

## **Grindleton Parish Council**

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

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. Towler , J. Marshal, I and P. Entwistle

In attendance- RV Cllr M. Ranson and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

**1a Apologies** RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton and ECSO Susan Hartley

**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.** Emergency Community and Safety Officer Susan Hartley had sent in her report via the Clerk. The leaflet 'In Touch' was distributed to all Councillors with spares for others like the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. Councillors found the detailed report of the 14 call outs relating to Grindleton particularly interesting. The damage to the gravestones at the Methodist Church was noted.

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

**4. Website proposals.**

**4.1** The new webmaster, Graham Cooper had circulated a report with his suggestions for the new website which he proposes to design from scratch. These proposals were thought very appropriate.

**4.2** It was noted this would take some time to complete the new site. Cllrs wished the old system to continue until then and possibly have a launch event/item in the Church Magazine when the webmaster is ready. This should encourage other organisations to put information on the site too. The webmaster will do the physical putting on the information in the relevant part of the site, on receipt of the information, preferably by e mail to him.

**4.3** Cllr J. Cowling will do the 'mug shots' of the Councillors and Clerk. The Clerk receives plenty of material for the public which can be scanned in for the webmaster as well as the new publication scheme. Agendas and Minutes are also to be supplied.

**5. Minutes of the 7th October 2008 Meeting and matters arising-** The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) **Cherry tree project.** The new metal notice board is now up. Cllrs thought it looked good. Cllr J. Cowling is attending to 'teething problems' of drips when the doors are opened after rain. He holds the keys. Cllrs J. Cowling and J. Marshall had visited Waddington quarries to further the stone table idea. This is to be budgeted for in 2009/10 and a Green Partnership bid to be made. RV Cllr M. Ranson raised whether planning permission was needed. It was thought not but the Clerk will check. A new fingerpost will need planning permission and this is also to be pursued.

b) **Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** Cllr P. Entwistle had met with the owners agent, John Pallister, the tenant farmer and the LCC representative. Progress is being made with the prospect of the path being available for use by April 09.

c) **Ribble Way.** The lengthsman who meets with the Countryside Officer believes a diversion in from the river is likely. Erosion is continuing at quite a rate due to the lack of consent for hard fixing (by the Environment Agency). Informally, the public are already doing this.

d) **Grindleton Bridge Works.** Scaffolding has now gone but painting is still in progress. Concern was expressed about oxidisation and costs incurred. The Clerk is to formally ask about these matters through RV Cllr M Ranson to Lancashire Local.

e) **Parking ideas within Grindleton.** Cllr P. Entwistle is informing the Over Lane residents of the responses received from RVBC and LCC regarding making some additional spaces but no response had been received about land near Back Lane. The issue of marked parking bays on Main Street was also discussed.

## **6. Planning Matters since the last meeting**

### **5.1 Current Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting-**

**6.1.1 Application 3/2008/1007 Change of Use from Storage to a flat (resubmission) at Greendale Mill Grindleton.** No objections.

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

**6.2.1 3/2008/0605 : Proposed Extension to already approved building and change of use of land from general grazing to horse ménage at Field adjacent to Bambers Lane Ends Grindleton BB7 4PH**

(Amended plans had been received in connection with this application). The Parish Council had no further comments to make on these.

**6.2.2 3/2008/0743 : Single storey kitchen extension at The Barn, Hill House Sawley Road Grindleton BB7 4Q**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**6.2.3 3/2008/0831: Re : Proposed Construction of a single storey garden room extension and associated works(resubmission) at Rodhill House Smalden Lane Grindleton BB7 4RX**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**6.2.4 3/2008/0795 : Re : Proposed link extension between existing dwelling and existing garage at Cobblers Cottage Slaidburn Road Grindleton BB7 4QT**

This application provoked mixed views at the Parish Council meeting. The application caused concerns of further development on an already over developed site. Against this, it was felt that the proposal would have little impact from the road but the impact is greater from the footpath. 1 councillor strongly objected.

