

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Wednesday 8th May 2019.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Jones, Forest, Fletcher-Lee and Barningham, the Clerk, District Cllr R Good and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

T Little, press Reporter

2. Election of Chair:

G Coates was proposed by M Barningham, Seconded by J Fletcher-Lee and it was agreed unanimously. Cllr Coates signed a declaration of office as Chairman of the Council.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 were read, approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Parish Council Vacancy: The Chair proposed that S Porter be co-opted to fill the vacancy, seconded by M Barningham and agreed unanimously.

Highways Matters: The Clerk read out an email received from Cllr Blows from NYCC Highways regarding the removal of roadside saplings and the state of the wall on Grinton Bank. Roadside foliage will be cut back if deemed to be a danger to the highway or highways users but there are not the resources available to carry out wide scale removal works. The wall on Grinton bank is still awaiting the outcome of inspection. Cllrs again expressed deep concerns that the state of the wall was a danger as there is a steep drop into Grinton Beck. It was agreed that the Clerk would again write to NYCC Highways enclosing a photograph of the dangerous drop.

5. Correspondence:

RDC

Area Partnership Funding: Applications are now open for this funding with a deadline of 5th August 2019. It was agreed to apply for funding to carry out external painting works and possibly for new heaters for the Hall. District Cllr Good also reported that there may be more Government funding available later in the year.

YDNPA

Parish Representatives: The current parish representatives have now come to the end of their terms and nominations are invited for the new term of office. An email from J Watkinson of Arkengarthdale Parish Council was read stating his intention to stand and asking for support.

6. Finance:

Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2018/19: This was read and approved by Cllrs.

Approval of Annual Accounts 2018/19: These were circulated and approved by Cllrs.

Cheques:

Cheques were signed for the Clerks Wages and for O'Reilly's for payroll services.

7. Any Other Business:

Grinton Beck and Footbridge: A letter has been received from a resident regarding the deteriorating state for the bank retaining baskets along the Village Green boarding Grinton Beck and the white footbridge across the stream in the same location. The footbridge would be reported to the YDNPA Ranger for repairs as it is on a public right of way and the authority has carried out repairs to it in the past. It was thought that Yorkshire Water may be responsible for the bankside baskets or possibly NYCC Highways. The Clerk will investigate and report as appropriate. Concern was expressed that if the baskets collapsed it may cause flooding further down in the village.

Bridges: The wall of the road bridge over Grinton Beck at the top of the Village Green is completely overgrown with ivy and other vegetation which could be damaging the wall. Also the arch under the bridge over Haverdale Beck is silting up and needs to be cleaned out. The Clerk will report these to NYCC using the Parish Portal.

Litter Bins: Cllr Forest queried if a litter bin was required on the Village Green near the Beck but Cllr Coates reported that it had been decided to remove litter bins several years ago. The provision of a dog waste bin at the end of the Swale Trail was also raised. The Clerk had contacted RDC previously to request this but had been told that no additional bins were being placed at that time. District Cllr Good reported that there has since been a change of policy and to make the request again.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.15 pm.