

Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 2 March 2015 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Jeff Cowling, Keith Hutton, Jeff Marshall (part), James Towler, Gillian James, John Pye, RVBC Cllr Bridget Hilton (part), and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Peter Entwistle.

2. Planning applications.

It was decided that the retrospective application for alteration to approved plans for the Old School House, Lane Ends, Grindleton be rejected due to the raising of the apex of the building. Cllr Marshall, as pre-arranged, then left the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed.

The minutes were accepted and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

The clerk informed the meeting of the thanks of the Citizens Advice Bureau for our donation. He also notified the meeting that after our representations regarding the incorrect use of the Back Lane garages Ribble Valley Homes would in the future ensure that the garages would be used for the garaging of vehicles only.

5. Declarations of interest.

Cllr J Cowling had notified the meeting of his interest in the planning application and had left the room for that item.

6. Programme for the Annual Parish meeting.

It was decided that there would be no programme, any present residents setting the programme.

7. Annual Meeting of the Council.

Due to the May elections this was set for 18 May 2015.

8. Bowland School – village participation.

It was agreed that the group from Bowland school would scrub and clean the wooden benches.

9. Streetlife organisation – discussion.

It was agreed that the council would not participate in this endeavour, our present activities in that regard being adequate.

10. Grant application – grass cutting – GRGC.

It was agreed to finance the grass cutting of the football field and bonfire site at the cost of £420.

11. Entry to Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

It was agreed not to enter this competition.

12. War memorial plaque – further discussion.

Cllr Marshall having left the meeting it was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

13. Financial matters : expenditure and income since the last meeting.

The clerk notified the meeting that all the allotment rents totalling £194 were in and banked. The current balance was £20,352.39, and a request was made to pay St Ambrose PCC £10, GRGC £420 (as above item 10) HMRC £55, and the clerk £220 (salary) plus £13.98 expenses.

14. Update from the clerk.

The clerk notified the meeting that a further theft of flowers had taken place at the bridge.

15. Reports of the Grindleton organisations.

It was noted that the repair of the GRGC's safe surfaces would have to be repaired costing in the region of £13,000.

16. AOB – for discussion only.

As Cllrs J Cowling and J Pye would not be standing for re-election in May thanks were expressed to them for their years of service.

The meeting closed at 20.43.