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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Grindleton Parish Council 7.30pm 13 May 2013 at The Pavilion, Grindleton

Present:Cllrs J Cowling (Chair) ; P Entwistle; C Doherty; J Marshall; J Towler; K Hutton. In attendance: RVBC Councillor M Ranson; Mr G Cooper; one member of the public and Mr EB Holden Clerk to the Council.

1. Election of chairman.

It was proposed by CIr Entwistle and seconded by CIr Marshall that CIr Cowling be the chairman. There being no other nomination CIr Cowling was elected and took the chair.

2. Election of vice-chairman.

It was proposed by CIr Cowling and seconded by CIr Marshall that CIr Hutton be the vicechairman. There being no other nomination CIr Hutton was elected.

3. Apologies for absence.

Clrs J Pye and B Hilton.

4. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed.

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were none.

6. Declarations of interest.

Clr Entwistle declared an interest in item 8.

7. Police report.

There was no report.

8. Planning applications.

Meadow Bank, Sawley Road was discussed and due to the fact that the alteration was not intrusive either from the road or neighbours the application was accepted.

The plan for car parking areas at 1,2, and 3 Greendale View was discussed. This plan was deemed to be unacceptable for the following reasons: 1. The turning area out of the car slot is stated to be 4m. This dimension is unworkable and inadequate; it should be 6.1m. 2. The end parking slot would not allow a car to turn around causing the car to reverse in and out. 3. Implementation would irreparably change the character of the conservation area.

9. Allotment statement.

The clerk informed the meeting that the 2012/13 income from the allotments was £189.50 and the expenses £53.81, a surplus for the year of £135.69. A letter was read to the meeting requesting the erection of a poly-tunnel. It was agreed that a site meeting be held by Clrs Cowling and Marshall. Delegated powers were granted.

10. The Pavilion banners.

It was agreed that wooden/steel posts be erected at Cherry Trees for the display of banners for a period of up to 10 days and only for the open gardens, the annual bonfire, the horticultural show, and the sports day.

11. Request from Grindleton Recreation Ground Charity for a donation towards drainage.

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After a discussion about our commitment to the external auditor and in regard to section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was agreed to donate £500 for the drainage and the reseeding of the bonfire site.

12. Appraisal of the Section 4 internal audit.

It was agreed that the auditor gave a satisfactory approval of the account keeping.

13. Approval of section 1 and 2 of the annual return of the Audit Commission.

These sections were approved and accepted.

14. Financial matters.

The clerk requested a suitable payment to the internal auditor. It was agreed to pay the sum of £30.

15. Update from the clerk.

There was none.

16. Lengthsperson.

It was agreed that in lieu of a regular lengthsperson the council would contract out on a one off job basis, Valley Landscapes having been selected initially. In the future contracts would be sought following an advertisement in the notice board. At each council meeting a report would be given of the work done and the cost.-

17. Reports of the Grindleton organisations.

Brief reports were given to the meeting.

18. AOB.

The clerk was instructed to contact the RVBC chief executive requesting the removal of the garages sited off Back Lane

He was also requested to inform the relevant authorities that the mobile library, STAN, and the podiatry unit may use the Pavilion car park for their vans.

19. Date of the next meeting.

This was arranged for 15 July in St Ambrose parish room.

The meeting closed at 9.02.