

Grindleton Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 1st October 2007

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present :Cllrs J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Marshall ,Mrs C. Doherty and J. Towler

In attendance- RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton, Mr & Mrs Wright, Mrs S. White, PC Sutton and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

1a Apologies Cllrs Mrs D. McEvoy and J. Pye and RV Cllr M. Ranson.

1b Declarations of interest. Cllrs J. Cowling and J. Marshall declared interests in planning matters but were invited to stay and to speak.

2. Minutes of the 2nd July Meeting and matters arising- The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) Cherry tree project. Cllr J. Marshall outlined what was proposed. He is awaiting quotes for the tree surrounds and metal finger posts. The Contractor is ready to commence and could remove the tree and lift the cobbles whilst the estimates are sought.

b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn

To make progress with LCC, Cllr J. Marshall is to prepare a sketch map with a proposed route for the Clerk to submit. Cllrs are anxious that traffic is not to be speeded up along the route.

c) Bowland High School coaches Cllr J. Cowling and RV Cllr M. Ranson have yet to meet with Mr Cox at Bowland High particularly concerning a one way system. It was noted the back road had been retarmaced.

d) Parish newsletter. This item is to be rescheduled.

e) Council garages. The Clerk has received a response from RVBC Housing about the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the ownership and management of the garages in the village when the housing stock is transferred to a Housing Association. RVBC have indicated the garages will not transfer with the housing stock.

The Parish Council is interested in taking over the stock for an agreed figure (nominal or even with a possible payment to the Parish) as the garages are composed of or contain some asbestos. This will be costly to remove or demolish. The Parish Council would plan to collect rents to build up funding to remove all the garages and replace with a village car park.

f) Rodhill footpath. Cllr J Cowling reported money has been offered to upgrade this but not as a roadway for motorbikes. These are causing problems. The illegal use needs to be reported whilst occurring to the Police or the culprits identified for the Police to speak to parents.

The site is difficult to access and signs concerning usage get ripped down. Confirmation of the legal status and suitable signage need to be referred to LCC by the Clerk.

3. Parish Council Vacancy to fill. As Mr K. Hutton had not responded to a second letter, the vacancy is to be advertised and candidates considered at the next meeting (in December).

4. Parish Plan Cllr J. Marshall informed the meeting the questionnaire is nearing completion. It then needs to be printed and sent out to all households to obtain views on a wide range of topics to see what villagers are interested in.

5. Planning Matters since the last meeting

5.1 Current Planning Application to be determined

5.1.1 Application 3/2007/0888 for Proposed stable etc at Bamber Lane Ends Grindleton. This application has created neighbour concern. A letter from Mr & Mrs Parkinson was read out at the meeting expressing concerns about the following-some residents wanted a dark green roof rather than the proposed dark grey; the visibility onto the access lane was felt to be poor (Cllr J. Marshall disagreed with that point); the building seemed oversize in relation to both the proposed use and the nearby house and the location in the midst of dwellings was thought unsuitable. Cllrs listened to these points and would take them into account when responding. Residents were urged to send in their own views.

5.2 Comments made on applications received were noted.

5.2.1 3/2007/0558 Sawley Quaker Meeting House Grindleton Road Sawley
Replacement of greenhouse and garden shed with timber garden office.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

5.2.2 Planning Application 3/2007/0645 3 Hartley Fold Grindleton –Modifications to existing planning consent 3/2006/0846P. Change to surface treatment to one wall and reduction in size.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

5.2.3 Planning Application 3/2007/0691 Greendale Mill Buck St Grindleton BB7 4QR.
Personal storage facility. Resubmission of application 3/2007/0539P.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

5.2.4 Planning Application 3/2007/0738 Grindleton Cof E School Sawley Road Grindleton

Extension to form new library/small group area, WC and cloaks/changing facility along with a new entrance. New pedestrian access,footway and crossing zone and new double yellow lines to highway.

