

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.15pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Barningham, Sunter, Jones and Forrest, the Clerk and two members of the Public

1. Apologies:

NYCC Cllr Y Peacock, RDC Cllr R Good

2. Co-Option of New Councillor:

Matt Barker was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 having been circulated were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Flood Works:

The landscaping works are now almost complete. The grass/flower seed mix is still to be put on the topsoil.

An Inspector from NYCC has been to the bridge and after speaking with the Chair has seen the amount of debris that is still under it. However, nothing has been done to date to alleviate the situation. It was agreed that the Council would write to Steve Barker at NYCC Highways to express its concern that distressed Parishioners are still waiting for this work to be done and that properties in this area have twice flooded again since the original 2019 floods. It was also agreed to write to Rishi Sunak regarding this matter.

Village Name Sign:

The sign is now in situ on the gate and Councillors felt that position was appropriate.

Village Hall Registration and Use:

The Chair has received a letter from the solicitors to say that the registration is now completed. However at the rear of the hall there is an area that has been mis-registered and another that is not registered at all. To correct this would incur a £40.00 fee from the Land Registry. Councillors agreed that this should be correctly registered.

Reeth Rural Radio Net have installed wi-fi, free of charge, in the Hall. It was felt that this would make the hall more attractive to hirers. It was agreed to put a poster in the window of the hall to advertise its availability for hire and that wi-fi was included in the hire rates.

It was also agreed that some alternative form of heating would be beneficial to install in the future.

5G Rollout:

Cllr Peacock was unable to attend our meeting tonight but had phoned the Chair with an update. The rollout is being started in Arkengarthdale first, working with the Reeth Rural Radio Net and would be rolled out to other areas later. Cllr Forrest reported that he had emailed BT for an update on the superfast broadband provision for the village but had received no reply, however the Phase 3 works have to be completed by December.

Seat outside Greenways:

Cllr Sunter reported that Tony Sunter will carry out the necessary works free of charge.

5. Correspondence:

Yorkshire Dales National Park:

Local Plan Consultation No 4 – Local Occupancy and Barns: It was agreed to that Cllr Forrest would complete a reply on behalf of the Parish Council for the status quo to remain

Planning Application – East Mill House, Grinton: There were no objections to the application.

Planning Seminar – Zoom Meeting, 23rd September: Cllr Jones will attend the on-line meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Parish Forum – Zoom Meeting 13th October: Cllr Jones will represent the Parish Council at this meeting and will report that it is felt that there should be more local face to face meetings in the future. It may also be possible to put forward a proposed project to upgrade the hall facilities.

Richmondshire District Council:

Upper Dales Area Partnership Meeting – 29th September: The Parish Council require a representative at this meeting. Cllrs Jones and Coates may be able to attend.

Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership: The Communitree Project was discussed but no suitable sites were identified at the meeting for planting. Cllr Jones will investigate areas of Parish Land that may be suitable.

RBL Poppy Appeal:

It was agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath for the Parish. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

6. Finance:

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position and a cheque was signed for the cleaning of the bus shelter.

7. Any Other Business:

Planning Application – Farm Building, Cogden Hall: The Council have been asked by the agents of the applicants to provide a letter of support for this application. Although we were consulted originally in May as there were no objections no response was made. However, the application has been recommended for rejection by the Planning Officers and will not go to committee unless views to the contrary are received from Consultees. It was agreed to write to support the application as it would allow local farming family run their business more efficiently.

Application for new Street Light at end of Bridge: The Clerk will contact RDC to see if our application has been successful.

Dog Waste Bin: The bin is still not in situ, the Clerk will contact RDC to chase up.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.