



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 2nd July 2019 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Lorraine Halley; Jenny Czerwonka, Chris Dumon; James Townson; Alan Fielding. In attendance; Eileen Flatley. Cllr Bridget Hilton

1. Apologies for Absence

Peter Entwistle

2. Minutes of last meeting to be approved and signed

Minutes were approved and signed as correct.

3. Matters on-going from last meeting

Proposal to purchase the Duke of York as a Community Pub/café is on-going. Successful meeting with RVBC and public meeting with the whole village to take place this Friday to outline information received so far and explain financial aspects regarding shares investment.

4. Co-option of Alan Fielding

Alan was co-opted back onto the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance and Notification of Disclosable Percuniary Interests forms.

5. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

6. Public participation

None present.

7. Planning Applications

Laneside Barn, Grindleton Rd – this was deemed outside the Boundary area – the clerk to clarify this with RVBC

8. Removal of Ancient Stones from Sawley Abbey.

Keith Hutton attended the Parish Meeting at Sawley where a representative from English Heritage was in attendance. Despite the objections of removing the stones from Sawley to storage in Helmsley, it would appear the decision has already been made as there is to be a special presentation in Helmsley describing their removal on 20th September. Grindleton PC would offer full support in keeping the stones in their natural environment.



9. LBKVC, phone box and Litter bins

The first inspection has already taken place. Further weeding of Main St and East view needed, otherwise village looking tidy. Problem with misting-up of notice board – Keith to see if there is a problem behind the board.

Phone box – Lorraine to approach BT to see about purchasing the phone box – suggestions invited as to how it can be used, possibly to house the defib machine.

Litter bins – the litter bins around the village should all be emptied every week on the normal bin day; i.e. Monday. If any Councillor notices this not being done, to inform the Head of Refuse at RVBC who is monitoring the situation.

Wildflowers – James to obtain seeds for distribution on the verges.

10. Website refresh

Chris and his son Jacob have been looking at refreshing and updating the Parish Council website. Jenny to assist with this and to also draw up an action plan on how to make best use of the Facebook page.

11. On-line banking and extra finance meeting.

Lloyds bank account now opened and registered for on-line banking. Extra meeting proposed to consider a budget for the coming year and discuss the finances. This was agreed to take place on 6th August 2019 at St Ambrose Parish Rooms at 7.30pm.

12. To consider Concurrent Functions Grant 2019/20 from RVBC

Eileen to put together a proposal for applying for this grant.

13. Expenditure and Income

Current balance = £29,684.12

Expenditure this month = £2176.16

Income from grant - £250

14. Request to approve accounts for payment

Internal Audit - £36, Lengthsman duties - £125.00 (D.Briggs-to include 3 weeks) + R Sellars £62.50, Clerks salary £307.56 (amended to deduct tax), HMRC - £29.40, Weedkiller – (Pete Entwistle) £135.54, St Ambrose room rent - £15, Wel Medical for Defib - £138.66, RVBC – rent for allotments - £10, MJD Hughes, Valuation for Duke of York - £1200.

15. Report from RVBC Councillor – for information only

Bridget Hilton commended the Community Pub team on an excellent presentation to RVBC and felt the proposal was very well received and that RVBC would be very supportive in this project as it would be the first community pub in the Ribble Valley.

Bridget also explained that RVBC would be opposed to a unity authority as small councils would lose status and local decision making. It was also disclosed that RVBC had been awarded a grant of £220,000 from Sports England for promoting health and well-being and keeping fit and well.



16. Reports from Grindleton Organisations – for Information only

GRGC are holding a family fun day on 13th July 2019

17. Grant application request from The Friends of Bowland

This was discussed and considered and there were concerns raised as to where these tools would be kept and who would be using them, so the application was deferred till the next meeting when more information could be obtained from Peter.

18. A.O.B

A resident of the village had expressed concerns regarding speeding traffic through the village and pollution, and asked if there could be traffic curbing measures put in place. This has been explored previously and was not deemed essential. Councillors encouraged to make a note of particular offenders.

The Proprietor of the Buck Inn has declared her intent to sell therefore the Parish Council have to decide whether to submit a written request to be treated as a potential bidder for the Community Asset.

Heritage Bee signs to be replaced.

Next meeting Finance – 6th August St Ambrose Parish room 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting 3rd September St Ambrose Parish rooms 7.30pm