**6.2.5 3/2008/0842 : Re : 3/2008/0842 Two storey extension to rear of property at 4 Greendale View Main St Grindleton**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**6.2.6 3/2008/0900 : Re Proposed extension of dwelling into attached barn at Harrop Gate Farm Harrop Bolton-by- Bowland BB7 4PJ**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**7. Financial Matters**

**7.a-** The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33	Clerks Honorarium for Aug/Sept	Total payment = £194.69	S112 LGA 1972
£11.36	Clerks expenses		
£1359.68	Whalley Parish Council	Lengthsman including merchandise for 6 months	S101 LGA 1972
24.86	Simonstone Parish Council	Extra bulbs for planting Replaces cheque no 296	S137 LGA 1972
184.00	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit £160.00 VAT £24.00	S101 LGA 1972
1763.23	Total		
1768.74	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Metal Noticeboard ( <b>already paid-</b> for information)	S101 LGA 1972
309.53		VAT Total payment= £2078.27	

**7 b) Proposed budget and setting the precept.** It was agreed to add a provision of £1000 for the stone table to the budget circulated and approved at the meeting. The letter from the Grindleton Recreation Ground Treasurer was also considered but in

view of the £500 cash contribution and the mowing undertaken by the lengthsman, it was considered sufficient assistance was being given. The value of the lengthsman's contribution is to be quantified (by Cllr J. Cowling). It was moved and seconded to precept for £7500.00 for 2009/10.

**7(C) External Audit report** This report was noted at the meeting and a Finance sub committee of Cllrs J. Cowling and Mrs D. McEvoy was set up to work with the Clerk to address the issues raised. The Notice of the Audit is to be placed on the noticeboard for 14 days and the Auditor's report to be available, by prior appointment, during that time with Cllr J. Cowling.

## **8. Public Information Scheme.**

The Clerk circulated a scheme on the model template. A reduced sized version is to be put on the noticeboard by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 and maintained there. This document is also to be available on the Grindleton website and as many documents as possible also available there.

## **9. Reports from outside bodies**

**a) Recreation Ground-** Reports were received about the AGM, the bonfire (a financial success) and the well attended BBQ.

**b) Lane End Educational Charity and Grindleton Consolidated Charities-** - Cllr J. Cowling reported these charities are planning to merge to carry out their functions more efficiently.

**c) Lengthsman** When a tree had fallen across the road near Buck Street, the lengthsman had removed this. He had also assisted Cllr j. Cowling with the bulb planting throughout the parish.

**d) Parish Liaison Committee-RV** Cllr M. Ranson reported this had discussed concurrent functions and grants available (these must be applied for on the basis of the previous year's actual expenditure); consultation on Clitheroe Hospital- three more dates/venues are available in January and the Clerk will circulate this to all councillors who need to book to attend.

**e) Neighbourhood Watch-** Cllr P. Entwistle has four further coordinators so the whole Parish is now covered. This will enable households to 10% reduction on household insurance. Signs need to be repositioned/replaced out of the current budget.

## **10. Correspondence requiring action**

**a)** A bid by Bowland High School to enhance its outside sports facilities had been supported by letter. This was noted.

**b)** Letter from **Grindleton Recreation Ground** for additional support had been addressed under item 7c above.

**11. Parish Plan.** The paper on progress was updated and Cllrs continue to press for speeding enforcement at top of Main St by the Police. The Youth Service interest in an intergenerational project was also noted.

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

a) RV Cllr M. Ranson outlined the selection of the next Ribble Valley Chief Executive, Mr Marshall Scott from 27 candidates. The current Chief Executive, Mr David Morris retires at the end of the financial year.

b) RVBC had won an award for its Annual report. Cllr J. Cowling asked to see this.

c) Cllr J. Cowling was thanked for the refreshments at the meeting.

**To note- Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm.**