



## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting 8pm 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Cherry Trees, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Lorraine Halley; Jenny Czerwonka; Chris Dumon. In attendance; Eileen Flatley

### 1. Apologies for absence.

James Towler, Alan Fielding and Peter Entwistle

### 2. Dissolve responsibilities to Individual Councillors

Due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus Pandemic and the advice from the Government, there are to be some temporary changes to the Parish Council Standing Orders.

- All Parish Council meetings to be suspended, the next meeting to take place in September 2020. Proposed by Cllr Halley, seconded by Cllr Dumon
- The next AGM of the Parish Council will take place in September. Proposed by Cllr Halley, seconded by Cllr Czerwonka.
- The AGAR return forms will be signed at the Parish meeting in September, although the end of year finances can still be completed by the RFO.
- Cllr Halley and Cllr Entwistle can continue to sign cheques or pay by BACS as normal, although all members of the Council should be notified and agree to any payments to be made, receipts and invoices can be exchanged via email.
- All planning applications to be treated as normal, all Councillors to comment as required.
- With regard to elections, Cllrs will remain in post until the September AGM. Proposed by Cllr Dumon and seconded by Cllr Halley.
- The Parish Council are to support the community and step in and take control where necessary to offer support to those that need it during this difficult time.

### 3. A.O.B

- Due to the high volume of people walking by the river last week, the farmer has put a sign up saying the field is closed. This has led to some confusion as to whether the footpath is closed. It was confirmed that footpaths are still open to the public.
- The allotments are open to the tenants, but they are asked to observe social distancing and to use gloves when going through the gate. Full guidance is on the Gov.uk website.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council were able to stipulate that if someone with a holiday home in the village could be asked to remain in one place rather than commuting between the two. This was not something that the Parish Council

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could enforce, as it would be up to the individual to follow the rules set out by the Government.

- After repeated calls by the Clerk to SG Manufacturing regarding delivery of the SID sign, and still no date for delivery, Cllr Hutton will contact them.
- Cllr Dumon to oversee communications with the Lengthsman.
- Cllr Halley has organised a team of around 50 volunteers to help with shopping, delivering prescriptions etc to those residents who are self- isolating or who have difficulty getting out. This seems to be working very well.
- RVBC has set up a Community Hub to do something similar, especially for those who are vulnerable, although it is difficult to identify who those might be.
- It was felt to be important to keep checking on neighbours, and keep communicating through Facebook, the Parish magazine and leaflet drop.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm