

Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 19th February 2009

In the Parish Room, St Ambrose School, Sawley Road Grindleton.

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

In attendance- RV Cllrs Mrs B. Hilton and M. Ranson , ECSO Susan Hartley and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

1a Apologies J. Towler

1b Declarations of interest. Interests in planning application for Greendale View from Cllrs P. Entwistle, J. Marshall and J.Pye.

2. Police and Community Matters.

2.1 Emergency Community and Safety Officer Susan Hartley reported on recent call outs to Grindleton. In the two months since she had last reported, there had been two lost/stolen wheelie bins- since sorted out. (Wheelie bins had been quite a problem in Clitheroe), three incidents at Bowland High School and one theft of a quad bike. She also reported arrests had been made relating to thefts of red diesel. ECSO S. Hartley alerted Cllrs of scam calls from a company called CMS wanting bank details and then raid bank accounts. She urged everyone to inform others of this and to keep up calls about anything suspicious as they do help.

2.2 Speeding is still of concern. The SID is not being downloaded. Councillors need the software/training to do this.

2.3 Youths hanging about. There have been non local youths and with lighter evenings may recur. The Police wish to be notified and can then take some action/appear.

3. No matters were brought to the meeting by the public.

4. Website

4.1 The webmaster, Graham Cooper had circulated an update report with a link to the progressing new site. Several Cllrs had looked at it and were impressed. Some information is still awaited. The idea of linking to as many relevant websites was appreciated and if possible a launch at the Annual Meeting and publicity for this would be a good idea.

4.3 Cllr J. Cowling did the 'mug shots' of the Councillors present at the meeting and of the Clerk.

5. Minutes of the 17th December 2008 Meeting and matters arising- The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) **Cherry tree project.** Quotes have been sought for the stone table from Waddington Quarry who are now looking for a suitable piece. It is intended to inscribe 'Grindleton into the rim but the quarry are prepared to etch in an inscription onto the top – ideas of the beehive and 'Rest ye awhile' were suggested and others are welcome, as soon as possible. This is to be publicized on the website, Church magazine and local paper.

b) **Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** Nothing further to report.

c) **Ribble Way.** This is definitely closed until August 2009. LCC are most unlikely to invest the sum needed to restore it. Walkers continue to find their own routes and practically, it will need to be diverted. The Landowner would be happy with a route on the mound. The Clerk is to contact the LCC Ribble Way Officer on what LCC sees as their options/timescales.

d) **Grindleton Bridge Works.** RV Cllr M Ranson will seek the costs through Lancashire Local.

e) **Parking ideas within Grindleton.** Cllr P. Entwistle has checked with Athertons who act for owners of land near Back Lane for a possible temporary area. Letters have also been given to Over Lane residents with the RVBC and LCC replies, leaving it up to the residents to set up extra parking spaces on private land.

6. Planning Matters since the last meeting

6.1 **Current Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting-** Quite a spate had been received and need comments-

6.1.1 3/2009/0042 Two storey rear extension (resubmission) at **4 Greendale View Main St Grindleton.** No objections

6.1.2 3/2009/0043 Two storey rear extension at **2 Greendale View Main St Grindleton.** No objections.

6.1.3 3/2009/0044 Two storey rear extension at **3 Greendale View Main St Grindleton.** No objections.

6.1.4 3/2009/0073 First floor and single storey extensions forming extended residential accommodation at **Grandown Back Lane Grindleton** No objections and looks more interesting than previously.

6.1.5 3/2009/0095 Addition of 'grab' handles to the outside of the door to ease disabled access at **Meeting House Green End Grindleton Road Sawley.** No objections

6.1.6 3/2009/0109 Substitution of house type (resubmission of 3/2008/0734) at **Wythenstocks Barn Back Lane Grindleton BB7 4RW** Looks smaller and no objections.

6.2 **Applications already commented on – for information only**

6.2.1 **Re 3/2008/1007 Change of use from storage to a flat at Greendale Mill Grindleton BB7 4QR**

The Parish Council had no objections.

6.2.2 Re : 3/2009/0013 Single storey extension to side and rear of the property providing a store, w,c. and extended dining room at Rocking Castle Main St Grindleton Lancashire

The Parish Council had no objections.

6.3 Planning Appeal has been lodged for **Cobblers Cottage Slaidburn Road Grindleton BB7 4QT**. This applicant has appealed against the refusal of Planning Permission for a proposed link extension between existing dwelling and existing garage If there are any further comments, they have to be made by 27th Feb to The Planning Inspectorate at Room 3/12A Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN quoting the appeal reference APP/T2350/A/09/2094127/WF.

7. Financial Matters

Prior to the payments below, the total balances stood at £6276.17.

