

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Monday 1st May 2017.

Present: Cllr H Brown (Chairman), Cllrs Coates, Porter and Barningham, the Clerk and three members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Alderson, Barker and T Little, press reporter.

2. Election of Officers:

Chair – H Brown, proposed by S Porter, seconded by M Barningham

Vice-Chair – G Coates, proposed by H Brown, seconded by M Barningham

Memorial Hall Rep – G Coates, proposed by H Brown, seconded by M Barningham

Cllr H Brown signed a declaration of office as Chairman of the Council

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017 were read, approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Road Condition: No further information has been received regarding this matter. The Clerk will contact District Cllr Blows for an update.

Ward Boundary Review: Cllr Coates reported that she had spoken to Yvonne Peacock, Leader of Richmondshire District Council who had stated that Swaledale would be merged with another neighbouring rural ward.

Meeting Dates: It was decided not to change any dates for future meetings until the outcome of the forthcoming NYCC elections is known. Any changes would need to be made at the AGM as they form part of the standing orders.

Defibrillator: District Cllr Blows has contacted the Clerk with details of funding from the British Heart Foundation that should become available soon.

5. Correspondence:

YDNPA

Planning Consent, Nettlebed House: Notice has been received that works have been approved.

Tree Works, Beck Cottage: Works to a Sycamore tree at this location have been approved.

RDC

Community Housing Initiative: The Clerk read out a letter from Amanda Madden promoting Community Lead Housing. It was decided that this was not to pursue the matter.

NYCC

Road Closure, Downholme Bridge: Repair works are scheduled to start between 1st June and 1st November that would result in the road being closed for a period of 8 weeks.

Richmondshire Area Committee: Notice of vacancies for co-opted members has been received with nominations to be received by 5th June. Harold is already a member of the Committee.

6. Finance:

Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/17: This was read and approved by Cllrs.

Approval of Annual Accounts 2016/17: These were circulated and approved by Cllrs. It was also approved that £7,000.00 would be held in reserves for any future works required to the Village Hall.

Cheques:

The following cheques were signed:-

O'Reilly Accountants - £120.00

Clerks Expenses - £8.00

Clerks Wages - £375.00

7. Any Other Business:

Cllr James Alderson: Cllr Alderson has emailed his resignation from the Parish Council.

The Clerk to write to him expressing thanks from all for his contributions over the years and for being the Emergency Officer. The Clerk will inform RDC of the vacancy so that it can be advertised.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.15 pm.