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Minutes of the meeting of Grindleton Parish Council on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at the Pavilion, Grindleton.

Members present:	Parish Cllr L Halley (Chair) Parish Cllr Glenn Wheeler Parish Cllr Paul Atkinson Parish Cllr Susan Walsh
Apologies for absence:	Parish Cllr Tony Bramwell Parish Cllr C Brennan Parish Cllr Megan Haslam Borough Cllr K Horkin MBE (RVBC)
Clerk present:	Andrew Glover
Members of the public present:	Laura Fielden (Head Teacher, Bowland High School) Helen Dakin (Operations Manager, Bowland High School)

Members congratulated Parish Cllr Haslam on the birth of her son, Bowland Morris, on 13 September 2023.

1.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>a) Standing orders suspended</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Re minute item 3 below, Parish Cllr Atkinson indicated that he had been a former employee of Bowland High School.</p> <p>b) Standing orders resumed</p>	
2.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None, other than item 3 below</p>	
3.	<p>Attendance by senior representatives of Bowland High School</p> <p>At the September meeting, members had considered a number of possible bids to the Rural Prosperity Fund. One of these had related to the proposed</p>	

establishment of a permissive footpath from the Pavilion to The Hey, and as a result Cllr Atkinson had agreed to approach senior managers at the school with a view to seeking (i) their potential support in bidding for funds to establish a permissive footpath and (ii) a better understanding of whether they would be willing to engage in dialogue on other topics of mutual interest. Following Cllr Atkinson's approach, the following senior representatives attended the October meeting:

- Laura Fielden (Head Teacher); and
- Helen Dakin (Operations Manager).

The Chair welcomed both representatives to the meeting, commenting that it was mutually beneficial to open a channel of communication between the Parish Council and the village's largest employer. In a wide-ranging discussion, the following topics were explored:

a) Expansion of the school roll / traffic issues

Ms Fielden explained that the school was moving to a "five form" (rather than the current four form) intake, with the additional 30 pupils per year taking the overall school roll to around 700; whilst this number of pupils was substantial, it was still much smaller than that of other secondary schools in the borough. The increase in school roll had come about in response to a request from the County Council in its role as Local Education Authority (LEA), and was a reflection of the local shortage of secondary school places arising from population growth / the housebuilding programme across the Ribble Valley. An increased roll did have some benefits, both for the school (increased funding per pupil would provide increased financial security) and for the community (ensuring that Ribble Valley children could receive a secondary education within the borough). However, it was acknowledged that it also led to increased traffic at peak times, a problem which already impacted village residents.

Ms Fielden outlined the measures already taken by the school to mitigate traffic concerns. These included discouraging parents from collecting their children in person; the use of radio contact to call buses in at appropriate times; and staff patrols to keep roads as clear as possible.

Moving forward, Ms Fielden felt that the increased number of school children would not lead to more buses on the roads, but it would require bigger ones to be introduced. A number of other possible measures to help alleviate the situation were considered, including:

- the school's option (currently held in reserve) to use a minibus which would transport to Sawley those school children being collected by their parents;
- steps to ensure that drivers in the vicinity were adequately warned of school children's presence, eg the Parish Council's recent request to LCC for re-lining of road markings and rumble strips. It was noted that the flashing lights (which indicated school drop off and collection times) may be inoperative;

	<p>Resolved Chair to arrange for the purchase of this sign from JAF Graphics Ltd</p> <p>With regard to the entrance to the village from Sawley, it was noted that a sign was already present but, being obscured by a hedge, required relocation to the other side of Sawley Rd.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr Atkinson to approach (i) the owner of land where the existing sign is located and seek his agreement for its removal, and (ii) the owner of land across Sawley Rd, where the existing sign could be relocated</p>	Chair
ii)	<p><u>Rum Fox – parking issues</u></p> <p>Following concerns previously expressed by a local resident, the Chair had researched the availability of small wall signs to remind drivers to park courteously. She reported that she had now found appropriate signage provided online by DHF Products Ltd t/a Road Signs Direct; two signs could be purchased for around £98 + VAT, but they would require minor amendments to the wording as advertised.</p>	PA
iii)	<p>Resolved Chair to forward a link to the supplier’s website to Parish Cllr Wheeler Parish Cllr Wheeler to establish whether the supplier could provide a bespoke sign suitable for use by the Parish Council</p> <p><u>RVCAN</u></p> <p>The Clerk had responded to RVCAN’s request for further information about the provision of local allotments / community gardens. Any further communication of note from RVCAN would be reported to members.</p>	Chair GW
5.	<p>Overview of financial position</p> <p>a) <u>Monthly accounts – September 2023</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented details of income and expenditure for the month of September 2023 for approval by the Parish Council and signing-off by the acting Chair.</p> <p>Resolved That the record for September 2023 as presented would be signed off</p> <p>b) <u>Budget monitoring – Q2 (Appendix 3)</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report for Q2 2023/24. Key points arising from this were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> income remained on target, with additional grant funds (eg Concurrent Functions, Christmas lights) still to come in; and 	

