

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

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

1. Apologies:

Cllr Mark Jones and NYC Cllr Yvonne Peacock

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2023 having been circulated were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Parish Land: A letter has been received from the owner of Blackburn Hall in response to our letter sent to their solicitor. It was agreed that a letter of response would be sent in due course once councillors had considered the matter again. In the meantime, the Clerk will send an email acknowledging receipt of his letter.

Grinton Books: The cost of having the heating on in the Hall when it is open is being covered by the income generated by the book sales and it was agreed that it made the Hall much more welcoming to customers.

Emergency Planning: Although Cllr Jones was unable to attend the meeting, he sent an email that gave a brief outline of the plan that he is preparing for the parish in conjunction with NYC. Cllr Jones will give a full report at the next meeting.

4. Correspondence:

Arkengarthdale Parish Council: The Parish Council has written to neighbouring parishes asking for support in lobbying NYC and Rishi Sunak to improve the winter maintenance policy for the dales roads. It was agreed that this parish would ask for Stainton Lane to be made a Priority 1 route as it is the main route to Catterick Garrison from Swaledale.

YDNPA:

Tree Works – 2 letters have been received informing the Parish Council of works that have been approved to 2 properties in the Parish.

5. Finance:

Current Position:

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position.

6. Any Other Business:

Road Condition at Swale Farm: The road is showing signs of slipping again. It was agreed to report this to the Highways authority and to ask when it was last inspected and what the results of the inspection were. There are also several potholes on this road that also need to be reported. The Clerk will do this via the Parish Portal.

Grinton Little Bridge: There are a couple of stones that have become dislodged on the bank near the bridge where NYC are supposed to be carrying out repair works. As there has been no update from NYC Bridge Team as to when the works will be carried out, it was agreed to contact Cllr Peacock to ask her to pursue the matter again. As the Landlord of the Bridge Inn has now changed, it may now be possible for the contractors to use the car park again as their base.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.