

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr H Brown (Chairman), Cllrs Barningham, Coates and Porter, County Councillor Blackie, the Clerk, and press reporter T Little

Apologies:

Cllr Barker and District Cllr Blows

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7th November 2016 were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

Road Condition, Ellerton Abbey: Cllr Blows has emailed NYCC regarding this matter who have responded that they are monitoring the situation and that it has been added to their programme of works but giving no indication of when any repairs will be carried out. Notification has also been received that roadworks at Under Banks were scheduled to begin which would include road closures for 2 days.

Speeding on Grinton Bank: Cllr Barningham reported that a speed check has now been carried out on the road but as this was during a period of icy weather no excessive speeds had been recorded.

24 Hr Emergency Services: Cllr Blackie updated members on the campaign to retain 24hr emergency services at Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Footbridge, Grinton Gill: The footbridge should be replaced sometime in February.

BT Consultation on Removal of Telephone Boxes: Cllr Blackie reported no payphones would be removed from the area following objections from RDC. He has been corresponding with BT and has discovered that there are a number of payphones that were listed for removal which are actually out of order despite repeated requests for them to be repaired. These are now being dealt with and Cllr Blackie urged that any others be reported as soon as possible.

Bus Shelter Roof Repairs: A quote for the necessary roof repairs has been obtained and Cllrs agreed to accept this. The Clerk will contact the builder to request that the works are carried out as soon as possible.

Correspondence:

Reeth Parish Council: Correspondence has been received showing the new name of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council on the register of title for Reeth Memorial Hall.

RDC:

Hall Booking: A request to book the Hall for NYCC elections in May has been received for 4th May 2017.

Ward Boundary Review: There will be a briefing held at Mercury House, Richmond on Thursday 19th January 2017 regarding this. Cllr Blackie urged that Cllrs attend as proposals to be discussed are regarding reducing the number of district councillors by changing ward boundaries. These changes could mean that rural and more urban wards are merged which could be to the detriment of the more rural areas.

Calculation of Council Tax Base: Cllr Brown proposed that the precept remain as £2,000, seconded by Cllr Coates and agreed unanimously.

YDNPA:

Election of Parish Representative: Notification has been received that the new parish representative will be Allen Kirkbride of Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council.

Finance:

Cheques were signed for:
Clerks Expenses - £29.99

Any Other Business:

None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 6th March 2017