



## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 The Pavilion, Main hall, Grindleton

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bridget Hilton Cllr Keith Hutton

### 2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed.

### 3. Matters arising

Brass sign for bench on Pinfold – ongoing.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

None declared

### 5. Public participation

Mrs Julie Skorupka had several points to raise and these were discussed as follows:

- Speeding in the village-Mrs Skoupka was pleased to see new 30mph signs had been put up at the top of the village, but still felt that being part of Community Speedwatch Volunteers would deter people from speeding. Cllr Halley explained that this had been looked into but is not able to go ahead in the present climate with Covid 19 restrictions and that those participating could potentially be asked to volunteer all over Lancashire, and this might deter people from signing up.
- Representing Young People in the Parish - Mrs Skoupka expressed concerns that the younger generation were not represented in the Parish and had asked if they could be encouraged or invited to participate or express their views on what they would like to see happening in the village. Cllr Halley explained that we are very fortunate in having a brilliant facility such as the Pavilion and GRGC, who support the younger generation with various activities. Parents and young people were asked what they would like to see happen when the 5 Year Plan was drawn up, the main outcome being table tennis! A few families have recently been canvassed to see what they feel would be beneficial, these were their suggestions;
- A sweet shop, café for socialising with different age groups, activities in the Millennium woods, cinema night with Pizza, traffic calming.

It was proposed by Cllrs Fielding and Entwistle that maybe involve the local School to see if the Head Boy and Girl would engage with pupils who live in Grindleton to ask for their suggestions.

- Beech tree along the river to West Bradford – Mrs Skorupka was concerned this tree, which is huge, is in danger of being undercut by the river and the frequent floods that we have had over the past few years. She asked if it could be supported with bags of stone similar to what has been placed at the bridge. Cllr Entwistle explained that this tree had been surveyed by Dave Hewitt from the



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Environmental agency a few years ago, and he would contact them again to assess the situation now.

**6. Income and Expenditure since last meeting and set a Budget for 2021/2022**

Eileen Flatley explained that there had been very little spent in this financial year due to the Covid Pandemic. The bank balance at present is £20,579.09. A breakdown of the budget was presented to the Councillors following a finance meeting with the Clerk, Cllrs Dumon and Halley. The main expense for next year is likely to be for the Lengthsman, but this would be counterbalanced by the fact that little would have been spent this year. It was agreed by all the Council to keep the precept at £8,000 which was the same as this year.

**7. Code of Conduct from NALC**

This is still being reviewed by NALC but in general the PC feel this would be appropriate to adopt for GPC. Once confirmed by NALC, the Clerk would put back on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

**8. To review upkeep of Allotments**

It was felt that the paths separating the allotments were in need of repair. Cllr Dumon agreed to speak to Darren, the new lengthsman, to see whether he would be able to do this over the winter months. The PC would pay for all the materials. Once this was agreed, a letter would be sent to all the allotment holders to inform them and to remind them of the allotment agreement about keeping their plot tidy and relatively weed free.

**9. The siting of Speed Signage**

A resident in the village has donated some 30mph speed signs to the PC which have been put up near the bus turning circle. These are to be for a limited time only and be moved to different locations around the village. It was also agreed to purchase 3 more signs, Cllr Halley to look into this.

**10. Telephone Box outcome**

RVBC have agreed for the telephone box to be adopted by the village. E Flatley to chase up BT and find out when they are going to disconnect it.

**11. Update on the HARP project**

Cllrs Halley, Entwistle, Dumon and Eileen Flatley had a Teams virtual meeting with Chris Tighe from United Utilities regarding the proposals for the most favourable route of traffic for the HARP project. This potentially has a huge impact on our village and the surrounding villages. Cllr Halley had sent a letter to Cllr Atkinson at RVBC expressing our concerns. The reply came from LCC highways and discussions are still ongoing. This information was shared with Chatburn and West Bradford PC and it was agreed we should have a shared approach to this situation.

**12. Representation of Young People on the Parish Council**

This was discussed in item 5.

**13. Christmas Tree Lights**

It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with putting up the Christmas Tree lights as usual this year, although there won't be allowed any official turn on due to the Pandemic. Cllr Fielding will organise pruning of the tree and Cllr Entwistle will ensure lights are in working order and arrange loan of the cherry picker. It was thought to switch on the lights at the end of present Lockdown. Eileen Flatley has applied for a Grant to cover some of the costs from RVBC.



#### **14. Dog bins and Fouling**

Cllr Entwistle expressed concern regarding the amount of dog fouling present on the fell at Pine wood. He had put some posters up and they had been removed within days. He has been in touch with the Dog Warden who will monitor the situation and will put a black bin at the entrance to the wood for people to deposit any waste into. The bin men will pick this up on a regular basis. She will also replace some of the posters.

#### **15. Contributions to North West Ambulance Service**

The North West Ambulance Service Initiative – How to Save a Life – was discussed and the PC were willing to support this initiative in principle, but further information needs to be obtained before any commitments are made. Eileen Flatley will make further enquires and this can be reviewed at the next PC meeting.

#### **16. Reports from RVBC Councillor**

Cllr Hilton sent an update via the Clerk – Dog wardens had increased in the area to 1 full time and one part time employees. The white paper on planning and changes to local government were on hold at the moment due to the Pandemic.

#### **17. Payments to be authorised**

It was agreed to authorise the following payments

- E Flatley – plants £104.90
- Donation for Poppy Wreath - £20
- Room rent - £17.50

#### **18. Report from Consolidated Charities – for information only**

Cllr Entwistle reported that 8 grants had been provided for young people in the village. Eileen Flatley to write to Mary Renton to confirm who the 2 nominated representatives from the PC were and when they are up for review.

#### **19. A.O.B**

Cllr Halley suggested the PC have some projects with which to focus on over the coming year. These were suggested as – Improving the Allotments, Information Board in the Woods and Wild flower areas.

Cllr Entwistle thought there may be objection from the Woodland Trust regarding the board in the woods, but that he would speak to Colin Riley.

It was thought to concentrate on small piece of land for wild flowers and the area at the foot of the brow was identified as a starting point. Cllr Entwistle to speak to Chris Smith who owns that land.

Allotments – already discussed in point 8.

Cllr Entwistle expressed concerns regarding the Ribble Way being lost due to recent floods – he and the Clerk will write to LCC regarding this matter. It was also decided to delay putting up the kissing gates for this reason too.

Cllr Raywood expressed concerns over lack of signage on entering the village. This to be addressed when the beacon is put in place.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm and another date will be confirmed later depending on Covid 19 restrictions.

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