

Minutes of Grindleton Annual Parish Council Meeting.

7.30pm 1 May 2018 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Peter Entwistle; James Towler; Lorraine Halley; Alan Fielding; Gillian James. In attendance: Barry Holden; and RVBC Cllr Elms.

1. Election of chairperson.

With the clerk in the chair it was proposed by Peter and seconded by Alan that Keith be re-appointed as chairperson. This was unanimously accepted.

2. Election of vice chairperson.

With Keith in the chair it was proposed by Gillian and seconded by Peter that Lorraine be appointed as the vice chairperson. This was unanimously accepted.

3. Acceptance of our Code of Conduct and Standing orders.

These were accepted for the year 2018-19.

4. Selection of councillor's duties.

The duties will be as previous.

5. Apologies for absence.

There were none.

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

These were accepted as a correct record.

7. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

It was agreed that Peter will purchase heavy duty wire mesh for the steps of the stiles.

8. Declarations of interest.

Keith declared an interest in item 21.

9. Public participation.

10. Report from RVBC councillor.

Cllr Elms reported:

Grindleton and West Bradford will have one borough councillor.

The many pot holes on the roads were being dealt with.

A large roundabout on the A59 adjoining Pendle Road will shortly be commenced.

The hospital site will be for housing.

The market site upgrade is still undecided, complicated by the plans of Booths.

Cllr Elms then left the meeting.

11. Planning applications.

Old School House, Lane Ends; 2 West View Main Street. The clerk reported that no issues were raised with either.

12. Discussion, questions, and approval of Section 1 & 2 of the annual return of the Audit Commission, and the annual internal audit report, 2017-18.

The councillors discussed the issues item by item and accepted all three as good financial accountability. Sections 1 and 2 were then signed along with the minute number.

13. Signing of the Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review.

The clerk explained that as our income and expenditure were each below £25,000, and we have been in existence before 1 April 2014, and with no issue of public interest reports, or other legal issues we are able to apply for a certificate of exemption from a limited assurance review. The certificate was duly signed by the chairperson and clerk.

14. Reasons for and permission to return the gift from the Masons.

As the Masons had placed too many conditions on memorial it was considered that the gift be returned. This was agreed.

15. Commemorative bench by the oak tree.

Keith informed the meeting that an outline plan for the bench had been decided. The clerk would confirm that the grant from RVBC was still operative.

16. Information on the Pinfold.

The clerk informed the meeting that the parish council's interest of the bench had now been placed on the register, thus ensuring the continuation of its position in the pinfold.

17. Greendale Wood.

The council was informed that although the wood was owned by the Woodland Trust they were willing to allow the Friends of Bowland to do maintenance work in it. The Friends of Bowland would be interested in involving villagers in this in such ways as helping out or joining this voluntary organisation.

18. Update on the Common Land issues.

Keith informed the meeting that he was in discussion with LCC ensuring that our rights were maintained.

19. Payment and receipts since the last meeting.

The clerk informed the meeting that our precept of £7,500 has been received.

20. Permission to pay: St Ambrose £15; D Rushton £120; LALC £135.81; Zurich Insurance £559.73; ASL Stone Company £600; Yorkshire Dales National Parks £168; West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd £1000; Royal Forest Lodge £401; Sue Piercy £50 (increased to £70); EB Holden £8.34 were in order.

21. Grant application – GRGC.

It was agreed to grant £750, noting that in future two estimates will be produced.

22. Grass cutting.

It was agreed that tenders would be sought for the grass cutting, not including the football pitch.

23. Preparations for LBKVC etc.

Lorraine informed the meeting that 22 villagers have agreed to maintain areas in the village. We were also informed that the judges would be having their annual conference in the village when a preliminary inspection would be carried out. The Duke of York will be excluded from the full inspection. It was also agreed that financial provision will be provided for floral baskets for the Buck and other areas in the village.

The date of the next meeting will be 3 July.

The meeting closed at 21.30

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