

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Cllrs Forrest, Barningham, Sunter and Jones, District Cllr R Good, NY Cllr Y Peacock, the Clerk and one member of the Public.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Matt Barker

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2022 having been circulated were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Proposed Meeting with NYCC: The arranged visit with Karl Battersby was cancelled at the last minute due to Mr Battersby being ill. An on-line meeting was offered to replace the on-site meeting but Councillors declined the offer as they felt that an on-site meeting was required. James Ryan will now re-arrange the meeting when he has contacted Mr Battersby's office for his availability. Cllr Peacock will be seeing Karl Battersby this week and will pursue the matter with him then and re-iterate that an on-site meeting is required. Cllr Peacock stated that although NYCC do not own the land under the bridge they should maintain the beck underneath. Cllr Coates reported that after discussion with Cllr Stephen Stubbs from Arkengarthdale Parish Council, he had confirmed that NYCC had cleared the beck under Eskeleth bridge in their parish. It was agreed to write to Mr Battersby again, copying in the NYCC Chief Executive, asking when the policy for these types of works was changed.

Village Green Repairs: The repair works have now been completed by Tom Hollinworth and his bill for £1830.00 has been received. It was agreed that this would be paid from the Flood Account. Cllr Coates reported that Tom has been asked to carry out works for some of the other properties that back onto the beck and he has asked permission that any materials delivered be placed onto the village green. It was agreed unanimously that permission would be given on the understanding that any damage caused would be repaired and if the hardstanding was available that would be used first.

Community Resilience: Cllr Jones has spoken to members of the parish to try to organise a core team before advertising for volunteers more widely. It was agreed that a WhatsApp group would be set up for Emergencies within the Parish and would only be used for that purpose. A whiteboard would be purchased for the hall which would be used as a hub for the group to work from. Around 100 – 150 sandbags will be obtained and, as agreed with Tony Sunter, stored in his yard. Cllr Jones will organise the delivery of the sandbags in due course and he will also request approximately 100 empty bags. It has been arranged that radios from Grinton Estate could also be used to aid communications. The application for funding to the UDAP for emergency kits has been submitted and the meeting to approve any grants is scheduled for October.

Village Hall: Cllr Coates reported that the Book Exchange is working well and has already generated £60. This money was used to purchase some bookshelves for £30.00. It was agreed to get a quote to replace the strip lights in the room for LED lighting that would work on a timer to when the door is opened for the winter months. It was also agreed that a sail flag to advertise the Book Exchange would be purchased. With the downstairs of the hall being open to the public, it was agreed that a lock should be fitted to the door of the upstairs room with the key stored in a keybox for members of the Parish Council to be able to access the room. Also agreed was the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Hall,

4. Correspondence:

NYCC:

Resurfacing Works – Summer Lodge: Notice has been received regarding the closure of the road to allow resurfacing works to be carried out. Works will commence on 16th September and the road will be closed for two days.

Cllr Forrest also reported that the signs had been erected for the commencement of works to Brownagill Bridge which would begin on 12th September for 4 weeks.

Defibrillator: Following the software update on the defibrillator, we have received notification that a new battery is required. The Clerk will order this.

5. Finance:

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position.

6. Any Other Business:

Street Lights: There are several street lights in the parish that still have not been repaired by RDC. Cllr Good reported that he is to meet with the Lighting Officer from the authority and will pursue the matter.

Cattlegrid, Harkerside Road: Cllr Sunter reported that she had been asked by a resident that we report on the NYCC Parish Portal that the cattlegrid near Bleak House is full and needs to be cleaned out. The resident has also reported this to NYCC.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

