**GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of Grinton and Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall (having been postponed from 6th January due to snow)

Present: Cllr Coates (Chair), Barker, Barningham, Forrest, Heggie and Jones and the Clerk.

**1. Apologies:**

NYC Cllr Yvonne Peacock

**2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2024 having been circulated were approved and signed.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Parish Land at Little Bridge: James Walker from the Bridges Team at NYC has emailed to say that the contractor has been requested to fill the joint between the new wall and the existing wall with mortar, remove the new downpipe from the outlet and to tidy the site. It appears that this has all been done. The situation will need to be assessed again regarding the wall after the flood water from the recent snow melt have gone down.

Website and emails: Cllr Forrest and the Clerk have now had the training for the website and Cllr Forrest will assist any councillors to set up their new email addresses.

Flood Defence Barriers: Cllr Jones has now investigated the mobile flood barriers and it was felt that they would not be suitable for the village as they would need to be erected before a flood started and this would not be possible on the road where they would be most needed.

Cllr Coates will contact Merion Jones, Lead Flood Officer of North Yorkshire Council, to enquire if there is any further funding or flood prevention schemes that would benefit both Grinton and Ellerton Abbey.

**4. Correspondence:**

Reeth Rural Radio Net: 3RN have written to inform us that they will be paying £80 per annum to the parish council for electricity charges for their equipment at the village hall.

Northern PowerGrid: We have been contacted for permission to allow works to be carried out on the village green to facilitate replacement underground electricity works. The matter was discussed and it was decided to contact Norther PowerGrid to ask how long the disruption would be and whether there would be any compensation available.

Clerk’s Resignation: The Chair has received notification that the Clerk will be standing down following the March meeting. She is prepared to complete the accounts for 2024 and present them at the AGM if required. It was agreed to put an advert in the Reeth Gazette.

**5. Finance:**

Current Position**:**

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position.

**6. Any Other Business:**

Road Closures: Notification has been received that the main road through the village will be closed on 22nd January for surface dressing. There will also be a closure of the Harkerside road for 5 days between 3rd February and 7th February for Yorkshire Water to install a new water supply.

Resident’s email: a local resident has emailed the Council to raise the following points:-

Parking during the Swaledale Festival – the Council have already addressed the problem with the Swaledale Festival who will provide more signage for parking.

Christmas Lights at the Church – the Council support their endeavours to provide lights at the Church and have offered to put any information regarding help or donations of lights on their website.

Grit Bin at Corner House – the procedure for requesting a grit bin will be investigated with North Yorkshire Council and an assessment made at our next meeting as to whether the site would be suitable.

Sandbags – the Clerk will contact NYC to amend their list for where sandbags are available in the village as it is still showing the old contact point of the Youth Hostel and not the current address of Croft Farm.

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

Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.