

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held in the Grinton Parish Hall on Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Porter, Barningham, Jones, Forest and Fletcher-Lee, District Cllr R Good, the Clerk, press reporter T Little and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th September and 3rd October having been circulated were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Flood Works: Cllr Fletcher-Lee read out a statement from the Flood Group raising a number of questions now that the group has agreed to close. These were addressed by the Chair as follows:-

1. The Parish Council is now the point of contact for any flooding issues. Any of the 5 councillors that live in the village may be contacted and they will report issues back to the Parish Council either at a scheduled meeting or, if necessary, at any emergency meeting. Any public bodies will be contacted by the Clerk
2. Before any remedial works are carried out, NYCC, who are the responsible body, must be contacted and give approval for the works. The NYCC contact is Merian Jones. Cllr Coates has emailed all those who have carried out remedial works with this information.
3. The money donated to the Parish Council from Ard Rock, via the Two Ridings Foundation, was donated for the Parish Council to spend on works that they deem necessary. At the moment it is not possible to do anything until the boundaries of all affected properties are secure. Individual households should contact the Two Ridings Foundations themselves to apply for funding for works to their properties.
4. Householders who had spent money on land that has subsequently been found to belong to the Parish Council. This item was left in abeyance to be discussed with the affected householder after the conclusion of the meeting.
5. Having consulted with the YDNPA and NYCC no future works will be carried out without NYCC approval and all recommendations will be discussed at Parish Council meetings.

Cllr Coates also reported that the insurers for the 5 properties near the bridge at the bus shelter has been out and recommended that gabion baskets are put in place to protect the foundations of the properties as a temporary arrangement until the foundations are made stable again.

Footbridge over Grinton Beck: The bridge has now been replaced by the YDNPA Ranger and volunteers from Team Rubicon.

Registration of Village Hall: Cllr Coates reported that all the paperwork is now with John Hall, solicitor, and could take a while to complete.

Proposed Removal of BT Phone box: RDC have emailed regarding the consultation for the removal of telephone boxes in the area. They are co-ordinating the response to BT regarding this matter and have asked that Parish Councils and individuals in the area write to them with their views. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to object to any removals within the parish.

5. Correspondence:

YDNPA:

Tree works – Bridge Cottage: Notification has been received regarding proposed works to 2 Ash Trees at this property. The applicant has 2 years to carry out the works.

Park Management Plan Annual Forum: A reminder that the forum is being held on Friday 29th November 2019 at Middleham Key Centre has been received, should any councillors wish to attend.

RDC:

Area Partnership Fund: The application to the fund for decorating the village hall has been successful. Due to the fund being oversubscribed the grant is only roughly 70% of what was applied for, £418.95 instead of £600.00. It was agreed to go ahead with the works as soon as possible although this may be difficult as it is exterior painting. The Clerk will contact the decorator to arrange.

Friarage Hospital Consultation: There is currently a public consultation regarding the future urgent treatment provision. Consultation documents are available on-line or at any RDC Community Office.

J Sunter

Croft Farm, proposed Planning Application: Mrs Sunter explained that the family wish to apply for planning for change of use of a roadside barn within their garden. The building would not change externally and would be used to provide accommodation for their daughter. Councillors were in support of the scheme as it would support a local young person.

6. Finance:

Precept: The precept for the coming year was discussed and it was proposed that it be raised to £3000 by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Forest and passed. The Clerk will prepare the paperwork for RDC

Cheques: Cheques were signed for Yorkshire Water, RBL Poppy Appeal and the Clerks Wages.

7. Any Other Business:

Insurance: Following the recent floods, Cllr Jones queried if the Council's insurance policy covered all the land that the Council are responsible for. Public liability insurance will be needed.

Polling Station: District Cllr Good reported that following the general election on 12th December the polling station at Grinton Parish Hall will no longer be used and that electors will have to go to Reeth to vote in the future.

Grinton Church: The Chair proposed that as the Church had been used twice for meetings following the floods, a letter of thanks was sent to the Vicar and all the Ladies that had provided refreshments.

Street Lights: Cllr Forest reported that there are 3 lights out on Grinton Bank. He has reported them via the RDC website. District Cllr Good will check on their progress and also enquire as to getting a light on the end of the bridge near Pedley House to replace the one that has been removed

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th January at 7.15pm.