

# GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter and Fletcher-Lee, District Cllr Blows, the Clerk and one member of the public

## **1. Apologies:**

Cllr Brown

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were read, approved and signed.

## **3. Matters Arising:**

Commons Registration: Since the November meeting correspondence has been received from NYCC regarding objections to the proposal by The Open Spaces Society. Cllr Coates has replied to NYCC suggesting a site meeting with The Open Spaces Society, the Parish Council and the landowners to try to clarify the situation and has offered that the Parish Council will register the correct piece of land as village green in an effort to bring the matter to a close. The landowner has also sent further documents to NYCC to support the case. As yet we have not heard back from NYCC.

Superfast Broadband: The Clerk read out a letter received from Rishi Sunak, MP, regarding his representations to Superfast North Yorkshire to get Grinton included in the next phase of the scheme. A letter from Superfast North Yorkshire was also circulated indicating Grinton may be considered for upgrade in Phase 3 of the scheme but that there is no guarantee of this. District Cllr Blows understands that there will be a map showing areas of possible coverage in Phase 3 that should be available shortly.

Disabled Toilet Charging: Cllr Blows has checked the policy at RDC regarding charging for disabled toilets. If the disabled facilities are combined with the normal toilets, as they are at Grinton, a charge is payable. A query was also raised as to the time that the doors automatically lock on an evening. Cllr Blows will check and report back to our next meeting.

Ward Boundary Review: Cllr Blackie has emailed requesting that Parish Councils send further letters or emails to the Boundary Commission to support his proposals. Cllrs felt that the name of the proposed new ward should reflect the whole of the area covered and not just Hawes and High Abbotside.

Council Tax on Second Homes: Cllr Blows asked for opinions on the proposed increase in council tax to be passed to him.

## **4. Correspondence:**

Richmond and Hambleton CAB: A letter has been received outlining the services that have been provided by the CAB in this area in the past year and requesting a donation to support the on-going works. Cllr felt that they were unable to make any donation.

## **5. Finance:**

Cheques were signed for:

Clerk's Expenses - £30.00

## **6. Any Other Business:**

Street Lights: The two streetlights in the village that were reported several months ago are still not working. The Clerk will contact RDC for an update.

Dog Waste Bins: Cllr Fletcher-Lee asked if it would be possible to have a dog waste bin at the end of the new Swale Trail where it meets Swale Hall Lane. The new trail was proving popular with dog walkers. The Clerk will contact RDC to see if this is possible.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Clerk circulated a list of the dates of meetings for the coming year. It will also be available on the website.