

Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 15 July 2013

St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs K Hutton (Chair), P Entwistle, J Towler.

In attendance: RVBC Councillor M Ranson, one member of the public, and Mr EB Holden Clerk to the Council.

1. Apologies:

Councillor B Hilton (RVBC), Cllrs J Cowling, J Marshall, J Pye, C Doherty.

2. To approve as correct the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were accepted as correct and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

The clerk reported that the chief executive had been contacted regarding the removal of the garages on Back Lane. The CE reported back that when the housing stock was transferred the garages were retained, however, a clause was inserted into the transfer agreement that if the garages were taken out of use compensation would be paid to RV Homes. However, he would see into the situation.

The clerk also reported that the library and podiatry personnel had been notified that the parking area of the pavilion is available.

4. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

5. Police report.

There was no report. It was decided that this item would no longer be an agenda item.

6. Conduct of Parish Council meetings.

The clerk reported that legislation did not allow public participation in the meeting. It was proposed that in future the agenda would include an item for public participation, and that should a member of the public have specialised knowledge on an item under discussion the chairman may allow this intervention, in effect suspending the meeting and then reconvening.

7. Introduction of a grant giving policy.

It was agreed to defer this important item to the next meeting.

8. Planning applications.

The clerk would write to the planning office regarding the position on solar panels.

9. Request for road signs on Lower Chapel Lane and Harrop Fold.

It was reported that the sign on Chapel Lane had been replaced. The Harrop Fold sign would be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Financial matters – expenditure since the last meeting.

The clerk requested that the following payments be made: clerk's salary and expenses - £220.00 and £11.12; HMRC - £55; Keith Prosser Castings - £62.40 (inc £10.40 VAT); Valley Landscapes - £160; Zurich Municipal - £546.95; St Ambrose PCC - £10; RVBC - £10.

11. Update from the clerk.

There was none.

12. Lancashire Association of Local Councils – workshop and AGM.

This item would be held over until the next meeting.

13. Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue team.

A request for a donation would be discussed at the next meeting when a grant giving policy would be formulated.

14. Healthwatch Lancashire.

Clr Ranson would report to Clr Hilton and the invite would be discussed.

15. Reports of the Grindleton organisations.

It was reported that a vacancy would shortly occur at the allotments.

The issue of the poor broadband supply would be passed onto the PCLC for their next meeting on 5 September.

16. AOB.

The cutting of grass at the pavilion, car park, and MUGA would be done by the contractor.

17. Date of the next meeting.

This was to be on 9 September 2013, later altered by consultation and consent to 2 September 2013.

The meeting concluded at 8.37.