



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council meeting

19.30 on Tuesday 6th September 2022 in the Pavilion

Present: Cllrs; Keith Hutton (DKH) chairman; Lorraine Halley (LH); Peter Raywood (PR); Alan Fielding (AF) Dave Riley (DR) Clerk, Tony Bramwell prospective counsellor.

Apologies for absence Steve Dobson (SD)

1. Minutes from the last meetings were approved and signed
2. Declarations of Interest
 - a) Standing orders suspended
3. Public participation
 - b) Standing orders resumed
4. Recruitment of a replacement Parish Clerk. DR made the following suggestions:-
 - Advertise through the National Association of Local Councils.
 - Consider looking for a candidate who already has one or more Parish Clerk jobs
 - Provide realistic hours of employment, at least 5-6 hours per week
 - Pay at a higher point on the pay scale with additional points for candidates with experience/qualifications
 - Ensure the availability of professional advice – fund the membership of The Society of Local Council Clerks (cost £80 per year)
 - Employ someone who has the Certificate in Local Council Administration or alternatively commit to funding the new clerk to take the course. This is available to new clerks after 12 months experience (cost £410)

Other ideas - Our Clerk advert could be based on those of LALC.

- Contacting other local parish councils to see if anyone wanted to share a clerk.
- Seek guidance from RVBC.

Agreed councillors will share views about ads, hours, pay and conditions via email in the next week which **DKH** will collate.

5. Co-option of a replacement Parish Councillor – Agreed Tony Bramwell to be co-opted
6. Plant reservoir at bus turning circle needs replacing, necessary expenditure **agreed**
7. **Agreed AF** will be an additional bank signatory.
8. **Agreed DKH** will sign up to on-line banking
9. Parish Council Liaison meeting – We haven't received the minutes of last meeting **Agreed DR** to ask RVBC for them.
10. Lengthsman's work needs more coordination based on a seasonal plan **Agreed LH** to start a task list and email it to everyone for additions, then to be discussed with Chris Walton.
Agreed DKH to request contact for the council road sweeper.
11. Info hub (phone box) maintenance always falls to LH –could the Lengthsman do this?
12. Matters arising
 - Duke of York – no response from SS or plans submitted. Community pub is returning monies to investors.
 - Improving PC effectiveness **Agreed DR** to clarify how to access drop box and inform everyone. **TB** to assist.



- HARP **KH** not here to update us. **Agreed DR** to contact KH for update. Large lorries now getting stuck near the bridge.
- RVBC commemorative tree allocation **Agreed DR** to chase, if not GRGC then the school?
- Rural Villages Services Group – no information.
- Grindleton Consolidated Charities - letter received from them clearly stating that we're not on the mortgage.
- Boundaries at Hydro Lodge LH has a land registry map but unfortunately it is not helpful. **Agreed DKH** to contact police and LCC regarding parking on the verge. **DR** to pass on his correspondence.
- Fox development Green Lane - tree felling **Agreed DR** to chase KH about this
- Bench repairs - done
- Higher chapel lane culvert – needs to be viewed when it's raining **Agreed GW** and **AF** to pass on their pictures of the problem to DKH
- Kissing gates and finger posts done! LH has produced a list of damaged and missing stiles. **Agreed** what 3 words or grid ref needed to add to the list. Back lane to Sawley road path stiles dangerous. **Agreed DR** to write to Nick Hutchinson re this as well as the dying ash tree on his land. LH met with Alms-house trustee re moving the stock fence to allow the stepping stones over Grindleton Brook to be replaced.
- Lancashire best kept village – didn't reach the final
- SID, in place but not working consistently
- Equiniti signatories - no progress **Agreed DKH** will write to Equiniti CEO
- Income £17.00 and expenditure £935.99 since the last meeting

13. Accounts to be authorised

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| • Auditor | £70 |
| • LH Butane for weed gun, plants | £15.03 |
| • GRGC Jubilee celebrations | £2294.68 |
| • N Milward, cement | £7.80 |

14.A.O.B

Tree branches on the Brow and Sawley road are being hit by double decker buses and hay wagons. **Agreed DR** will ask RVBC to assess them with a view to trimming.

Road safety meeting on 29/9 at Chipping village hall **Agreed DKH** will attend **PR** may go.

Next meeting 19.30 Tuesday 1st November at the Pavilion