

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter, Barningham, Jones and Forest, the Clerk, press reporter T Little and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies:

District Cllr Good

2. Co-option of New Councillor:

Council Vacancy: The vacancy has been advertised and as no election has been requested, we have now received permission from RDC to co-opt a new councillor. Adele Sunter expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Barningham and approved unanimously.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019 and the extra-ordinary meeting on 4th November 2019 having been circulated were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Flood Works:

1. Flood Group Action Plan: Re-instatement of the off-road parking spaces near the Old Joinery and beck side strengthening works:

About 3 weeks before the flood, Steve Barker of NYCC had attended a site visit and had been shown the gabion baskets on the beck side. These baskets had been installed by NYCC in about 1978, the grasscrete in the parking area was also installed by them at a later date. As there are no plans for anymore beck clearance works it was decided that NYCC would be contacted in regard to repair works to the parking places. It was also reported that the beck side bank on the opposite side to the parking places would need some re-instatement works. Cllr Jones will consult with Dr P Hann of Reeth to get a quotation and advice for this work, proposed by Cllr Forest, seconded by Cllr Barningham and agreed unanimously. It was also suggested that the National Park volunteers may be able to undertake these works. The Clerk will speak to the Ranger.

2. Re-Instatement of footbridge above Vicarage Bridge:

Mr Chris Atkins requested that the footbridge be replaced but residents from properties neighbouring the bridge expressed concerns that the bridge had caused a lot of damage to their properties when it washed out in July and that it could also cause damage to Vicarage Bridge if there was another large flood.

The footpath over the bridge is not on the definitive map. Cllr Coates suggested that Mr Atkin should ascertain what support there was from local residents regarding replacing the bridge. As the footpath is not on the definitive map and ownership cannot be established, Mr Atkin agreed to undertake the task of trying to get the path registered with NYCC.

3. Richmond Motor Club Funding Offer:

An email has been received offering funding to the Parish Council from Motor Club funds following the July floods. No further details have been received to date.

4. Insurance:

Cllr Jones has contacted Zurich Insurance to ensure that all the Parish land has been added to the policy. The additional cost of £56.00 has been paid.

5. Tree Assessment and footpath near Blackburn Hall

Cllr Jones has produced a tree assessment/risk assessment for Parish Council owned land. This was following a site visit with Cllr Coates and Chris Curry. A dead cherry tree near Waterford House needs to be removed and quotations for repairs to the wall near Mirgill are required. The Clerk will contact 2 local builders to obtain quotes for the walling works.

Shoemaker Barn Planning:

Planning Permission has now been granted on the barn by YDNPA.

Street Light Repairs:

Lights 8 and 9 on Moor Road have now been replaced with LED lights. Light 10 requires a new post as it was brought down in the floods. RDC are looking into replacing the light.

Hall Decoration:

The Clerk has contacted Jeremy Moon to arrange for the works to be carried out. This will not be possible until April or May but unless there is an increase in materials his original quotation will still be valid. RDC will also be contacted to confirm that the grant can still be paid in the new financial year.

5. Correspondence:

YDNPA:

New Local Plan: Consultation regarding the new local plan 2023-2040 has started. Surveys are available on-line or on the back page of the Dales Magazine, December 2019.

Dark Skies Reserve status: A request for a letter of support from the Council has been received. It was proposed by Cllr Forest and seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed unanimously that a letter of support would be sent supporting the status as long as there was no impact on planning applications.

RDC:

Leaders Attendance at Parish Council Meetings: If the Parish Council wish the leaders of RDC to attend any meeting, this can be arranged.

G Brown:

Planning Application, Haverdale Barn: A letter from has been received asking the Parish Council to support this application. An email has already been sent to YDNPA in support as the consultation period ended before this meeting. All Councillors were sent details and had no objections.

6. Finance:

Cheques:

Cheques were signed for Defibrillator Pads - £37.14

7. Any Other Business:

Standing Orders: The Chair asked all Councillors to look at the standing orders to see if there were any suggestions for changes and to bring them up to date. The last update to them was in 2012. Any changes would need to be made at the AGM in May.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.15pm.