Thursday 6th September. Cllrs Coates, Barker and Jones will make an appointment to see her on behalf of the Parish Council.

Grinton YHA – Fireworks and Chinese Lanterns: No reply had been received from YHA Head Office regarding our letter regarding this matter. The Clerk will write to them again.

4. Correspondence:

YDNPA:

Planning Applications:

Low Whita Farm: Cllrs had no objections to the proposal.

White Lea Cottage, Grinton: A letter of objection has been sent regarding to YDNPA Planning regarding the lack of parking for the proposed development.

Shoemaker Barn, Grinton: Cllrs Barningham and Porter declared an interest in this matter and took no part in any discussions.

This application has now been sent to committee for a decision. Cllr Blackie urged the Parish Council to send a further letter of support for this scheme as it is for a local young couple who wish to stay within the area. Cllrs agreed to support the proposal. Cllr Blows also offered to send his support as Ward Councillor.

Notification of Car Rally: A rally will be passing through our area overnight on the 8th September. A notice from the rally organisers has been received and is displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

5. Finance:

Nothing to report

6. Any Other Business:

Memorial Bench – Martin Family: Cllr Coates has been approached requesting permission for a memorial bench for this family to be placed on the village green on Moor Road near the old family home. It was felt that this would not be suitable and a new site further up the green near Wolf Cottage was agreed to be suitable. Cllr Coates will contact the family to let them know the council's decision.

Pot Holes near Lawn House: Cllr Porter reported that there are several potholes in the road from Whita Bridge towards Lawn House. The clerk will report these on the NYCC parish portal.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 12th September 2018.

