

## Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present : Cllrs J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Pye, , Mrs C. Doherty, Mrs D. McEvoy, J. Towler , J. Marshal, I and P. Entwistle

In attendance- ECSO Susan Hartley, RV Cllr M. Ranson and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

**1a Apologies** RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton

**1b Declarations of interest.** None

**2. Police and Community Matters.** Emergency Community and Safety Officer Susan Hartley reported there had been 9 incidents relating to the Grindleton area in the past month. These were relatively small problems. In Ribble Valley generally there were continuing thefts from cars, of scrap metal and thefts from unlocked houses and cars.

2.1 Councillors raised the speeding on Main St issue and the need for the occasional radar gun to appear.

2.2 The Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October had not attracted much interest and the room was locked/key unavailable. Some coordinators had been identified and Cllr P. Entwistle is to inform PC Peter Wareing/ECSO Susan Hartley of their contact details

**3. Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Meeting and matters arising-** The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

**a) Cherry tree project.** The metal notice board is awaited at approx £1670. This will be lockable and keys will be held by Chairman and Clerk. Stone table is being investigated by Cllr J. Marshall.

**b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** Cllr P. Entwistle had met with the Chatburn Councillor. He has also got an offer of £12K funding this financial year from LCC. Fencing maintenance will be needed- possibly shared between Grindleton and Chatburn? The farmer is somewhat reluctant. Castle Cement, the landowners have a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October and need to know of the £12K funding to fence and supply surfacing for the path to get their consent. Cllrs J. Cowling and P. Entwistle to draft a letter for Clerk to send.

**c) Neighbourhood Watch** See item 2.2 above.

**d) Complaint about Beachherders Festival at Sawley.** This has been reported to RVBC Licensing Officer.

- e) **Drainage problems.** Due to recent heavy rain, this cannot be reassessed until the next dry patch to consider the alternative source suggested.
- f) **Grindleton Bridge Works.** Dissatisfaction was expressed on how this scheme had failed to be completed during the long closure of the bridge. The final straw was the scaffolding being affected by that weekend's floods! The bridge is still being painted.
- g) **Strategic Housing Market Assessment.** The Parish Council had responded that some low cost housing was needed but not as a separate housing estate.
- h) **Follow up of parking ideas.** Cllr P. Entwistle had contacted residents, LCC and RVBC about Over Lane (next to The Hollies). A private bollard allowing pedestrian access but only vehicular access to owners with a key could produce 2 additional parking places. Additionally, the owners of Chapel Meadow had been written to for a possible permissive access prior to development. No response has been received yet.

The RVBC garage site was again discussed with a suggestion the garages be demolished by RVBC and laid out as a car park in view of the severe problems on Main St. There was still concern about storage use which could now occur elsewhere (Greendale suggested). The Clerk is to write.

#### 4. Views from the public. None

### 5. Planning Matters since the last meeting

#### 5.1 Current Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting-

5.1.1 Application 3/2008/0831 resubmission **at Rodhill House Smalden Lane Grindleton BB7 4RX** for proposed construction of a single storey garden room extension and associated external works. Cllrs had no objections.

5.1.2 Application 3/2008/0795 **at Cobblers Cottage Slaidburn Road Grindleton BB7 4QT** for proposed link extension between existing dwelling and existing garage. 1 Cllr did object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site. Majority had commented on over development of the site but not visible from the road. Acknowledged that worse from the footpath.

5.1.3 Application 3/2008/0743 **at The Barn Hill House Sawley Road Grindleton** for single storey kitchen extension. There were no objections.

#### 5.2 Applications already commented on – for information only

5.2.1 Application No 3/2008/0629 **Harrop Gate Farm Bolton by Bowland for a two storey extension**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**5.2.2** Application No: 3/2008/0605 **Field adjacent to Bambers Lane Ends Grindleton.**  
Extension to already approved building and change of use from general grazing to horse ménage.

The council had no objection to the above application subject to the following issues:

1 Surface water drainage treatment. The council suggest that the area would be better drained if the surface water above the proposed menage is diverted into an existing drain which runs parallel with Smalden Lane and borders on the property. The water from the menage and the already approved stable and proposed hard standing is diverted along the southern boundary of the property into the same drain lower down the hill.

The above proposal would help to alleviate the previous flooding which the two properties below the development have in the past experienced.

