

Grindleton Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 2nd July 2007

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present : J. Marshall (in the chair), J. Towler and Mrs D. McEvoy

In attendance- Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

1. **Signing in of new Councillor** Mr Keith Hutton who had been invited, did not attend or respond about rejoining the Council. The Clerk will contact him again in case there has been a problem in receiving the invitation.

2. **Election of Chairman for the meeting.** In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was proposed and seconded for Cllr J. Marshall to take the Chair for this meeting.

3. **a) Apologies for absence.** Councillor J. Cowling

b) Declarations of interest in any item. None

4. **Presentation re The Grand in Clitheroe.**

4.1 The Council welcomed Geraldine Woodworth from the Oasis Charitable Trust to the meeting to tell Councillors about what is to happen when the Grand opens in mid October 2007. The official opening will be in January 2008.

4.2 The Centre has been fitted out with state of the art musical and visual equipment for both community use and professional use. Technical assistance will be on site. The Centre will include an Auditorium to seat 300 or, if standing, 350 so this is a new major meeting space in Clitheroe. There will also be a cyber café with 40 computers; recording studios and a non licensed café/bar. The opening hours have not yet been determined as this is subject to a major consultation exercise which is now drawing to an end. Then, depending on the responses, usage will be negotiated. The facilities are aimed primarily at the young with schools being targeted and also trying to involve youths who are disaffected (ie approx 20 excluded from school). Music studios and guidance may be a way forward for some problem youngsters.

4.3 The rest of the Community are also to be catered for and we were promised fees for use will not be extortionate. This organisation is surveying current hire costs and is a not for profit organisation. It will however have to get itself financially viable within 4 years.

4.4 The Trust is a national organisation with Christian values. This is interpreted as bringing the whole community together. This extends to all religions.

4.5 Oasis also runs the Clitheroe skatepark. Cllrs had seen the success of this facility and did question Geraldine Woodworth about the press coverage of the imposition of entrance fees. It was explained that for safety reasons, it is proposed to have supervision and to ensure proper maintenance of the facility. All this requires funding so it is hoped that a basic entrance fee will cover this.

4.6 Ms Woodworth was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting.

5. Minutes of the 21st May Meeting and matters arising- The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) Cherry tree project. Cllr J. Marshall outlined what was proposed. A large part of the cost is to be grant assisted by RVBC and must be completed by a set date. This requires a programme and the commencement of the works by the next meeting.

b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn The Clerk had received a helpful letter from Castle Cement who are willing to give the land needed for the provision of a footpath and have been in contact with LCC Highways. It is not clear what is on offer-whether for a wider road with a footpath adjoining or an on foot route.

There had recently been congestion problems with two buses unable to pass. Discussion ensued on what is really needed. Those on foot can feel very intimidated by the road traffic. It was queried whether passing places more useful or simpler fences rather than the broken stone walls. The route needs to go into central Grindleton. This will involve other ownerships. To make progress with LCC, Cllr J. Marshall is to prepare a sketch map with a proposed route for the Clerk to submit.

c) Bowland High School coaches It was not known whether Cllr J. Cowling and RV Cllr M. Ranson had yet met with Mr Cox at Bowland High.

d) Parish newsletter. Cllr J. Cowling needs all items by mid July. This should be used to tell residents what the Parish Council is doing and particularly about the Parish Plan.

e) Council garages. The Clerk has contacted RVBC Housing to see if there is any possibility if 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.

f) Speed Indicator. The Clerk has contacted Karl Elliott the Community Officer who currently downloads the data. He knows this Parish Council wishes to monitor this itself. There is a problem (probably of time) in providing the training and safety issues. The Parish Council needs to persist with this request.

g) Rodhill footpath. Cllr J Cowling is to talk to the farmer and report back.

6. Parish Plan- The Clerk outlined what had occurred at the meeting held on 27th June. The participants agreed to be the Steering Group with an open invitation to others to join them. All meetings are to be advertised and open. The next meeting is to be held in the Parish Room at 1.30pm on Thursday 12th July. It is hoped this may enable the school heads to attend. Mr J.Leeming is also interested in attending.