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

5.2.5 Planning Application 3/2007/0812 The Buck Inn Sawley Road Grindleton
Installation of a new stainless steel extract system with galvanised ductwork and

associated fittings to exhaust fumes from the kitchen away from neighbouring properties.

These plans related to work on the extract unit which had already been carried out to the Parish Council's requirements and therefore this planning application was retrospective. There were no objections.

5.2.6 Planning application 3/2007/0855 Proposed erection of concrete frame building in farm yard to provide agricultural hay and implement store at Higher Cross Farm Bolton by Bowland

The Parish Council had no objections.

5.3 Planning Decisions received were noted as follows:

5.3.1 Application 3/2007/0205 Erection of office block Resubmission at Land at The Spinney Grindleton

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

2. Shall be used for offices and no other purposes.

3. Details of any external lighting to be approved in writing.

4. Site access, carparking and turning areas to be surfaced in accordance with a scheme to be approved by RVBC.

5. Specifications of walling, glazing and roofing to be approved.

6. No development until landscaping including where possible retention of existing trees has been approved. Approved scheme to be implemented in 1st planting season.

7. Surface water from parking areas into trapped gullies to prevent pollution.

8. Prior to works all trees identified for protection.

9. Prior to development, scheme for gateway to car park to be approved.

10. Within 6 months of occupation, production of a full travel plan.

11. Finished slab level to be above 66.5m above AOD.

5.3.2 Application 3/2007/0316 Change wooden windows and doors to uPVC at Wythenstocks Barn Back Lane Grindleton BB7 4RW

Decision-1. Refused. Materials inappropriate to character of the barn conversion and appearance of the Conservation Area.

5.3.3 Application 3/2007/0324 Single storey extension to form snooker room and garage with glazed link to existing dwelling at Duck House Farm Brow Top Grindleton

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

2. Building to be faced in natural stone and roofed in natural blue slate unless agreed otherwise by RVBC.

3. All new windows to be in timber and remain so. Details to be approved prior to works.

4. Precise specifications/ samples for the 'Link' building.

5. Implemented in accordance with letter received 11th June 2007.

5.3.4 Application 3/2007/0325 Demolition of dilapidated workshop and construction of single storey holiday cottage at Harrop Fold Farm Harrop Fold Bolton by Bowland

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

2. The unit of accommodation not to be let or occupied by any one person or group for continuous period of 3 months in any 12 months and not to be used as a permanent dwelling.

3. Precise specifications/samples of walling and roofing to be approved by RVBC.

4. Any further extensions and/or alterations require formal written consent..

5. Any future additional structures, hard standing or fences not to be carried out without formal consent.

6. No development until a scheme for disposal of foul and surface water has been approved.

7. Details of the landscaping scheme including where possible retention of existing trees to be approved prior to development. Implementation to occur in 1st planting season following occupation or use of the development.

5.3.5 Application 3/2007/0448 Removal of condition No 3 of Planning consent 3/2002/0616P at Greendale Mill Buck St Grindleton

Refused-1. Detriment of road safety.

5.3.6 Application 3/2007/0558 Replacement of greenhouse and garden shed with timber garden office at Sawley Quaker Meeting House Grindleton Rd Sawley

Refused-1. Harmful to the setting of the listed building because of its incongruous and unsympathetic siting in the front garden area.

6 Financial Matters

6.1- The following payments were approved-

£40.00	St Ambrose PCC	4 further meetings of Parish Plan (1 of these already held)
£250.00 £9.36	Clerks Salary (3mths) Clerks expenses	Total payment = £259.36
£21.89	Reimburse Clerk for payment made	United Utilities-allotment water
£120.00 £21.00	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Annual audit fee VAT thereon Total due=£141.00
£462.25	Total	

7. Policing in the Village.

7.1 PC Sutton was in attendance and listened to concerns of a **local spate of burglaries** which may have a local input. PC Sutton was keen to promote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme(s). Details are to be received. These require multiple local coordinators for continuity. These rely on taking notes and ringing round to their neighbours.

