

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.15pm via Microsoft Teams Video Link

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Barningham, Sunter, Jones and Forrest, the Clerk, NYCC Councillor Y Peacock, RDC Councillor R Good

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2020 having been circulated were approved and the Clerk will arrange to have them signed.

Following the approval of the minutes the Chair proposed that the vacant post of Vice-Chair be taken by Cllr Forrest for the next 2 meetings until the AGM to ensure that meeting could take place or continue should the Chair lose internet/teams connection at any time. Seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising:

Flood Works: Richard Scar has been emailed regarding starting the works in March but no reply has been received from him. However Cllr Coates has spoken to him in person and he has promised that the works will be completed before Easter. The funding of £20,000 from The Two Ridings has yet to be received despite the Clerk completing the acceptance paperwork. The Clerk will try to contact them again to establish when the funds will be paid to us.

Cllr Coates reported that the Village Green opposite Corner House will be re-instated by the contractors with turf but a section near the window and the rainwater downspout would need to have a different covering and it was agreed that this area should be covered with gravel or flags to provide a car parking space near the property.

Cllr Coates also raised that Emily Mellalieu of NYCC was supposed to be organising an on-line meeting this month with all the relevant agencies to discuss any future works that may be needed to the beck and the mouth of the River Swale. The Clerk will contact her to see if this is going to be arranged soon. Cllr Good also reported that Rishi Sunak is trying to organise a similar meeting for all those effected by the flooding in the area.

Village Name Sign: Cllrs had held a site meeting to decide where the new sign should be positioned on the Moor Road and it was felt that it would be better if the sign were mounted on a stone plinth to match the existing sign near Fremington. As the landowner is Lord Peel his permission would need to be obtained, the Clerk will write to the estate office to enquire if this would be forthcoming. The cost of building the plinth would have to be covered by the Parish.

Replacement of Street Light outside the Old Post Office: Cllr Good has spoken to RDC regarding this matter and was informed that the light was removed at the property owner's request. This is the case but only because the light did not work and had been like that for some time. Cllr Good has enquired about obtaining a free standing solar light for this location but at the moment there is no available funding from RDC but he will chase the matter up in the new financial year.

4. Correspondence:

Richmondshire District Council:

Parish Precept: The precept has to be set and the paperwork sent to the Council this month. Having been discussed at the previous meeting, Cllr Coates proposed that the precept be raised to £4,000, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will prepare the paperwork for RDC.

5G Roll-out: All information that has been received from NYCC has been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Peacock reported that it was a government backed scheme. All decisions regarding the siting of any masts for the roll-out would be with the relevant landowners and not a matter for the Parish Council.

YDNPA:

Annual Forum: The Annual Forum is being held via zoom on January 20th. All councillors are invited to attend. The Clerk will re-circulate the email with the details of how to connect to the meeting.

5. Finance:

Cheque Signatories: As there are currently only 2 authorised signatories for the account it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Mandate Team to obtain forms to add further Councillors to the list. It was also decided that the Clerk could be added to the list to enable her to access the bank account on-line.

6. Any Other Business:

Wall Moor Road: Cllr Jones reported that the beck in the Plantation near The Old Vicarage has been diverting towards to wall and water has been running through the wall and down the road. This would be the responsibility of the landowner to rectify. Cllr Jones will speak to the landowner.

Road Drain outside White Lea: The drain appears to be blocked and needs cleaning out. The Clerk will report this on the Parish Portal

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.15pm