7. Planning Matters since the last meeting

7.1 Current Planning Application

7.1.1 Application 3/2007/0558 Sawley Quaker Meeting House Grindleton Road Sawley Replacement of greenhouse and garden shed with timber garden office. This application was considered at the meeting. The development is small and not visible from the road. There were no objections.

7.2 Comments made on applications received-

7.2.1 Planning observations re 3/2007/0325 re Demolition of dilapidated workshop and construction of single storey holiday cottage at Harrop Fold Farm Harrop Fold Bolton by Bowland

The Parish Council had no objections to this development. However, this had needed more drawings to consider this properly.

7.2.2 Planning observations re 3/2007/0481 re Full consent for proposed erection of slate mono-pitch roofed shelter attached to existing flat roofed extension to rear of premises and replacement of existing sliding patio doors at Buck Inn Grindleton BB7 4QS

The Parish Council objected as there were concerns about noise from smokers outside the building. This had proved a problem previously.

The Parish Council also noted with concern that the garden area had been extended at the expense of two parking places.

7.2.3 Application 3/2007/0448 Greendale Mill Buck St Grindleton Removal of condition No 3 of Planning consent 3/2002/0616P and **3/2007/0539 Greendale Mill Buck St Grindleton** Change of use of premises to use for storage/warehousing within Class B8

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

8. Financial Matters

a) Internal Audit All our papers will be examined by our internal auditor, Mr Ian Buttle. Additionally, the Clerk felt she needed more Councillor involvement

with the accounts prior to budgeting and presentation of the Accounts. The Finance sub committee needs to be reinstated.

b) Review Risk Assessment

8.1. The Parish Plan monies need to go through the Parish Council accounts. It was suggested and accepted this will be a separate worksheet in the Accounts. It was also agreed that where payments need to be made between meetings, these are reported to next Council meeting.

8.2. The Cherry Tree project needs to get started and ensure completion within the grant conditions(within 12 months of notification- by end of April 2008).

8.3. The Accounts are kept on computer which has its own dangers. There is a need for regular independent copies kept of accounts regularly in case of computer crash, theft, loss etc. Also regular paper copies need to be made. It was suggested the Chairman be e mailed with a copy and a disc copy taken.

8.4. HBOS shares. No note of dividends are received by clerk despite requests with signatures. It was suggested and accepted that these shares be sold.

c) Approve the Accounts and the Annual Return

The Clerk is still trying to balance the Accounts and Cllr D. McEvoy offered to assist. A further short meeting of the Council will be needed to confirm the Accounts and the Annual Return.

d) Payments for approval

£50.00	St Ambrose PCC	Room hire for Council year
£40.00	St Ambrose PCC	4 meetings of Parish Plan
£166.67	Clerks Salary	Total payment=£176.02
£9.35	Clerks expenses	
£301.91	Allianz Cornhill	Annual Insurance –this is still to be paid
£10.00	RVBC	Allotment rental
tba	United Utilities	Allotment water to be reimbursed- a new bill is coming for a smaller amount than bill received. Item 9.3 relates.

8.5 It was also agreed to transfer £3500 into deposit account.

9. Correspondence requiring action

9.1 New guide from the Standards Board on **The Code of Conduct**. Copies are available for all and is important. This should be discussed at the next meeting.

9.2 LCC **Temporary Road Closure at Sawley Bridge** except for access from 18th July to 30th August. This was noted and may be a problem as the St Ambrose school does not finish until 20th July.

9.3 LCC **Temporary Road Closure at Ouzel Hall Bridge Bolton by Bowland** except for access from 18th July to 30th August

9. Reports from representatives.

9.1 Allotments. Cllr J. Towler had checked the water bill received. The estimate was too large and a new reading has been given to United Utilities. A new bill is awaited.

9.2 There were no other reports.

11. Any other business for noting/future action only. None.

12. Date of the next meeting. This will be on Monday 1st October 07.