

Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 2nd June 2008

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

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

In attendance- ECSO Susan Hartley, Julie and Rupert Skorupka and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

1a Apologies None

1b Declarations of interest. None.

2. Minutes of the 7th April 2008 Meeting and matters arising- The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) Cherry tree project. The trees have now been planted. The one outstanding item is the notice board. These are expensive and one with lettering is to be bought, as large as possible within a budget of £1500. A villager is willing to contribute towards the bench in memorial of her father which will allow a little more scope for the noticeboard.

b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn. This is still awaiting a meeting with the Chatburn councillor.

c) Bowland High School coaches. The School met with their coach company to discuss the ongoing traffic problems at the school 13 coaches are to try a staggered arrival and one way but this has a cost. They are also looking at changes to their finish time. Councillors were also concerned about speeding parents. The police are to be asked to monitor this.

d) Neighbourhood watch scheme progress A meeting was held for the residents of the three areas which had returned forms. The attendance was low but 3 schemes are to be set up –Main St/Back Lane (coordinators- Mr & Mrs Skorupka), Lane Ends and Meadowside/Sawley Road. This will cover approx half the village. The Clerk is to get another date/letters from PC Peter Wareing for the rest of the village to hold a similar meeting on the clear premise that there is already interest in having a scheme. It was suggested this might be possible in The Buck on a Tuesday evening. In connection with all the schemes, metal signs at an approx maximum cost of £150 would be needed and this expenditure was approved.

e) **Drainage problems and responses received.** With the drier weather, the smells were back. Councillors are to meet the owners to discuss on site.

f) **Grindleton Bridge Works.** The bridge is now to be painted.

3. **Police and Community Matters.** Emergency Community and Safety Officer Susan Hartley has been in and around the area meeting people and attended this meeting She gave a detailed report of 16 incidents logged for the village, giving an indication of the nature of the call outs. These included neighbour disputes, a stolen trailer, suspicious male in connection with a treasure hunt, a vehicle shunt, motorcycle nuisance on a bridle path, vehicle obstruction and a faulty house alarm.

Susan explained how to contact her and that she is on shifts. School traffic speeding was aired with her and she has taken note. She is to be trained in the use of the hand held speed device. This is used to warn motorists of their speeds. This does provide the facts when asking for speed signs/changes.

4. **Parish Plan**

4.1 The Clerk outlined how this was proceeding and welcomed comments on the then current draft which had been supplied. It is proposed to send 'The Action' with an explanatory page and the Activities to all residents and the full report to be available to those requesting it and all parties affected or to be 'partners' in achieving the action listed.

4.2 The Plan is also to go on the website. The transfer to the new webmaster is still not complete. Cllr J. Cowling is to visit the old webmaster and 'ease' the way.

4.3 The Clerk is also formally to thank Mark Chapelhow from Community Futures for his great assistance throughout the process as he is now to lose his job- with the end of the funding.

5. **Planning Matters since the last meeting**

5.1 **Current Planning Application.** The retrospective planning application for the decking at The Duke of York PH was awaited but as the development had already taken place, views were sought in advance of the application. These were mixed as it did appear safer than previously and a matter of taste

6. **Financial Matters**

6.a-

The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
tba	Whalley Parish Council	Balance for lengthsman for 2007-8 (Whalley are happy to settle in June as latest timesheets not yet received)	S111 LGA 1972 S43 Highways Act 1980

£183.33 £6.35	Clerks Honorarium for June/July Clerks expenses	Total payment = £189.68	S112 LGA 1972
£25.00	Mr J. Marshall	Prize draw for the Parish Plan	S142 LGA 1972
£2.40	Mr N.Kelly	Colour posters for Parish Plan open meeting	S142 LGA 1972
£384.84 £23.38	Mrs M.A. Renton	Parish Plan work and expenses	S142 LGA 1972
£60.00	St Ambrose Parochial Church Council	Room hire for 2008/9 Council meetings	S142 LGA 1972
£20.00	St Ambrose Parochial Church Council	Parish Plan room hire	S142 LGA 1972
£3.00	Mrs K. Hopkinson	Tabs for Open meeting exhibition	S142 LGA 1972
Approx £163	Mr N.Kelly Mrs K. Hopkinson	Distribution of Parish Plan	S142 LGA 1972
£30.00	Lancashire & Merseyside County Training Partnership	Clerk training on finance and planning	S 112-119 LGA 1972
Max £150	Neighbourhood watch signage		
£738.30	Total (known sums only)		

6b The Annual Account and Annual Return were approved and are to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

7 Councillor Responsibilities and reports

Lancashire Association of Local Councils- New name for LancsT&PC. Cllr J. Cowling .

Recreation Ground-Cllr Mrs C. Doherty

Police and Community- Cllr P.Entwistle

Lane End Educational Charity- Cllr J. Cowling. He reported there is an offer in for the sale of the school premises.

Grindleton Consolidated Charities- Cllr J. Cowling. He reported Harrop Gate Farm had been auctioned on 27th May and has a buyer. The trustees are deciding on a new scheme of grants to fulfil the purposes of that charity with the income from the proceeds.

Footpaths- Cllr P.Entwistle. He is to have discussions with Chatburn on a possible route.

Lengthsman- Cllrs J. Cowling and P. Entwistle.

Website- Cllr Mrs D. McEvoy

Allotments- Cllr J.Towler. The allotment holders are not this year participating in the open gardens.

8. Correspondence requiring action

a) Community Officer Susan Hartley had distributed her newsletter and spoken to the meeting under item 3.

b) It was agreed to formally thank Mr Mark Chappelhow at Community Futures for his considerable assistance with the Parish Plan as his part of Community Futures is finishing.

c) **Window for St Ambrose Church as part of Open Gardens.** Cllr J.Pye raised this but the Council did not feel able to undertake this.

b) **Road closure-**The clerk reported that Ribble Lane and including Grindleton bridge will be closed for 9 weeks from 21st July whilst a water pipeline is drilled out and laid. The bridge painting should be carried out during that time too. The length of the closure was a concern especially when Bowland High school restarts.

8. Any other business for noting/future action only.

a) **Road repairs.** Had been disruptive and still only a patching job near The Duke of York PH.

b) **Cherry Tree area.** Comments were made about the siting of the two benches. It is proposed to add a stone table and this should then look more complete. Cllr J. Marshall is to seek sponsorship for this. The question of what had happened to the old bench and old cobbles was raised. The sale of the bench had been advertised in the previous year and purchased by the only bidder. The contractor removed the cobblestones as part of the price of the new works.

c) **Village Parking.** This is an important issue in the village plan. A number of suggestions are to be investigated and reported back to future meetings.

9. Date of the next meeting. It was requested to change this to Tuesdays if the room is available. The next meeting will be on 5th Aug at 7.30pm.