



## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Lorraine Halley; Chris Dumon; Peter Entwistle; Jenny Czerwonka. In attendance; Eileen Flatley and one member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Alan Fielding and Bridget Hilton

### 2. Minutes of last meetings to be approved and signed

Minutes were approved and signed as correct.

### 3. Matters arising from last meeting

Cllr Halley reported that the wall behind the cherry trees will need further work before being re-planted. The notice board is still showing signs of condensation – Cllr Hutton will look into this. Cllr Fielding still on with repairing stiles. The trees on the brow will be trimmed this week, weather permitting. Stone sign still to be cleaned. Billy Whitwell successfully removed offending wire along the river and the loose telephone wire has been removed on Main St.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 5. Public participation

One member of the public present.

### 6. To review Income and expenditure since the last meeting.

The clerk reported that the income so far this year has been £8589 (including precept), and expenditure was £7841 (including payments to be made today). The bank balance is £15,040.07 and £10,000 in the deposit account.

### 7. To review the Risk Management Policy

The Risk Management Policy was reviewed and updated.

### 8. Report from RVBC Councillor – for Information only

Cllr Hutton reported a message from Cllr Hilton that all local authority committee meetings had been suspended due to the situation regarding Coronavirus.

### 9. Planning Applications

- 3/2020/0018 – Land behind Packwood – planning has been refused.
- 3/2020/0052 and 3/2020/0109 – No objections raised.
- 3/2020/0106 – Barn at Baygate Farm, B by B – no objections
- 3/2020/0222 – 17 Meadowside, Grindleton – no objections



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- 3/2020/0138 – Laneside Barn, High cliff Greaves – no objections

#### **10. Community Pub update**

The latest offer to the owners of The Duke of York has been refused. The steering group will meet this week to discuss how to take this forward.

#### **11. Lengthsman update**

Cllr Dumon informed the Council he had had a successful meeting with Mark Whalley regarding lengthsman duties for the village. Mr Whalley has agreed to the program of work set out and will concentrate on the village, leaving GRGC to take on responsibility for the Play area at the Pavilion. He has agreed to start at the beginning of April and will bill the council as a quarterly package of work. As this is a significant increase to the budget, it was recommended that the precept would need to rise next year.

This was proposed by Cllr Halley and seconded by Cllr Entwistle.

Cllr Hutton to look into having the roads swept.

#### **12. The Village Upkeep**

Thanks were given to Cllr Fielding who has put in place the planters, which have now been planted up with spring flowers and bulbs at various places around the village. Both cherry tree stumps have now been removed and the new trees are due to be planted this month. The beacon still needs to be sited near the bridge and it was decided to leave putting a raised bed near the stone sign till later in the year. The path from the gate to the road on the path alongside the brow has eroded away due to the wet weather, more gravel needed to replace this.

Cllr Halley proposed that we should not enter BKVC this year, and concentrate on improving the overall appearance of the village, encouraging everyone to keep their 'patch' tidy. This was agreed by everyone.

#### **13. Discuss Grant Applications from GRGC**

Two grant applications have been submitted from GRGC.

1. Mowing the playing field and bonfire site and service of the mower - £800

It was proposed that GRGC take on responsibility for mowing both the playing fields and the play area and the PC would give a grant of £1220 to cover the cost of both these sites. Proposed by Cllr Entwistle and seconded by Cllr Dumon

2. Donation towards replacing a glass window in the Pavilion - £250

Anne Huson explained that the seal had broken on the main window looking out to Pendle Hill and that they had approached the company who fitted it, to replace it. Cllrs Hutton and Dumon gave advice about ensuring the frame was in good working order and suggestions for approaching other companies. Proposed by Cllr Dumon and seconded by Cllr Czerwonka.



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#### 14. Discuss Speed Indicator Sign

The Clerk explained that in order to replace the SID sign certain criteria had to be followed. The Speed Management Team have been informed and a site meeting is to be arranged with them and a member of the Council for advice on the type of sign and its positioning.

#### 15. The following accounts were approved for payment

- Keith Hutton – notice board - £140.40
- Graham Cooper – web hosting - £29.99
- Lorraine Halley – Planters and plants - £956.02 + £112.73
- St Ambrose – Room rent -£15
- Eileen Flatley – Clerks salary and office costs - £336.96 + £23.15
- Alan Fielding - fixing planters - £86.90
- Eileen Flatley – plants and compost - £73.70

#### 16. Reports from Consolidated charities

Cllr Entwistle reported that all the houses at Harrop Fold are let, one needing quite a bit of refurbishment. Two student grants had been submitted, one granted and the other refused as the recipient didn't reside in the Parish.

The allotments all looking good and all members have paid their rent. All are occupied, with one person on the waiting list.

#### 17. A.O.B

Cllr Hutton praised Cllr Halley on being proactive in organising a list of helpers to assist anyone in the village who may need help during this very difficult and uncertain period with the Coronavirus outbreak. Leaflets containing contact details have been distributed throughout the village, some still needing to be delivered towards Sawley and some outlying farms. All the Councillors agreed to be vigilant in identifying anyone who they thought may be in a high-risk group who may need help in any way.

Anne Huson reported that all GRGC events had stopped, that regular outside users would continue at their own discretion. People hiring as a one off would be cancelled.

The village tidy would go ahead this Saturday as planned but no scones afterwards.

The VE meeting would go ahead this week, but events would be scaled down in case they had to be cancelled.

Mandy Brennan had reported that there was an overflowing culvert at the top of higher Chapel Lane. Cllr Hutton to look into this and will get a grid reference and the inform the council department.

The meeting closed at 9pm and the date for the next meeting will remain as 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, unless anything dictates otherwise due to the Coronavirus situation.

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