- the main budget overspends once again related to staffing costs. With regard to the Lengthsman, £1915 had been spent over the year to date, exceeding the budget by £915 (91% over the 6-monthly budget of £1000). However, this level of spend could be seen as reflecting Grindleton's current success in the Best Kept Village competition, as well as additional hours which the Lengthsman had been asked to work (eg the Chair reported that she had asked the Lengthsman to maintain the village's wildflower area). It was anticipated that expenditure should come back more into line as the year progressed into winter. The Clerk's salary had amounted to £2219 over Qs 1 and 2, exceeding the 6-monthly budget by £519 (30%). Similarly, PAYE costs for the Clerk exceeded half-year budget expectations by £200 (57%). The Clerk commented that he felt the demands upon his time arising from his role were generally becoming more manageable, although he acknowledged that the overall financial impact of moving to monthly meetings remained to be seen.

At the mid-point of the year, current assets (excluding UT Bank) were approximately £18.25k.

Resolved

Members approved the budget monitoring report for Q2 2023/24

c) United Trust (UT) Bank:

i) Removal of former councillor Keith Hutton from mandate / addition of Cllr Wheeler to mandate

As agreed at the September meeting, the Clerk had again contacted UT Bank with regard to the requested mandate changes. As a result, written confirmation had now been received that the mandate changes had been implemented, and that going forward the signatories to the UT Bank account were:

- the Chair;
- the Vice Chair; and
- the Clerk.

ii) Transfer of funds to the UT deposit account

Now that the above mandate changes had been implemented, as previously agreed the Chair and Cllr Wheeler would be asked to authorise the transfer of £10,000 from the Parish Council's current account to UT Bank.

Resolved

Clerk to pursue the above transfer now that written confirmation of implementation of the mandate changes had been received

Clerk

<p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>i)</p> <p>ii)</p>	<p><u>LCC funding: PROW – Local Delivery Scheme / Biodiversity Small Grant Scheme 2023/24</u></p> <p>As agreed at the September meeting, the Clerk had submitted to LCC the application form for both the Local Delivery Scheme / Biodiversity Small Grant Scheme. Members were pleased to hear of LCC’s subsequent confirmation that it had authorised both payments on 22 September.</p> <p><u>RVBC funding:</u></p> <p><u>Concurrent Functions grant 2022/23</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received confirmation from RVBC that a grant of £568 had been awarded and had been due to be paid on 2 October. This represented a payment of 25% of the amount claimed for the year 2022/23.</p> <p><u>Xmas lights – grant application</u></p> <p>In March 2023, the Parish Council had submitted an application to RVBC, seeking a contribution to the recent purchase of Xmas tree lights (at a cost to the Parish Council of £198.98).</p> <p>The Clerk had previously approached RVBC for an update and been advised that the closing date for such grant applications was 30 September 2023. The Borough Council would thereafter make a decision on whether the grant application had been successful.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to contact RVBC for an update in mid-October</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Matters arising from resignation of Parish Cllr Raywood</p> <p><u>Formalities - RVBC</u></p> <p>Following the endorsement of Cllr Brennan’s co-option as a Parish Councillor at the September meeting, the Clerk had – as agreed – forwarded a copy of the completed documentation signed by Parish Cllr Brennan to RVBC as required. RVBC had acknowledged receipt of this documentation on 8 September 2023.</p> <p><u>Potential successor to former parish councillor Peter Raywood as representative on GRGC</u></p> <p>At the September meeting, it had been agreed that Cllr Wheeler would take over from former councillor Peter Raywood as the Parish Council’s nominated representative on GRGC.</p> <p>At the request of the Chair, immediately after the September meeting the Clerk had written to the Chair of GRGC and advised him of Cllr Wheeler’s appointment. It had been requested that GRGC would endorse the appointment at its meeting on 20 September, with a view to Cllr Wheeler commencing his role from the date of the November meeting (15th).</p>	

	<p>Cllr Wheeler had previously indicated that he may be abroad at the time of the November meeting, but he was now hopeful that he would be able to attend.</p>	
8.	<p>Approval of governance documents</p> <p>a) <u>Asset Register</u></p> <p>At the September meeting, the Clerk had reported that – whilst he and the Chair had met to produce an updated draft of the Asset Register – further work still remained to be done. This work had now been completed, and the Clerk presented a final version of the draft Asset Register for members’ consideration.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to formally adopt the version of the Asset Register as presented</p>	
9.	<p>Member training</p> <p>a) <u>New Councillors and Clerks - a whistle stop tour of powers and responsibilities</u></p> <p>i) <u>Existing booking</u></p> <p>The Clerk reminded members that Parish Cllrs Atkinson, Haslam and Walsh were booked onto this Zoom course, to be held on Monday 23 October 2023 (7-9pm).</p> <p>At the September meeting, Cllr Walsh had confirmed that she had not yet received the email link to join the course, a problem which the Clerk had then raised with LALC. The Clerk had been advised that links are usually sent out closer to the time of the course being held, and if it had not been received just prior to the course then the Clerk should again contact LALC at that time.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to contact LALC the week prior to the course if members indicated that the link had not been received</p> <p>ii) <u>Proposed booking</u></p> <p>It was noted that, as a newly co-opted member, it may be advisable for Parish Councillor Brennan to attend a forthcoming session of the LALC course for new councillors and Clerks. However, no new dates for this course had yet been arranged beyond 23 October.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to monitor LALC website for new dates</p> <p>b) <u>Code of Conduct training</u></p> <p>Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated details of a message from RVBC, in which officers had indicated their expectation that parish councillors would attend training on the above. Members noted that, as a result, the following places had been booked (and confirmed) with RVBC:</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Date of training	GPC attendance
20 September 6-8pm	Chair
5 October 9-11am	Clerk
26 October 2-4pm	Cllrs Haslam, Walsh
Further date tbc in November	Cllrs Atkinson, Brennan would prefer to attend in November

With regard to member conduct, the Chair reminded colleagues that under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, any parish councillor who did not attend a meeting of the council for a period of 6 months would be automatically disqualified as a member. Where a parish councillor's attendance record may put him/her at risk of disqualification, the Clerk would seek to write to the member in advance of the deadline and give an appropriate warning.

10. **Improving Parish Council effectiveness**

a) Shared document storage

The Clerk confirmed that he had approached the administrator of the Parish Council website (Graham Cooper), and – as agreed at the September meeting – put to him the issue of whether a secure page on the website could be made available for members' use. Graham had responded, for which members were grateful, but he was not confident that the website could be used for the proposed purpose, noting that it did not support password protected pages and could not therefore be considered secure. It would also require programming of the website via first principles (HTML / CSS etc).

Helpfully, Graham had since carried out research to see if any external provider would provide such a service free of charge, but his efforts had proved unsuccessful. He had suggested that the Parish Council therefore contact other parish councils to see how they manage this type of issue.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that – if other avenues were unsuccessful – the Parish Council may wish to consider developing its own separate password protected website, which he felt could be done at minimal cost.

Resolved

Chair to approach Waddington Parish Council and explore how that authority circulated large / policy documents on an internal basis

Chair

11. **Planning applications to be considered**

- ai) Planning Application No: 3/2023/0297
 Proposal: Proposed addition of 16 x 395kw solar panels on the south east facing roofslope.
 Location: Rushton House Lower Chapel Lane Grindleton BB7 4QT

Members were aware that, in mid-September 2023, the applicant had proceeded with the installation of solar panels even though his application had yet to be determined by RVBC. The newly installed panels were of a flush-fitting nature, therefore in accordance with the terms of the Clerk's letter to the applicant dated

