



Minutes of Extraordinary Grindleton Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm 3rd March 2021 as a Virtual Teams meeting

Present: Cllr Lorraine Halley; Peter Entwistle; Chris Dumon; Alan Fielding; Keith Hutton; Peter Raywood. In attendance; Eileen Flatley and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

James Towler

2. To consider nominations for Grindleton Consolidated Charity (GCC)

Cllr Halley opened the meeting explaining that this meeting had been called for the Parish Council to resume its discussion of item 6 of its PC meeting on 2nd March 2021 – which was to consider the PC's nomination to the GCC.

The Chair of the GCC, Mr Jeff Cowling, provided a detailed explanation of the terms of the mortgage held with Kingdom Bank and their requirement of his position to be a nominated PC Trustee. Questions were asked from the Councillors, during which he outlined further details about the GCC and stated that there had been a vacancy for a 'co-opted trustee' for the last three years which had yet to be filled. He offered to inform the PC of any vacancies that occurred on the GCC, so the PC could provide a nominee if desired, and would confirm that with the GCC. Mr Cowling also volunteered to give an annual update at a PC meeting in person at least once a year. It was suggested that once the mortgage requirement ceased, the positions of PC nominees be reviewed with a view to reverting back to the GCC's constitution.

There was an observation made as to how efficient it was to have two Parish Councillors, both representing in one committee, and that the proportion of Trustees on GCC are residents within the village, which should provide confidence that the Parish is being fully represented. It was also noted that given the financial problems of many charities across the UK, it is a testament to the business mindedness of the current GCC that it remains financially stable in such times, and needs to be run as such moving forward, to remain successful.

The PC and GCC agreed that harmonious relations between them were important to a small community like Grindleton and would be served by improved communications.

The PC voted on the proposal to retain Mr Jeff Cowling as a nominee to the GCC from the Parish Council, which was approved.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm

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