2 Concerns have been expressed about the size of the menage and feel it is an over development.

If the above issues are addressed the development would be acceptable.

**5.2.2.1** Following the above application a further plan was submitted showing the drainage. To this amended plan, the Parish Council had no objections.

**5.2.3** Application No 3/2008/0678 **Proposed alterations to curtilage structures to form self-contained staff accommodation at White Hall Green Lane Grindleton BB7 4RL**

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**5.2.4** Application No 3/2008/0471 **Proposed conversion and change of use of a agricultural building at New Barn Holden lane Slaidburn.**

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**5.2.5** Application No 3/2008/0734 **Proposed 3 bed detached bungalow (with bedrooms in the roof space) on garden land at Wythenstocks Barn Back Lane Grindleton BB7 4RW**

The Parish Council would have no objections to this application provided the building is positioned further in to the plot with the front of the bungalow in line with the front of both Wythenstock Barn and Curlew Riggs.

## 6. Financial Matters

**6.a-** The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33	Clerks Honorarium for Aug/Sept	Total payment = £190.90	S112 LGA 1972
£7.57	Clerks expenses		

£500.00	Grindleton Playing fields	Donation towards their work/projects	S137 LGA 1972
£20.00	St Ambrose Parochial Church Council	2 Neighbourhood Watch meetings- to be reimbursed from Lancashire Constabulary	S101 LGA 1972
£15.69	United Utilities Water Plc	Water for allotments which gets recharged to allotment holders	S101 LGA 1972
£25.00	Clitheroe Rotary Club	Extra bulbs for planting	S137 LGA 1972
£32.00	Society of Local Council Clerks	½ share with Pendleton for Clerk's Association	S112 LGA 1972
£81.25	Edward I Hopkinson	Replacement cheque for distributing Parish Plans.	S101 LGA 1972
Approx £1670	?	Metal Noticeboard	
	Total		

**6 b)** Cllrs discussed the Recreational Ground finances when deciding on this year's donation. This needs careful consideration at the budget making in December. Assistance is being given by the lengthsman mowing at the Recreational ground.

## **7 Reports from outside bodies**

### **Lancashire Association of Local Councils-**

**a) Recreation Ground-** Finances under strain already noted at item 6b above. Cllr J. Cowling is to attend the forthcoming AGM.

**b) Lane End Educational Charity-** Cllr J. Cowling reported the offer made has failed and the Charity has very little finances left, except for the school premises. This may get combined with c) below.

**c) Grindleton Consolidated Charities-** The Farm had been sold and the funds have been invested whilst the trustees review how to proceed. RV Cllr M. Ranson introduced a scheme which Lord Shuttleworth is creating as a Lancashire Community Foundation for small charities throughout Lancashire who are not finding the beneficiaries for their funds. This will be mentioned to these charities.

**d) Footpaths-** The lengthsman has spoken to Dave Padley Countryside Officer of LCC about the Ribble Way. This looks likely to be diverted as a cheaper option than shoring up the banks.

**e) Website-** Cllrs J. Cowling and Mrs D McEvoy have now seen both John Groom and the new webmaster Graham Cooper who will control the site, receiving e mails from contributors.

**f) Allotments-** ~~Cllr J. Towler reported that one allotment holder, Mr J. Devaney was very ill.~~

## **8. Correspondence requiring action**

a) The Clerk reported about a consultation paper '**Real People,real power**' on making a variety of new byelaws and the proposal for locally trained people to impose fixed penalties. She did not wish to undertake that aspect. To respond accordingly.

b) The draft **Forest of Bowland management plan** was noted.

c) **Bus stop survey.** The village has two bus stops. Cllrs J. Pye and J. Cowling are to complete the schedule received.

9. **Parish Plan.** The paper on progress was updated and to press for speeding enforcement at top of Main St by the Police.

10. **Any other business for noting/future action only.**

a) A problem with Bowland School waste disposal which overflows and causes an eyesore was discussed. RV Cllr M. Ranson suggested grant may be available to screen this.

b) **Proposals for new Clitheroe hospital.**RV Cllr M. Ranson reported on the proposals on the Chatburn side and then for housing on the existing site. There is scope for exciting health provision here but current proposals basically copy the existing facilities in a new building. Parish Council to write to urge a more radical approach with a clearer link to Clitheroe Health Centre.

11. **Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. This will be the budget and precept making meeting. Refreshments to be supplied by Cllr J. Cowling.