	<p>26 August. However, they differed from the Hiku6 panels proposed in the planning application, which – if installed - would have sat proud of the roofline.</p> <p>The applicant had made known his intention to appeal against the decision of the Borough Council to refuse his application, and had asked whether the Parish Council would be in a position to support his appeal. Members agreed that it would be inappropriate for the Parish Council to support an applicant’s appeal in this way, given that any appeal would be against RVBC’s decision to refuse the application for the installation of Hiku6 panels (a decision which the Parish Council in essence supported). The Clerk was asked to convey this stance to the applicant by letter.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to the applicant and advise him of the Parish Council’s stance</p>	Clerk
a ii)	<p><u>Solar Panels - website</u></p> <p>With regard to future planning applications regarding solar panels, Cllr Walsh had previously suggested that a “green energy” section should be included on the Parish Council’s website, with links to articles outlining the various types of solar panel available (and their respective merits). Members had remained supportive of this as an idea, but had previously agreed that it would be appropriate to await the outcome of planning application 3/2023/0297 before progressing this suggestion further. However, given that this application had been refused (and an appeal was likely), members felt that it could be some considerable time before this matter was finally resolved, and it was therefore appropriate for their stance on solar panels to be displayed on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to send appropriate text (based on Cllr Walsh’s research) and ask Graham Cooper to arrange for its display</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)</p>	
a)	<p><u>Planning application 3/2021/0661</u></p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Horkin, members were limited in the information available to them. The Chair reported that she had raised the topic at the recent Parish Council Liaison Committee, and been advised that it may yet be months before there were any developments on the ground.</p> <p>Members agreed that – when work finally began – they would look to their ward councillor for support in holding United Utilities to account, and remained confident that this support would be given.</p>	
13.	<p>Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2023</p>	
a)	<p><u>Presentation of awards</u></p> <p>The awards ceremony for the competition was due to be held at Eaves Hall, West Bradford on Monday 16 October 2023.</p>	

	<p>The Chair had confirmed that she usually attended in conjunction with one of the volunteers who has assisted with preparations for the judging. On this occasion, she had opted to invite Gill Raywood to accompany her.</p>	
14.	<p>Public Rights of Way (PROWs)</p> <p>a) <u>Footpath off Eccles Terrace</u></p> <p>i) <u>Email correspondence – LCC</u></p> <p>Members reflected on their considerable efforts to resolve the issue of the unsafe stepping stones across the brook, a campaign which had gone on for over a year and involved a number of agencies and residents. However, any practical solution was yet to be attained, and members were reluctant to devote further time and effort to this issue on an indefinite basis.</p> <p>As a result, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Geoff Leneveson (PROW officer at LCC) and ask if the County Council was minded to repair the stepping stones (with any other proposals – such as a permissive path – being put to one side).</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to Geoff Leneveson and seek his views on the above</p> <p>ii) <u>Proposed information board at the entrance to the woodland at Buck Street</u></p> <p>The Parish Council awaited further information from the Woodland Trust on this matter.</p> <p>b) <u>Footpath FP0321047 - rotted stile</u></p> <p>The Clerk continued to await a response from LCC confirming whether a kissing gate could be provided here, and at what cost.</p> <p>c) <u>Footpath FP0321045 – rotted stile</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the landowner had now attempted to complete repairs to the stile as requested. In conversation with the Chair, the landowner had indicated that he was looking into grants available to fund the cost of stile repair. It was agreed that, if grants were indeed available, it would be helpful for members to be aware of this and communicate the information to landowners when future problems arose.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to pursue further enquiries with the landowner</p> <p>d) <u>Finger posts</u></p> <p>The Clerk had recently taken possession from LCC of two wooden finger posts, intended for the following purposes:</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of the posts had been previously requested by the Chair for the Buck St entrance to the Millennium Wood (to point in the direction of Buck St); and • the other was to replace the corroded metal post near the Hydro Lodge (a concern raised previously by Cllr Walsh). <p>LCC had requested that the Parish Council itself arrange for erection of the finger posts, and had provided the Clerk with two bags of postcrete to assist in this regard. Members agreed to proceed with erection of the signs, and the Clerk was to liaise with Cllr Wheeler regarding their collection from his home address.</p> <p>Members noted that, with regard to the replacement finger post intended for the Hydro Lodge, it had been suggested by LCC that the Parish Council may wish to relocate it slightly as – if the new sign were to be erected in the same location as the original – digging out around tree stumps may prove difficult.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to contact Cllr Wheeler regarding collection</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>15.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Allotments</p> <p><u>Lead Member – allotments</u></p> <p>As agreed at the September meeting, the Clerk and Cllr Bramwell had arranged to host an inaugural meeting for allotment tenants. This meeting - attended by 5 of the 9 tenants - had been held at the Pavilion on 25 September 2023, and chaired by Cllr Bramwell. The session had been held in a positive and constructive atmosphere, and those in attendance felt it to have been beneficial. A number of action points had been agreed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a tree was casting shade onto plot 5, and one of the tenants offered to approach the landowner and see if it could be pruned accordingly; • arrangements to switch off the water supply in winter / lag the tap were required; <p>Resolved Cllr Wheeler offered to arrange for the pipe to be lagged before winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fencing arrangements were to be reviewed around the slope as the land fell towards the sub-station (plot 8); • the skirt on the gate at the entrance to the allotments had been lost, thereby giving ease of access to dogs and wildlife; • tenants had agreed to assemble informally every Saturday at 3pm during the growing season to share advice, tips and produce. In addition, an email group was to be formed to facilitate communication; and • the Parish Council would arrange for a formal meeting to be held at the start (and possibly also the end) of the growing season. <p>Resolved Clerk to circulate a note of the meeting to all tenants Any tenant who had not been able to attend the meeting would be contacted by the Clerk, and asked if they would be willing for their email address to be added to the circulation list being compiled by tenants</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	Clerk / Cllr Bramwell to hold a further site visit and (i) ensure the water supply was turned off; (ii) inspect the land near to the sub-station; and (iii) examine the entrance gate	Clerk / TB
16.	<p>Rural Prosperity Fund (RPF)</p> <p>At the September meeting, members had held a wide-ranging discussion on possible funding bids. The two possible topics identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Nature Recovery Network; and • a permissive footpath between the Pavilion and The Hey. <p>Since the September meeting, the Clerk had received from RVBC details of the process by which an application to the RPF should be submitted. However, he noted that the application form provided was complex and technical; placed an emphasis on sustainability; and may require the Parish Council to produce a 3 year financial plan (which it did not currently possess).</p> <p>Members discussed the situation, and agreed that - if possible – the submission of an application for each of the above topics was desirable. With this in mind, it would now be helpful to receive further clarification from Parish Cllr Haslam on her suggestion for a Nature Recovery Network. Cllr Atkinson offered to have a look at the application form and assess the implications for the Parish Council of submitting the above bids.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to ask Cllr Haslam if – given her current circumstances - she would be in a position to provide further information on her proposal for a Nature Recovery Network Cllr Atkinson to examine the application form and report back to the November meeting with his observations</p>	Clerk / MH PA
17.	<p>Forthcoming events</p> <p>a) <u>Remembrance Sunday</u></p> <p>Members noted that this year Remembrance Sunday would fall on 12 November 2023. The Chair asked for volunteers to attend the village service as a representative of the Parish Council, and it was agreed that any representatives would be identified at the November meeting.</p> <p>On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair undertook to acquire a wreath from the Royal British Legion representative (Mandy Brennan).</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to diary a discussion on representatives to attend the church service at the November meeting Chair to acquire a wreath</p>	Clerk Chair

