



## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Lorraine Halley; Chris Dumon; Peter Entwistle; James Towler. In attendance; Eileen Flatley. One member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bridget Hilton

### 2. Minutes of last meetings to be approved and signed

Minutes were approved and signed as correct.

### 3. Matters arising from last meeting

A letter had been sent to Colin Sutcliffe regarding item 10 – cementing stones around the well at the bottom of Sawley Brow – no response so far.  
Grant application to LCC - £200 received (item 13)

### 4. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

### 5. Public participation

One member of the public present.

### 6. To review Finances and set the Precept for 20/21 and discuss savings account

The Clerk presented the accounts to the Councillors detailing the income and expenditure for the last financial year and the expected outturn till the end of April 2020. The financial forecast for 20/21 was discussed taking into account the expected costs for the lengths man and proposed spending on improving the appearance of the village. It was decided to raise the precept by £500, this was proposed by Cllr Entwistle and seconded by Cllr Halley. The precept will now be set at £8,000 for 20/21.

Following a discussion regarding opening a savings account, it was felt to be beneficial to the Parish Council to transfer £10,000 in to this account which will be used as a reserve. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs Towler and Halley. Cllr Entwistle and the clerk will research which account would give the best rates of interest.

### 7. Report from RVBC Councillor – for Information only

Cllr Hilton was unable to attend this meeting but sent an email to the clerk to update the Councillors from RVBC. A complaint had been made regarding the Duke of York car park; this had been referred to the Enforcement officer. RVBC still opposing having a Unitary Authority.

### 8. Planning Applications

- Hydro Lodge – no objections from the Council.



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**9. Removal of the Phone Box**

Following discussion, it was decided to keep the Phone Box in working order but also use it as an Information centre for the village. Cllr Hutton will inform RVBC.

**10. Christmas Lights Grant**

Cllr Entwistle has applied for a Grant from RVBC to replace some of the lights and to arrange to have the tree pruned (this may not happen till next year now). The date for the lights to go up will be the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November and the switch on will be 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm with some members of the Primary school in attendance.

**11. Letter from Yorkshire Devolution Movement**

This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**12. Update from the Community Pub**

The share offer closes on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019. There has been £200,000 invested so far.

**13. Developments regarding the Lengths man**

David Briggs has finished the Grass Cutting for the winter. Discussed possibility of buying own equipment or sharing the costs of mowing with the Recreation Ground Charity. Still looking at trying to employ someone from the village. To defer till the next meeting.

**14. Discuss developments of the Website**

Cllr Dumon updated the Council on the developments regarding the Parish Council website. Local businesses had been a bit slow on providing information, otherwise Graham Cooper is progressing well with it.

**15. Update on LBKVC and discuss Cherry trees and flower tubs**

Cllr Halley gave feedback on the results of the competition and the village came 6<sup>th</sup> overall with Mary Brown Cottages getting 1<sup>st</sup> place in their category. Cllrs Hutton and Halley had a meeting with John Foley from Holden Clough nurseries regarding replacing the Cherry trees and providing large flower tubs at various places throughout the village. The Council agreed that this would be beneficial to the overall appearance of the village, therefore Cllr Halley to look into costings and types of containers etc and to report back at the next meeting. Cllr Entwistle to speak to Graham regarding planting the wall behind the Cherry trees.

**16. Should Grindleton Parish Council have a Mission Statement**

Following a brief discussion, it was decided against having a Mission Statement.

**17. Request to approve the following accounts for payment**

- Grass cutting – D Briggs - £160 (paid)
- Laminator pouches – L. Halley- £4.10
- Paper printing from April-October E Flatley - £5



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- Room Rent – St Ambrose - £15
  - Wreath Donation for Poppy Appeal - £18.50
  - Christmas Tree lights - £178 approx (Cllr Entwistle to confirm)

#### **18. Reports from Grindleton Organisations**

Pavilion has been decorated this week. No other changes with the charities.

**A.O.B.** Cllr Halley had reported that some of the stiles needed repairing, Cllr Entwistle to speak to Cllr Fielding regarding repairing these. Also, some wire down by the River path could become a safety issue. Again, Cllr Entwistle to contact Mr Whitfield about this.

The clerk had received notification that a grant was available for a Christmas Lunch Club. This was passed on to Anne Huson as the Pavilion Lunch Club could apply for it themselves.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020