

# GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Barker, Barningham, Forrest, Heggie and Jones the Clerk, Cllr Y Peacock and 2 members of the public.

## 1. Apologies:

None

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 having been circulated were approved and signed.

## 3. Matters Arising:

Parish Land: There has been no response to our letter of 5<sup>th</sup> March and no works have been carried out on the site to rectify the situation. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the annual subscription of £45.00 pa to The Open Spaces Society which would then give access to their advice and legal services to help progress the matter.

Streetlight on Grinton Bridge: Cllr Forrest met with the NYC Street Lighting Officer to confirm the position of the new light which is in stock and should be fitted within the next couple of weeks.

Bench Donation: Confirmation of approval of the site was passed back to the donators via the YDNPA Rangers but no further contact has been made regarding any timescales or even if the siting will go ahead.

Website: Cllr Forrest proposed that the model that we go for should be the more expensive option to give more facilities for cloud storage and apps. This was approved unanimously.

## 4. Correspondence:

Wayside, Grinton: The resident of the property has contacted the Parish Council to ask permission to site a picnic bench on parish land outside their property. Following a discussion it was agreed, on a vote of 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstaining, that this would be granted on a temporary basis and on the understanding that this was granted to the person not the property. The bench could not be fixed or have a permanent base and would need to be removed each winter. It could also not be for exclusive use as it is on Parish Land and other people would also be able to use it.

North Yorkshire Police: Following our report of speeding concerns on Grinton Bank reported in March, we have now received a reply from North Yorkshire Police. As our concerns included bicycles it was suggested that we liaise with the neighbourhood policing team. The site has already been registered with them as an approved location for speed gun checks.

## **5. Finance:**

### Current Position:

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position.

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

East Mill House: a resident has contacted the parish council to draw their attention to the fact that the contractors' vehicles have blocked and effectively closed the road on several occasions recently. Whilst this was noted it is not something that the parish council has any control over and any further incidents should be reported to Highways for their attention.

Swale Hall Lane: The YDNPA Ranger has emailed asking if anyone on the Parish Council knows who has been spraying areas of grass verge/trees in this area. He has received several complaints from residents. The Chair has also received reports of this and has checked with the estate gamekeepers but it is not something that has been done on their behalf. The YDNPA Ranger has passed the matter on the NYC Highways who will be looking into the matter.

Road Closure, Swale Farm: It was noted that the road will be closed at this location again for 2 days starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July for re-surfacing works. It was not clear whether this would mean that the traffic lights would be back on Grinton Bank.

Parking During Swaledale Festival Events: During events held at the Church it was noted that there has been some very inconsiderate and dangerous parking in the village. In previous years there has been better signage for parking on Parks Field but this year it was felt that people had not been aware of the facility and had consequentially parked in the village itself. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Festival to highlight the problems and ask that in future more signage is used.

Blocked Drain – Blackburn Hall: Cllr Heggie reported that the drain in the road is completely blocked. The Clerk will report this to NYC on the Parish Portal.

Bench outside Croft Farm: Permission has been requested from a resident to cut the grass around this bench. This was gratefully accepted.

## **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.