

Grindleton Parish Council

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Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council 17 August 2010,- St Ambrose Parish Room,Grindleton

Present:

Councillor J Pye (JP)
Councillor P Entwistle (PE)
Councillor C Doherty (CD)
B Hilton (BH) – (RVBC)
M Ranson (MR)
Councillor J Marshall (JM)
Councillor J Towler (JT)
Graham Cooper (GC)

Apologies:

ECSO S Hartley
Keith Hutton (KC)

Councillor J Cowling (Chair) (JC),

In attendance:

Carol Baird (CB) – Clerk to the Parish Council

In the absence of the Chair Cllr J Cowling, the Vice-Chair, Cllr J Pye chaired the meeting.

- 1. To approve as correct the minutes of the previous meeting on 8 June 2010.**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2010 were approved. They were proposed by CD and seconded by PE.
- 2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:**

Historical Stile – raised at the AGM

A stile was badly damaged located at the South Western corner of the Millennium wood adjacent to the land owned by the Hanson Group. JC received a quotation for fixing the stile of £900. CB wrote to the Hanson Group to ask for a donation towards the cost of repair. A contribution of £300 was offered and accepted and has now been paid into the bank account.

ACTION

CB to send a letter of thanks to the Hanson Group.

Councillor Vacancy

Keith Hutton has accepted the vacancy for the new Councillor position and will be attending the next meeting in October. He will then sign the appropriate forms and his details can then be added to the website.

Foul Smelling Drains @ Sunnymead

EA and RVBC have been to visit the site and the problem seems to have been re-solved.

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Historic Signposts

There is a proposal to have a historic signpost in the middle of the village by the Cherry Trees. The design of the post is a circle on top of the signpost with three fingers signposting off. Three fingers would come off the post. It was proposed that there should be the wording 'Grindleton' on the top of the post rather than 'West Riding of Yorkshire' as was originally suggested. There was a discussion re possible grants as LCC may contribute £700-£800.

ACTIONS

CB to call Martin Charlesworth to confirm the LCC contribution.

CB to discuss further with Mike Otter given his offer of a contribution to this project (and also the project re street signs below – a total of £425 has been offered to cover both projects)

To be discussed further at the next meeting as JC may have further information.

3. Matters Arising at this meeting:

Street Signs

Peter Entwistle had a meeting with Nigel Corrigan – there is enough money to pay for £750 worth of signs (approx ten signs) similar to those on Harrison Terrace. The historical 'antique style' ones are more expensive but may be more appropriate to the village. The decision was made to go for the more expensive cast iron ones. Cast iron letters are £9.50 each. Replacements can be done on a rolling programme. A list of street names was discussed. Match funding is needed. MR raised the issue of the Gazetteer at RVBC who is currently investigating street names and numbers. CB wrote to Mike Otter requesting contribution to the signs.

ACTION

PE to investigate further with the RVBC Gazetteer re the street signs programme.

CB to confirm funding request with Mike Otter with the balance being made up from RVBC, LCC, and GPC.

4. Planning Applications:

Since the last meeting the following applications have been dealt with.

Bowland High School – no objection to all weather pitch

Applications discussed at this meeting: - no applications have been made.

ACTION – CB will update future meetings on the progress of current planning applications; whether they have been accepted /rejected by GPC and/or RVBC and their current status.

5. Financial Matters

Income:

The Precept for £7500 has been paid into the Bank Account.

The donation from Hansons Cement re the broken stile £350 has been accepted.

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Expenditure:

The following items were paid:

	£
Rent to RVBC for allotments	10.00
Salary to CB for August/Sept 2010	183.35 (two months total)
BDO Audit fee	141.00

Clerk update on current financial issues :

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current financial situation of the Council. It was noted that a large amount of time had in order to bring the accounts up to date, deal with outstanding issues, and put the accounts into an acceptable format. A one-off payment of 40 hours at the minimum wage had been previously agreed by JC and was accepted and paid at this meeting.

- External audit and issues raised by BDO. The GPC external audit is now complete and the Report and Accounts have been accepted and signed off by BDO. GC took the Notice of external audit to scan to go on the website and it will then be sent to JC for displaying on the public notice-board. The questions raised re fidelity guarantee levels and internal audit reviews were discussed and agreed by the meeting.
- VAT – the Councillors were updated as to the current situation. The VAT is being completed and refunds are to be applied for. CB raised the issue re the lack of invoice for the stone table from Waddington Fell Quarry.
ACTION – JM offered to investigate to get a VAT number and invoice if possible.

6. General Village matters

Methodist Chapel

MR gave an update on the situation. After a rejection of two planning applications there will be another planning meeting in the near future.

Future housing development

MR highlighted a new discussion document coming out in the next few weeks re the future of housing developments for the Ribble Valley.

MR updated the meeting on the implications of the new Government, and also on new developments concerning Health issues. Devolutions of items down to Parish Councils may also be on the Government Agenda.

Website update – the Grindleton Consolidated Charities are giving money in the forms of grants. Applications are on the Parish Council website.

7. Reports from outside committees: -

Grindleton Consolidated charities – CD updated the meeting on the barn conversion.

Extra meeting - JM raised at the meeting a meeting tomorrow night (18th August) in St Ambrose church to discuss a possible development on the recreation ground – to provide better changing facilities. Everyone is welcome to attend. There was a short

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discussion on whether the Precept could be raised and then the extra money 'ring fenced' for this purpose. JM is to attend this meeting.

Foothpath to Bowland school – there is no verge for children if they walk the half mile to Bowland High. CD raised the issue and that it should be reviewed regularly to try to solve the problem. At the last meeting there was a discussion re who the landowners are. PE has been investigating this further. It was thought that the landowners include the Church, School, Colin Sutcliff and other landowners.

ACTION - PE has been investigating landowners and PE and JC to organise a separate meeting to discuss further. PE to raise the issue with LCC to discuss further and approach the landowners. PE to approach the rural champion at LCC.

Main Street Grindleton – issue re road surface

LCC have a rolling programme of improvement. CB to investigate with LCC and apply for Main Street to be added to the waiting list for repair.

Meeting Dates

The proposed meetings until the end of 2010 were confirmed as 12th October and 14th December. CB requested these dates for the meeting room from the church. Payment was sent to St Ambrose.

ACTION - Dates for 2011 meetings to be agreed at the next meeting in October. PE made a request for there not to be an August meeting.

8. A.O.B.

Village Amenities Project

David Ingham's letter was read out. The letter was passed to JM who will liaise with the village meeting re the playing field development.

Foxley Bank Letter

ACTION - CB was advised to respond by letter to the various issues raised.

ECSO Susan Hartley has been unable to attend meetings due to overtime cuts

ACTION – CB is to request for an update re village police matters as these are being missed from the meeting.

Spiid sign update

CB has spoken to West Bradford Clerk re the Spiid sign. PE offered to collect the sign which is currently in Chatburn and Grindleton will have the sign for at least the next three months.

ACTION - CB to organise with the other Parishes a rota for the Spiid sign.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**Please note that the date of the next meeting is
Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 7.30pm.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Approved: Signed:.....

Date: