

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Wednesday 16th May 2018.

Present: Cllr Coates (Vice-Chair), Cllrs Porter, Barker, Fletcher-Lee and Barningham, the Clerk, Press reporter, T Little and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

None

2. Election of Officers:

Chair – G Coates – Proposed by S Porter, Seconded by M Barningham.

Vice-Chair – S Porter – Proposed by G Coates, seconded by M Barker.

Memorial Hall Rep – CG Coates – Proposed by M Barningham, seconded by S Porter

All agreed unanimously. Cllr Coates signed a declaration of office as Chairman of the Council

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018 were read, approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising:

Parish Council Vacancy: We are now able to co-opt onto the Council. A notice has been put in the Bus Shelter but as yet we have not received any expressions of interest.

Commons Registration: A letter has been received from NYCC with copies of correspondence from the Open Spaces Society who are still objecting to the proposed de-registration. It was decided to ask Cllr Blackie if he could assist in the matter, the Clerk will contact him.

Street Lights: The light outside Whitelea has still not been replaced. The Clerk has spoken to RDC several times about this light. Cllr Blows will contact RDC for an update.

Parish Forum Meeting: Cllr Coates had attended the meeting and gave a quick overview of matters discussed. These included Operation Owl for reporting any suspicious activities to the Police regarding raptor birds and a YDNPA presentation regarding attracting young families to live in the Dales.

5. Correspondence:

RDC

Ward Boundary Review: Details of the final proposals to the Ward Boundaries has been received.

NYCC

Commons Registration: Notice has been received that it is proposed to remove the grazing rights connected with Whitelea and Whitelea Cottage from the register of common land. Councillors queried if this could be done from properties as it was not possible to remove rights from just the sale of land. The Clerk will write to NYC for clarification.

6. Finance:

Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2017/18: This was read and approved by Cllrs.

Approval of Annual Accounts 2017/18: 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:

Cheques were signed for the Clerks Wages, Yorkshire Water and computer maintenance.

7. Any Other Business:

Road Condition at Ellerton Abbey: The road near Swale Farm has sunk again despite the extensive repairs works in this area in 2014. The Clerk will write to Richard Marr at NYCC to ask for urgent repairs and enquire as to why it has deteriorated so badly so soon after the last major works. It was also decided to ask Cllr Blackie to press for urgent repairs.

Speeding: There seems to have been an increase in the number of vehicles passing through the village at speed. This is on the main road as well as the Moor Road. The Clerk will contact NY Police to see if anything can be done and to invite a representative to the next meeting to discuss this matter,

Public Toilets: The timers on the new doors lock at 8.30pm and there is no access after this time. Concerns were raised that this could cause problems during the summer months and particularly during the Swaledale Festival when events were being held in the Church. Cllr Blows will check with RDC to see if the closing times can be changed.

Broadband: Cllr Fletcher-Lee reported that Grinton is to be included in the next phase of the Superfast rollout. However, it is unclear from their website if this will be the whole of the village or just part of it. The clerk will write to Nynet to ask them to clarify the situation.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.15 pm.