<p>b)</p>	<p><u>Xmas lights switch-on</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that this would be held on 1 December 2023. A number of actions had already been completed in preparation for the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Xmas tree had been sourced; • the owner of the Rum Fox had confirmed his willingness to provide gluhwein on the night; <p>Resolved Chair to explore cost with the owner; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wheeler confirmed that he had a number of tables available for use on the night if needed. <p>However, a number of items required further action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with regard to erection of the lights on the Xmas tree, the Chair had contacted the provider of the cherry picker and was awaiting a response; • the tree lights would probably be erected on Thursday 23 November, but this date was yet to be confirmed; • volunteers to assist in the display of the lights were required; • the halo was yet to be made by Alan Fielding and John Cowking; • the number of mince pies required (based on last year’s experience) was to be confirmed; <p>Resolved Clerk to consult notes from last year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mince pies to be acquired once the number desired was known • choirs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowland High School had offered their support, but this needed finalising - the Junior School had been approached but had yet to respond - the Vicar would be asked to provide carol sheets <p>Resolved Chair to pursue</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would place the above matters on the agenda for the November meeting, when final arrangements could be made.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to diary to do</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>c)</p>	<p><u>80th anniversary of D-Day – 6 June 2024</u></p> <p>On 6th June next year, it was intended to hold a national commemoration / celebration (once again organised by royal pageant-master Bruno Peek) to remember the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Communities were encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons that evening - both commemorating and celebrating the ‘light of Peace’ that emerged from the dreadful darkness of War. In addition, it was hoped that celebrations would involve the eating of fish and chips with mushy peas, with 150,000 portions to be consumed (one portion for each soldier involved).</p>	

