

Grindleton Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 21st May 2007 immediately after the AGM

In the schoolroom St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

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

In attendance- RV Cllr M. Ranson, RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

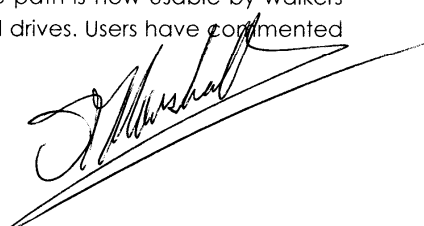
1. **a) Apologies for absence.** None.
2. **b) Declarations of interest in any item.** None
3. **Welcome to the new Council.** I vacancy remained for co option. It was agreed to invite Mr K. Hutton to rejoin the Parish Council.
4. **Election of officers-**
 - 4.1 The Clerk took the Chair to invite proposals for the position of **Chairman**. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr J. Cowling should be the Chairman for this municipal year. Cllr J. Cowling then retook the Chair.
 - 4.2 For the **Vice Chairman**, it was proposed and seconded that Cllr J. Pye be appointed.
 - 4.3 The following **representatives** were nominated to represent the Council-
LAPTC- Cllr J. Cowling
Parish Councils Liaison Committee- Cllr J. Cowling
Police and Community- Cllr J. Pye
Recreation Ground- Cllr Mrs C. Doherty
Grindleton Consolidated Charities- Cllr J. Cowling
Lane Ends Charity- Cllr J. Cowling
Footpaths- provided K. Hutton returns, he is appointed.
Website- Cllr Mrs D. McEvoy (in conjunction with Graham Cooper, Langdale Main St Grindleton. John Groom who previously set up the website is to be thanked.)
Allotments-Cllr J. Towler

5. **Minutes of the 26th March Meeting and matters arising-**

a) Progress with drainage of Green Lane

Cllr J. Cowling at the AGM had already outlined the very satisfactory drainage work carried out by the farmer Mr Aspin and the new lengthsman Brian Kearsley. The work had been paid for out of grant monies from LCC. The path is now usable by walkers and riders. It is a bridleway so not available to 4 wheel drives. Users have commented very favourably about the works.

b) Cherry tree project



Cllrs J. Cowling and J. Marshall outlined the scheme which was submitted to RVBC for grant assistance. £5000 has been awarded towards the scheme. It aims to make a new focus at the important junction of Main Street and Sawley Road with a new noticeboard casing the oak noticeboard within a metal frame (to prevent the swelling of the wood), new trees (with the WI involved), relaying the stone sets and a new bench provided in memory of Jack (and paid by his family). Work should now be started on this scheme as payment will be made on its completion. All work is required to be completed within 12 months.

c) Progress with footpath to Chatburn The Clerk had written to the landowners to seek their cooperation but had not yet received a reply. Bowland School is very interested in this proposal.

d) Bowland High School coaches (Item 8.1 also related) The new headteacher Mr Stephen Cox wishes to cooperate with the Parish Council on transport issues and suggests meeting with representatives. Cllr J. Cowling and RV Cllr Mike Ranson will arrange and attend a meeting with Mr Cox and report back.

e) Parish newsletter The Chairman reported he had not received all the information needed and due to the elections, it made more sense to prepare this for publication by the end of July, possibly to go out with some part of the village plan consultation, as the two items are related. The aim is to make the newsletter a useful document with information for households to refer to throughout the year.

6. Parish Plan-

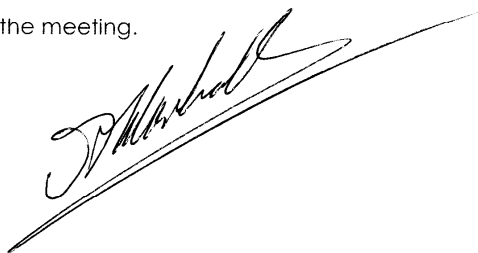
6.1 The Clerk reported the grant monies of £2000 had been received. An open meeting is to be convened on 27th June to set up the working group, at the school.

6.2 All previously contacted will be specifically invited together with Mark Chappelhow from Community Futures to guide the process. Press notices and notice on the board will ensure anyone else interested also knows about the set up meeting. This group then needs to prepare and send out the questionnaire to all households (with funds for this distribution).

6.3 Cllr J. Marshall is to lead the Parish Council's representation, with K. Hutton (if he wishes). The working group may wish to select its own leader. The Clerk will also be involved.

