

Grindleton Parish Council

Annual Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 7.30pm

At St Ambrose Parish Room Sawley Road Grindleton

Present : Councillor J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Pye, P. Entwistle, Mrs C. Doherty and J. Towler

In attendance- RV Cllr M. Ranson RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton, ECSO Susan Hartley, Graham Cooper, Michael and Anne Stewart, John and Samantha Turner and Maggie Fielding and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

1. Minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 7th April 2008. These were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising.

a) Two buildings belonging to Grindleton Charities.

The Chairman who represents the Parish Council on both charities reported on the progress made by both charities in selling their respective major buildings. Grindleton Consolidated Charities sold its farm and is now seeking to convert two barns as affordable housing and also will be setting up grants with remaining funds. Lane Ends Charity has failed to sell the school and is in active discussion with the Charity Commission to amalgamate with Grindleton Consolidated Charities.

b) Ribble Way.

The Clerk had received an update from LCC on the present proposals- these were basically to do nothing due to costs. Diversion with the owner's consent was seen as the only viable solution. Councillors were disappointed with this response as erosion would continue unabated.

c) Recycling.

Since the last Annual Meeting, wheelie bins had been introduced and were largely successful. Some properties (in Main Street) did have difficulties with access and special purple bags were collected from these.

3. Chairman's report.

3.1 Cllr J. Cowling explained to the public in attendance the role Councillors take on **planning issues** which can be easily misunderstood. All parties are listened to and a view taken by the Parish Councillors, bearing in mind that RVBC need reasons for objections.

3.2 Cllr J. Cowling outlined the work the **lengthsman** has done on replacing stiles and gates, substantial bulb planting throughout the Parish, assisting with putting up the new noticeboard and camouflaging the Bowland High School rubbish bins (the School was very grateful)

3.3 Negotiations were proceeding well for a **footpath linking Grindleton and Chatburn** for which there was funding available.

3.4 Cllr J. Cowling publicly thanked all the time spent by Mr Graham Cooper on setting up the excellent new **web site**. (Item 5 relates to this)

3.5 Councillors were thanked for their continued support through the past year.

4. Police Report

ECSO Susan Hartley gave a full explanation of the 100 calls received from the Grindleton area over the year. These were varied in nature and severity from burglar alarms going off, assaults, personal safety, accidents, lost dogs, missing wheelie bins, a burnt out car, one death to report, noise problems, suspicious circumstances, thefts, attendance following three sudden deaths, truanting and an illegal fox hunt. ESCO Susan Hartley had been seen with the speed gun and one speeding ticket had been issued. Speed monitoring has long been requested! More random testing especially at school times was urged. ECSO Susan Hartley was thanked for all her assistance.

5 Approval of Annual Accounts. The Clerk circulated the Annual Accounts and explained these. They were approved.

5. General Village matters and launch of new website.

Mr Graham Cooper thanked all those who had prepared material for the new web site which will continue to grow with material added by the whole community through the webmaster. The web address is www.grindleton.org.uk. This is already getting feedback and the offline demonstration was well received by those present.

6. Parish Plan progress. The Clerk reviewed what had been tackled- including the web site. She stressed that some concentrated thought needs to be given to what LCC is to be asked for in relation to Main Street congestion/parking.

7. Any other business for noting/future action RV Cllr M. Ranson reminded everyone of the LCC elections in June.