7.2 Speeding This is still a serious concern. Cllrs were unhappy that the 'Smiley Face' Speed Indicator is not currently in use due to Health and Safety issues. PC Sutton informed the meeting, there is one speed gun for Ribble Valley and Great

Harwood available to the Police. More regular use of the 'Smiley Face' is thought worthwhile.

7.3 Parked cars on the bus areas. These spaces are regularly abused. Cllrs would like police notices applied to these cars. One problem vehicle is the Travel for All bus often parked opposite the Buck Inn.

7.4 Hedges onto footpaths These are the responsibility of the owners and need enforcing through LCC or RVBC as well as 'encouraged' through the Annual newsletter.

8. Correspondence requiring action

8.1 Invitation to Mersey Basin Campaign forum at Woodlands Conference Centre Chorley on Thurs 1st November 9.15am to 2pm then an option to visit Hesketh Outmarsh. Cllr J. Cowling is considering attending this. This item raised attention to Greendale Wood which is likely to be extended. The Clerk is asked to write thanking Mr & Mrs Cann for this facility.

8.2 Campaign to Protect Rural England have written to see if the Parish Council wishes to rejoin at £27 p.a. Cllr J. Cowling will look at this for the next meeting.

8.3 Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau Newsletter. It was noted with sadness that their manager for 18years, Shirley Wallbank had died in post.

8.4 Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team are seeking assistance with volunteers to promote fundraising.

8.5 Chairmanship Workshop. Training to be held at Howick House Penwortham on 13th November at £20 from 7-9pm. No one wished to attend this course.

8.6 Community Futures Grant programme for Rural Communities. Cllr Mrs C.Doherty knew of this and similar grants from the Craven Trust for the playing field schemes.

8.7 Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation questionnaire is to be completed.

8.8 Ribble Valley Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy. This document is for discussion and views to RVBC. Cllr J. Cowling is looking at this.

8.9 Lancashire Partnership- Strategy for an ageing population has issued its papers electronically for accessing. RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton Informed the meeting there is to be a formal launch of this strategy.

9 Reports from representatives.

9.1 Playing fields. Cllr Mrs C. Doherty reported that monies were now available for the tennis courts and refencing. Further funds are needed for lineage by next May. Floodlighting is not currently proposed as this is felt to be a neighbour nuisance. The bonfire is not certain due to safety issues and supply of pallets but there will be fireworks on 5th November.

9.2 Parish Liaison Committee. Cllr J Cowling had attended with RV Cllr M. Ranson. He outlined the timetable for the 2009 switchover to digital TV which will require a box costing about £20 or a digital TV. The signal will improve.

9.3 Allotments. One Allotment holder wishes to give up and the next applicant on the list is to be offered that tenancy. Cllr J. Towler is to look at Plot 8 as it had been suggested to the Clerk that this plot is not being properly cultivated.

The Parish Council is also interested in purchasing this allotment site but would need some assistance with the known liability for the boundary wall.

9.4 Lane Ends Charity. The Parish council has been asked to appoint its representative for the next four years to ensure continuity. It was resolved this should continue to be Cllr J. Cowling. The Charity is at an important stage with the building in disrepair and having been put up for sale. Some of the other trustees are looking to retire. Various options are being explored with RVBC planners to increase the value of the asset.

9.5 Grindleton Consolidated Charities. The sale of the vacant farmhouse has been held up by the non availability of the deeds. One further source of the deeds has recently been explored but has not yielded the deeds. A longer process is being pursued through the Land Registry.

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

10.1 Standards Board Code of Conduct. The Parish Council has long had the practice of inviting any public who attend its meetings to speak so wishes to adopt this. By formally adopting this provision, Cllrs will be permitted to speak even when s/he has an interest although this would need to be declared and the councillor would not vote on this subject.

11. Date of the next meeting. This will be on Monday 3rd December 07 at 7.30pm.