7. Planning Issues- A report was circulated at the meeting.

7.1 Current Planning Applications



Two applications had been listed but did not arrive before the meeting for

- a) Harrop Fold Farm Harrop Fold
- b) Buck Inn Grindleton (Councillors will be consulted when these are received)
- c) Also received Re **3/2007/0130/P Greenwoods Farm re Tinklers Lane Slaidburn** pictures of the general style of the sun lounge for viewing. A misunderstanding had occurred due to the poor quality of the original plans.

7.2 Comments made on applications received-

7.2.1 3/2007/0091 Prospect House, Sawley Road Grindleton Demolition of old stable building and construction of improved replacement stables with ancillary storage and tack room. Associated external works including ramps.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

7.2.2 Planning observations re 3/2007/0205 Land at The Spinney Grindleton Erection of office block Resubmission

The Parish Council objected to the above resubmission, on the following grounds:-

1. The developer has planted a row of Leylandii on the East side of the proposed development site. This hedge in its present state would screen the Office block from this position. However, it is in need of drastic pruning as it overhangs the footpath and obscures the bus stop and restriction signs. Once it is pruned the proposed Office block will clearly be seen.
2. The development is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the increased volume (79%) and height would even be more obvious from the surrounding area and in particular from the Ribble way.
3. The increased size would no doubt lead to more people being employed which as a council, we welcome. However as we have no unemployment in the village, it will mean increased traffic to and from the village which in places is a single track and considerable damage to the walls on either side of the road is a regular occurrence.

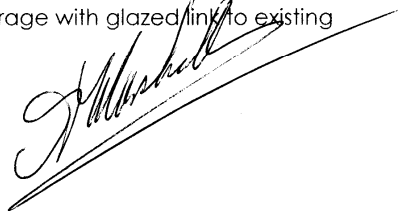
7.2.3 Planning observations re 3/2007/0261 Cherry Dale Back Lane Grindleton

Replace existing uPVC conservatory with a Garden Room with stone walls and a slate roof.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

7.2.4 Planning observations re 3/2007/0324 Duck House Farm Brow Top Grindleton

Single storey extension to form snooker room and garage with glazed link to existing dwelling.

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The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

7.3 Planning Decisions received

7.3.1 3/2007/0013 Townhead Farmhouse Slaidburn Road Grindleton BB7 4 QT Re Rear dining room extension

Decision- 1. Development must be begun within 3 years.

7.3.2 3/2007/0067 Beech Cottage Grindleton Re Kitchen extension

Decision- 1. Development must be begun within 3 years.

7.3.3 3/2007/0091 Prospect House, Sawley Road Grindleton Re Demolition of old stable building and construction of improved replacement stables with ancillary storage and tack room. Associated external works including ramps.

Decision- 1. Development must be begun within 3 years.

2. Stables to be for private & domestic purposes only and not commercial at any time.

3. Unless agreed with Local Planning Authority must be in accord with the recommendations of the bat survey and report submitted on 27 Feb 07.

4. To be implemented as amended by letter and plan received 28 March 07

5. No development to be commenced until scheme for disposal of foul and surface water have been approved. Scheme to accord with that approval.

7.3.4 3/2007/0128 Valley Cottage, Back Lane Grindleton Re Certificate of Lawfulness-for existing use as granny annex known as Valley Cottage as a separate dwelling house

Granted.

7.3.5 3/2007/0129 Acre Hill Farm, Lane Ends Re Retrospective application for change of use of redundant agricultural building to caravan storage

Decision- 1. Development must be begun within 3 years.

2. Storage of touring caravans to be within the 2 agricultural buildings shown on a specified drawing and not to outside storage.

7.3.6 3/2007/0261 Cherry Dale Back Lane Grindleton Re Replace existing uPVC conservatory with a Garden Room with stone walls and a slate roof

Decision- 1. Development must be begun within 3 years.



7.3.7 3/2006/0553 Pinewood Chatburn Nab Road Grindleton Fell Re Proposed two storey extension

Granted 1. To be begun within 3 years .

2. Specifications of walling and roofing and surface materials to be approved.

3. Ground floor window in side elevation of new single storey rear extension facing adjoining property shall be obscure glazed to satisfaction of Local Planning Authority and remain so.

7.3.8 3/2006/0916 Old Greenwoods Farm Lane Ends Bolton -by-Bowland Re New Agricultural building (pheasants)

Granted- 1.To be begun within 3 years.

2. To be implemented with the amended version proposed in letter and plan received on 10th Jan 07.

3. Specifications of walling and roofing and surface materials to be approved.

7.3.9 3/2006/1055 Cottams Farm Smalden Lane Bolton by Bowland Re Erection of timber framed open fronted general purpose agricultural storage building

Granted- 1.To be begun within 3 years.

