

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Forrest, Barningham, Sunter and Jones, District Cllr R Good, the Clerk and one member of the Public.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Barker

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 having been circulated were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Debris under the Bridge and Brownagill Bridge Repairs: Following Storm Eunice the debris under the bridge has been washed downstream and there does not appear to be any unreasonable build up further downstream towards the River Swale. However there is a large build up at the end of the beck where it runs into the River. This will be reported to the Environment Agency as this would be their responsibility to clear. It was also decided to write to Emily Mellilieu at NYCC because the flood water coming down the beck was initially unable to clear due to the debris and cut back from the bridge and has now undermined the foundations of the sewage pipes and village green to a level that is lower than it was before the July 2019 flood and this is a direct result of the debris not being cleared by NYCC as requested.

There has been no progress at all in repairing the parapets on Brownagill Bridge and the Clerk will contact Cllr Peacock to see if she can help progress the matter.

Village Hall: A letter has been received from Hall & Birtles confirming that the Hall has now been registered with the Land Registry. The deeds and conveyances for the Hall are all held with Hall & Birtles

There is a booking for the Hall for 23rd March for an Area Partnership Meeting and it was proposed by Cllr Coates that there be a working day before this meeting to get the Hall tidied up. It was decided that this would take place on Saturday 12th March from 9.30am.

Recycling Bin: Cllr Coates has been in discussions with Julie Toombes from RDC regarding the proposed site on Swale Hall Lane. This would be acceptable as long as there is enough room for the bin to be emptied and that there is a hardstanding base for it to be sited on. The base would need to be provided by the Parish Council. Cllr Sunter will speak to Tony Sunter to get a price for this and Cllr Forrest will measure the site again to ensure that there is sufficient room.

Planning Application Swale Hall Lane: The Parish Councils objects have been received and the application has still not been decided.

4. Correspondence:

Yorkshire Dales National Park:

Planning Application – Neddy Meadow: Full Planning Permission is being sought for change of use of land from agricultural to a camping site to accommodate the siting of 4 camping pods and 3 shepherds huts and the conversion of the existing barn to a short term holiday let. Cllrs agreed to object to the plans on the following grounds

- The barn has already been converted without permission.
- There is no need for further holiday accommodation as there are already 10 camping pods at the Youth hostel many of which stand empty much of the time as well as numerous letting rooms within the Hostel and pub, many holiday cottages, the expanding visitor accommodation at the Dales Bike centre and the large camping field next to it.
- Concerns over increased traffic movements along Swale Hall Lane which is part of the Swale Trail.
- Noise to neighbouring properties and light pollution.
- Financial need is not a planning consideration.

RDC:

Hall Booking for Area Partnership Meeting: This was covered in Matters Arising.

Richmond Rotary:

Best Kept Village Competition: It was agreed to enter the competition this year.

5. Finance:

The clerk gave an update of the current financial position. There are no outstanding invoices to be paid. The Area partnership Claim for the Hall heating has been submitted.

6. Any Other Business:

Tree Works, The Old Joinery: Notification has been received from YDNPA of permitted works to be carried out at this address.

St Andrew Church Clock Appeal: A request for a donation of £200.00 has been received from the Church Wardens to help their appeal to electrify the clock. This was put to the vote and passed by 3 votes to 2 to approve the donation. The Clerk will arrange for payment.

Proposed new BT pole in front of Church: The church Wardens have emailed to inform the Parish Council that a new pole will be erected on the path in front of the Church and that they are concerned that this will cause problems on the already narrow footpath. The Parish Council are in support of this pole as it is essential to get the new broadband to Moor Road and along Harkerside to Bleak House.

Diamond Jubilee: Cllr Sunter raised the possibility of having decorations in the village for the Jubilee. It was decided that the existing bunting would be sufficient and Cllr Sunter will ask Tony Sunter if he will be willing to assist with putting up the bunting with his lifting machines.

District Cllr Good also reported that a celebratory event is being planned in Reeth by Hudson House and that the Chair would be writing to neighbouring parishes to invite them to get involved.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Due to the upcoming parish elections the next meeting will be Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall and will be the Parish Council AGM followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.