	<p>The Chair had already registered the Parish Council’s initial interest in joining a national celebration, and members agreed that this was an important event that they would wish to support.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council already possessed a beacon, which had last been used for the Platinum Jubilee. It was currently stored at the former cricket field, and – whilst GRGC would ultimately wish to see it removed –members agreed that ideally it should be left there until the D-Day event was held next June.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to explore the continued storage of the beacon at the former cricket field with GRGC</p>	Chair
18.	<p>Update from Ward Councillor</p> <p>None given.</p>	
19.	<p>Other meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GRGC</u>– the Chair reported that resurfacing of the MUGA was due to be carried out. The picnic tables ordered by GRGC for use on the former cricket field had now been received, including one purchased by the Parish Council on which an appropriate plaque was displayed. The well-known musician Snake Davis was due to perform at the Pavilion. The village bonfire would be held on 5 November, with anyone interested in volunteering as a marshal (and thereby gaining entry free of charge) to let John Halley know; • <u>Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee</u> – the meeting held on 14 September 2023 had been attended by the Chair and Cllr Atkinson. They reported that a presentation had been given by Sgt Kevin Day on new policing arrangements in the Ribble Valley. A second presentation had been given by NHS representatives on the forthcoming reorganisation of local Health / Social Care arrangements; and • <u>WASP</u> – next meeting to be held in October 2023 (Chair and Cllr Bramwell to attend), date tbc. The Chair confirmed that only 4 parishes to date (including Grindleton) had completed their local reports into current road safety arrangements, and as a result the deadline had been extended by the Chair of WASP. Separate to the above, the Chair had approached LCC’s District Highways Partnership staff to seek the re-lining of 3 rumble strips in the village. 	
20.	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>a) <u>Email request from NALC</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received a request from NALC for parishes to take part in a new national data collection which sought feedback on the 2023 local elections.</p> <p>(cont)</p>	

	<p>Resolved Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of members</p> <p>b) <u>“Don’t be blown away by all the hot air”</u></p> <p>At the request of County Cllr Mirfin, the Clerk had circulated a report from Cllr Mirfin (co-authored by Cllr Horkin) which highlights the issue of greenhouse gas emissions as a major problem within the Ribble Valley. The report identified a number of key issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the specific problems arising from heavy industry (such as Hanson Cement) as well as farming; and • the lack of charging points to facilitate the desired growth in the use of electric vehicles. <p>Members considered the report with interest, but agreed not to make any comment on the report at this time.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>20.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Maintenance of both noticeboards at the Cherry Trees</u></p> <p>The Chair had asked for this issue to be placed on the agenda for members’ consideration. The right-hand notice board remained particularly damp, requiring all documentation to be laminated before display. Members agreed to consider the problem and see if a solution could be identified.</p> <p>Resolved Parish Cllr Wheeler would visit the site and assess the notice board</p> <p>The Chair reminded members that the left-hand notice board had received a temporary / emergency repair from Keith Hutton, but had not yet been properly fixed.</p> <p><u>Access to Facebook page</u></p> <p>Cllr Wheeler had raised the issue of a scam advert for Grindleton school hoodies popping up on the Parish Council’s Facebook page, targeting primary school parents. As a result, the Chair had been seeking access as an administrator (a role held by the former Chair, Keith Hutton). She had been advised that the only way forward was to open a new account, with new administrators, and then ask through the old account for the 621 followers to migrate to the new page (which would have a slightly different name). However, this was not proving straightforward as the old site could not then be deleted without the original email which confirmed that it had been set up, which could not be located at present.</p> <p>Resolved Parish Cllr Wheeler to speak to Sophie and ask her if she was willing to assist If so, Chair to liaise with Sophie on next steps</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>GW Chair</p>

c)	<u>B4RN</u> Members noted that David Ryall of B4RN was due to hold a public / consultation meeting at 7pm on 4 October 2023 in the Pavilion.	
d)	<u>Survey – Millennium Wood</u> The Parish Council had agreed to support a survey being undertaken by the Woodland Trust in relation to proposed path improvements at the Millennium Wood. It was hoped that information gathered would help to secure funding from Lancashire Environmental Fund.	
e)	<u>Highways issues</u> The Chair had been made aware of concerns about highway problems in wet conditions at Fell Rd and Smalden Lane. Both matters had been reported to LCC, who considered them to have been resolved.	
The next meeting of Grindleton Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at Grindleton Pavilion		

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

Signed by:		
	Date: 7.11.23	Cllr L Halley Chair