8. Finance matters- A report was circulated at the meeting.

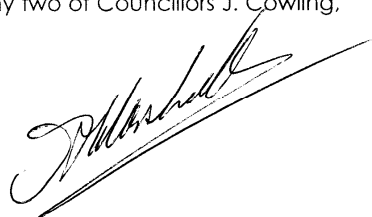
8.1 Payments authorised :

24.99 4.37	John Groom VAT	Total payment of £29.36 to reimburse for Web name for 2 years
135.03	Lancs Assoc of Parish & Town Councils	Subscription for 2007/8
165.67	Clerks Salary (adjusted to take into account overpayment)	Total payment=£181.32
15.65	Clerks expenses	
301.91	Allianz Insurance plc	Annual Insurance
600.00 106.00	J. Aspin VAT	Payment for Green Lane work
1051.71	Total known	

8.2 Bank Signatures. It was agreed this should be any two of Councillors J. Cowling, J.Pye, Mrs C. Doherty and J. Marshall

9. Correspondence requiring action

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9.1 Letter from new Headteacher at Bowland High School re Travel Plan and proposal for an 'off road footpath'. These were noted under items 5C and d above and welcomed.

9.2 LCC re Blue Slate Footbridge where footpath No 22 in Bolton by Bowland meets footpath 16 (Grindleton). The plans looked good and an improvement on stepping stones.

9.3 Copy correspondence from LAPTC to the Government re Post office Closures. This was noted.

9.4 RVBC Public Transport Open Forum at 2pm on Tuesday 22 May. This was noted.

9.5 The Local Authorities(Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. This loosens up the ability to speak on interests and was agreed to be adopted.

9.6 The Grand in Clitheroe. Their management would like to come and talk to a Parish Council meeting about what is being proposed there. This organisation is to be invited to a Parish Council meeting as soon as possible.

9.7 Lancs Assoc Parish & Town Councils Conference will now be held at Park Hall Charnock Richard over the weekend of 19th-21st October, at day and residential rates. None elected to attend.

9.8 NALC Legal briefing on consultation on draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection Regulations. These were noted.

9.9 LAPTC AGM at County Hall on Saturday 3rd November. Two voting representatives can attend. Cllr J. Cowling is willing to attend.

10. Reports from representatives.

10.1 Recreation Ground. Its Galloping Gourmet event and auction had been very successful. Sale of squares are proceeding more slowly. Mr N.Kelly is to publicize this rather more as there is interest but remains to be converted into cash. Approximately half the funds needed for a standard size tennis court has been raised from RVBC grant and Bowland Trust awards. Sports day is being arranged for 9th June to include events for different age groups over that weekend. Cllr C. Doherty has applied for the Licence.

10.2 Allotments. The wall still needs repairing, hopefully with RVBC funds. Cllr J. Cowling and RV M. Ranson are to discuss this with RVBC officers. There was some discussion of the effects of the transfer of the adjacent housing stock to a Housing Association. Councillors were interested particularly in the garage sites in the village currently held by the Housing Department. It may be possible for the garages to be excluded from the transfer and retained by RVBC. More radical still, the Parish Council

could approach RVBC to have the garages transferred to the Parish. The Clerk is to explore this with RVBC.

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

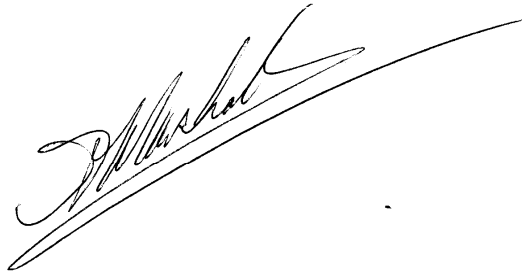
11.1 Downloading the traffic data from the Speed Indicator. RV Cllr M. Ranson reported that Waddington Parish Council are to receive training and will then download the traffic data themselves rather than receive reports through the Police. This would give the information more quickly and directly. Councillors wished to investigate if they could also do this.

11.2 Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings. There needs to be a specific invitation and agenda sent each time.

11.3 Possible improvement of the Rodhill by way. Cllr J. Cowling thought there could be local money available to improve this route in conjunction with the farmer (David Coupland) and LCC. Cllr J. Cowling will negotiate this and report back.

12. Dates for future meetings. Councillors prefer 1st Mondays but this conflicts with Bank Holiday Mondays in January and May. New dates are suggested as

Monday 2nd July 07 Monday 1st October 07 Monday 3rd December 07
Monday 4th February 08 then the AGM and ordinary meeting on Monday 7th April 08. These dates should be confirmed at the July meeting.

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