



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 2nd March 2021 as a Virtual Teams meeting

Present: Cllr Lorraine Halley; Peter Entwistle; Chris Dumon; Alan Fielding; Keith Hutton; Peter Raywood. In attendance; Eileen Flatley and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

James Towler and Bridget Hilton

2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest

None declared

5. Public participation

Cllr Halley welcomed Jeff Cowling, Carolyn Doherty and Danny Wood who had joined the meeting to talk on behalf of the Grindleton Consolidated Charities. Carolyn gave a brief history of the Charity, outlining the work done and who the beneficiaries were. Jeff Cowling is the main stakeholder and is, at present, a Trustee nominated by the PC several years ago, this was for the purpose of securing a mortgage for the Charity to buy a property in the village for the benefit of the community. Cllr Halley asked if the PC had any financial responsibility, but was assured they did not. It was felt that a lot of information had been given and the discussion to decide on who would be put forward as nominees would take place at the end of the meeting. Carolyn left the meeting.

6. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting

Eileen Flatley explained that the bank balance was £19,329.99 and there was £10,103.51 in the deposit account. A draft summary of income and expenditure up to the beginning of March had been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was noted that the expenditure was not as high as forecast, possibly due to the Pandemic over the past year and less given out in donations.

7. Review Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

The Councillors had received the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct documents prior to the meeting. After consideration of these it was agreed they should remain the same. The NALC had not finalised the Code of Conduct, so ours will remain the same.

8. Update on the HARP project

The PC had received the updated information from Waddington PC following the PC Liason meeting (Cllr Halley had been unable to attend). This information has been displayed on the PC website for people to access. A letter was sent to RVBC to address our concerns about the potential routes taken by UU traffic. UU have offered to have a Zoom meeting to address any other concerns, this is to be scheduled for 22/3/21.

Action – E Flatley to contact UU to finalise this meeting.

9. Nominations for GCC

Already discussed in public participation



10. Consider joining PNFS

It was considering worthwhile joining the PNFS to help with financial costs of repairing stiles and footpaths. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs Entwistle and Raywood.

Action – E Flatley to contact PNFS

11. Finalise refurbishment of allotment paths

Cllr Dumon explained he had received a quote from a local landscape gardener to look at redoing all the paths around the allotment. It was felt that because of the layout and the weed problem it would be extremely costly to refurbish them to a reasonable standard and the problem of weeds would continue. It was decided to ask Darren to mow the paths and help keep the edges tidy, which would hopefully encourage the allotment holders to keep their plots tidy too. It was resolved to write to the allotment holders to inform them of this decision.

Action – E Flatley and Cllr Dumon to formulate a letter.

12. Finalise distribution of wild flowers

Cllr Halley proposed that before any work started on cultivating the area at the bottom of the brow, the residents of the nearby house should be informed. A few members of the village have shown an interest in helping with this project and Cllr Hutton offered to help with preparation of the site. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs Hutton and Entwistle to go ahead with this project

Action – Cllr Halley to speak to residents of the cottage and purchase the seed.

13. Update regarding AONB sign

Cllr Halley informed the Council that we were still waiting for the original sign to be painted. Communication from Elliot at the Forest of Bowland was that it is in hand.

14. Planning applications

3/2021/0068 6 Pendle View, Buck lane – no objections

15. Update from RVBC – for information only.

Bridget Hilton had sent her apologies as she would have like to inform the Councillors of her retirement as a Borough Councillor. She wanted to thank everyone on the PC for all the hard work they did and had enjoyed working with everyone from GPC. It was proposed to send Cllr Hilton some flowers in recognition of her support and dedication to GPC.

Action – E Flatley to organise

16. To consider Grant application for Christmas Lights on the Bridge

The Grant application was discussed and it was resolved to grant this application but to remind other applicants that retrospective grant applications may not get approval, as this could potentially affected other grants if all the available funds had been allocated for that particular year.

Action – E Flatley to inform Mrs Brennan

17. To approve the following payments

- Rushton Bros Hire of Loadall for Christmas Lights - £180 (paid)
- G Cooper – Web hosting - £29.99 (paid)
- Clerk's salary – Jan, Feb, Mar - £336.96
- LALC subscription - £174.11



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- Railside trading co – wood for stile repairs - £39.40 (paid)

18. To receive update from village organisations

GRGC are looking at reducing the size of representatives on their committee, and the question asked was do the PC wish to remain having a representative? It was resolved that in view of the contributions the PC make to GRGC, the PC would like to maintain a representative on the GRGC committee.

Action – Cllr Halley will confirm this with GRGC

Cllr Dumon gave an update on the SID sign, in that the company who sold the sign have been uncooperative and non-compliant in resolving the issue of its effectiveness or replacing it. It was proposed and agreed that the PC ask for a full refund and have nothing more to do with this company. If necessary, we would seek advice from RVBC or Small Claims.

Action – E Flatley to write to SG Manufacturing asking for refund, and Cllr Hutton to look at Small Claims

19. A.O.B

Cllr Halley reported that the drain on Higher Chapel lane is still causing problems. Cllr Hutton will contact the Council again and see if a Dye test can be done to check the state of the drain.

The phone box still needs to be refurbished – Cllr Halley to speak to Cllr Fielding again. Residents at the top of the village have complained about traffic speed, before the 30mph zone. E Flatley to write to LCC to see if this zone can be extended.

Due to the meeting to have overrun, it was decided to hold an Extraordinary meeting the following day to finalise item 9 from this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm