



## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Pavilion Main Hall

Present: Cllrs Lorraine Halley; Chris Dumon; Keith Hutton; Peter Raywood; Alan Fielding; Glenn Wheeler. In attendance; Eileen Flatley, Dave Riley (new Clerk) and one member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

James Towler and Kevin Horkin

### 2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed.

### 3. Matters arising

AONB- installed.

PNFS – No response from LCC regarding funding, EF to contact Linda Anderson from Public Right of Way to move forward.

Allotment paths – CD to speak to Darren regarding the strimming

Kissing gates for the river footpath – KH to contact Mark Woolfenden regarding siting gates asap.

Telephone box – AF will complete refurbishment by 18<sup>th</sup> September and Sophie Stewart will help with maintenance.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

None declared

### 5. Public participation

Jonathon Thompson had two issues to ask the Council

- Speeding through the village – he was concerned about the speed of some road users through the village especially frequent offenders. This is an on-going issue and the Council would encourage people to contact the local police so that these issues can be logged, and the number plate supplied if possible. The PC have been in touch with LCC several times but unless there is logged evidence of a problem, they will not respond.
- Dog fouling on verge opposite Broadfold - since moving to Broadfold Farm and taking on maintenance of the verge next to the allotment opposite, Jonathon has noted that the verge is used by dogs as a toilet. Unfortunately, dog owners are not picking up after their dogs. He would like to put a small picket fence which would hopefully prevent this problem but still waiting to establish who owns that piece of land. EF to contact the dog warden to make him aware of this situation.

### 6. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting

Income expected within the next month – Public Rights of Way Grant - £500 and RVBC Concurrent Grant £amount.

Expenditure - £1,096.25 – mostly for Lengthsman duties and Clerks salary for last 3 months. Balance £24,218.92 in the current account.



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### 7. New Clerk's position

Dave Riley was welcomed as the Clerk to take over on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. All correspondence to include Dave at [daverileygpc@gmail.com](mailto:daverileygpc@gmail.com) The new pay scale will now be £10.65 per hour.

### 8. Planning applications

- Fellview Farm Bolton by Bowland – 3/2021/0803/0804 – no objections
- PC response to the Buck Inn – LH asked for the following statement to be included in the minutes:
  - The comment submitted in relation to the Buck Inn planning application was by a majority vote, as I disagreed with the wording of the Parish Council response. I felt the response amplified the concerns of a minority of residents; it failed to emphasise the views of the majority of Grindleton residents in line with those views expressed at the village consultation event and recorded in the five-year plan. The Parish Council has been inconsistent so far as, the response to the Duke of York planning application when the views of the majority of Grindleton residents were emphasised and the five-year plan/consultation event was quoted.

### 9. Lancashire Fire Risk Management Plan

Following discussion of the above the Council did not feel there was a problem with access to the village from the Fire Service.

### 10. HARP update

The PC submitted its response to the planning application and there has not been any further updates from UU regarding the HARP project.

### 11. Update regarding SID claim

The SID sign was tested again by KH and CD and still found to be faulty. Trading standards, have not offered any further help with the claim, so it was agreed by majority vote to make a claim to the small claims court. KH to action this.

### 12. Responsibilities to maintain footpaths and work around the village.

Following the village tidy up in preparation for the LBKVC, the question of who helps maintain the village and footpaths throughout the year was addressed. Unfortunately, it would be too costly for this to be the whole responsibility of the lengthsman, so some of it had fallen to individuals. LCC had been contacted about a couple of broken stiles and DR has sent in photos of other stiles that are in need of repair.

It was suggested that a record of all the footpaths that need maintenance and stile repairs be identified and to approach LCC and highways to see what can they can help with.

### 13. Bench repairs

The hydro lodge bench is being repaired by the builders working on the lodge and KH to repair the bench at the bridge.

### 14. NALC event – Levelling up the Environment through Biodiversity

KH has shown an interest in this event, it was agreed for him to attend. EF to book a place.



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**15. GRGC Grant application**

GRGC have applied for a grant to help with the maintenance to the playing fields and play area. It was agreed by all members of the Council to support this application.

**16. Update from RVBC**

As Councillor Horkin was unavailable for the meeting, it was agreed that LH would ring him about the Council's concerns regarding the HARP project, the decline of the Duke of York and the impending planning application for the Buck Inn.

**17. Authorisation of the following accounts**

It was agreed to pay the following accounts.

- Clerk's salary - £336.96
- Room Hire to GRGC - £10.50
- Siting of AONB sign - £19.80
- Lengthsman duties - £345 for 23hrs from 8/6 to 16/7, also to pay £375 for 25hrs from 25/7 to 24/8 = £720 in total
- Laminator pouches - £8.99

**18. Update from other village organisations**

EF reported that Jeff Cowling had asked for the information for GCC be removed from notice board and the website as it was being updated. Several grants had been awarded to students this year.

**19. A.O.B**

LH has been in touch with Pendle Hill Partnership re- funding for professional publication of the heritage trail.

Concerns had been received to the council about the number of large trucks and trailers going up through the village carrying heavy loads of waste - some of it not just hardcore. There is a concern as to where this is being taken, EF to contact RVBC to see if they are aware of any waste transfer sites within the area.

Date of next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Meeting closed at 9.10pm