7.a- The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.35 £24.26	Clerks Honorarium for Feb/Mar Clerks expenses	Total payment = £207.61	S112 LGA 1972
£t.b.a	Whalley Parish Council	Rest of year still to be billed	S101 LGA 1972
£34.77 £5.22	Mr G.J.Cooper	Reimburse for web site hosting until Jan 2010 VAT totalling £39.99	S101 LGA 1972
£14.04	Reimburse Mrs M.A.Renton	United Utilities for Allotment water . This regularly occurs between meetings with legal proceedings threatened!*	S101 LGA 1972
£ tba	½ of £49 plus travel	Share of cost with Pendleton – subject to approval for Clerk to attend 1 day conference at Stockport Cheshire on . Councillors also invited. The Clerk may possibly go to a different venue later in the year so approval in principle granted	
Max £20.00	(See item 10.7 below)	Rubber gloves for W.I. litter pick	S101 LGA 1972
	(See item 12.6 below).	Possible recycled plastic bench to replace the one near bus turn round	
264.42	Total Known		

7 b) It was agreed small bills such as the water for the allotments which come in between meetings and for which a cheque cannot easily be obtained (and ratified at the next meeting) should be paid by the Clerk and be reimbursed.

8. Reports from outside bodies

a) Recreation Ground The wine tasting had been a success both socially and financially. Their next event, looking for hosts, is the 'Gallop and Gourmet' on 16th May.

b) Lane End Educational Charity and Grindleton Consolidated Charities- These are to widen their objectives and amalgamate. One Charity is seeking planning consent to convert a barn to housing but some highway problems.

c) Lengthsman Cllr J. Cowling is to quantify value of grass cutting of playing field so that this can be applied for as a concurrent function from RVBC. The lengthsman has reopened a footpath where stile had been covered with barbed wire. The bulbs planted. are emerging

d) Clitheroe Hospital Proposals. RV Cllr B. Hilton and the Clerk had both attended the public consultation sessions. These concerned the proposed new facilities and not the fate of the existing building (for which housing use is proposed for the land). The hospital is set to attract more patients but the parking is limited and public transport provision will not be entering the site. RV Cllr B. Hilton was concerned that the funding may not be available with the 'credit crunch.'

e) Parish Liaison Committee. RV Cllr M. Ranson explained that future meetings are to include some training for Parish Councillors at these meetings. The next is due on 26th March . RV Cllr B. Hilton had also supplied the Clerk with a form for individuals to register for Community Transport which the registered person can then telephone for. This needs to be publicized/ mentioned to anyone likely to benefit. Another item for the website.

10. Correspondence requiring action

10.1 It was noted Bowland High School had been discussing the way forward for a speed restriction on the road outside school and extension of the no waiting road markings with Lancashire County Council.

10.2 Consultation document on 'Communities in Control from Dept of Communities and Local Government. No comments

10.3 RVBC Draft economic strategy for comments by 16th February. Noted

10.4 RVBC Annual Report- Noted and Cllr J. Cowling took away to read.

10.5 CAB leaflet had been received and put up on noticeboard and on website. A useful service.

10.6 Letter received and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting about prominent dustbins at Bowland High School and huge road markings. The school is both a major asset and at times a liability to the village with its traffic but the school is

a fixture and is very willing to work with the local community. The lengthsman has in fact made covers to disguise the bins somewhat. The Clerk is to complain about the unsightliness of the zigzags to LCC Cabinet member for highways. This is a matter that also concerned Lancashire Locals. There are similar zigzags outside Grindleton school where the Church is a listed building and in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

10.7 Cllr J. Cowling reported the WI Annual litter pick will be on Thursday 6th March. This can go on the website. It was also agreed to sponsor rubber gloves up to £20 which Cllr J. Cowling will obtain and bill the Parish Council.

11. Parish Plan. The updated paper on progress was circulated. This will be seriously reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

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

12.1 Dogbins It was suggested a dog bin would be well appreciated by Greendale Wood. The Clerk is to make this request to RVBC.

12.2 Health and well being awards There are health and wellbeing grants available from RVBC (Officer David Ingham) but cut off date is 20th March.

12.3 Buses. RV Cllr M. Ranson commented on a bill going through Parliament to link rural communities. Currently the last bus back from Clitheroe reaches the village at 6.15pm.

12.4 Council tax RV Cllr M. Ranson reported this will increase by approximately 3%.

12.5 Hedges. Hedges generally cause problems when they overlap the footpaths. RV Cllr M. Ranson outlined the procedure of the LCC writing to the owner. Two properties were identified at the meeting and as a first step, it was agreed the Clerk should prepare a polite 'reminder' which Cllr J. Cowling will deliver.

12.6 Benches. At this meeting, Councillors have usually replaced one bench. The bench at the bus turn round is not good but it gets driven into by turning vehicles! It was agreed to consider a recycled bench and look at relocating it slightly.

12.7 Smells and effluent. One of the problem areas is recurring and is to be formally reported to the Environment Agency.

12.8 Sawley Festival. Cllr J. Pye reported that views have been invited by RVBC about the Festival planned for 3-6th July. This Council has received complaints about the late finish and needs ensure this comment is made when the application is considered (by 20th March).

To note- Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Meeting followed by the ordinary meeting.