

Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 2 September 2013 in St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs J Cowling (Chair); P Entwistle; C Doherty; J Marshall; J Towler; K Hutton.

In attendance: RVBC Councillor B Hilton; Mr M Scott CE. RVBC and Mr EB Holden Clerk to the Council. Nine members of the public.

Apologies for absence.

Cllrs J Pye, M Ranson (RVBC)

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

These were accepted as a true record and signed.

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

The clerk reported that RVBC had been contacted regarding the placing of a report of the quality of broadband in the village on the next agenda of the PCLC. He was informed that this had been discussed at the previous PCLC meeting.

3. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

4. Public time.

Mr M Scott outlined the background history regarding the garages on Back Lane. In 2008 they were transferred to Ribble Valley Homes, RVBC paying for the repairs. If demolished before 2038 RVBC would have to pay compensation. If new garages were to be built RVH would benefit.. After discussion it was agreed that we would request that they would be demolished and rebuilt, provision being made for the existing tenants to continue their tenancy.

5. Garages on Back Lane – update.

This was discussed above.

6. Formulation of a grant giving policy.

It was agreed that the clerk contact other parish councils in order to ascertain their policies.

7. Planning applications.

Laneside Farm, Grindleton Road, off Green Lane. It was agreed that the parish council has no problem with this development.

8. Harrop Fold sign.

The clerk was instructed to contact RVBC regarding the installation of a named road sign to Harrop Fold.

9. Use of Cherry Trees for banners.

The council and the interested parties were in total agreement with the present use of the banners for the open gardens, bonfire, horticultural show, and the sports day. (minute 10/2013-14 refers).

10. LALC workshop and AGM.

It was agreed that Cllr Cowling would attend on 16 October if he was available.

11. Bowland Mountain Rescue team – donation request.

It was agreed that no donation would be given.

12. Grindleton Football Club – donation request.

The club had requested a donation towards the drainage of the field. It was agreed that £500 be given to Grindleton Recreation Charity for this purpose. Anne Huson requested that the council be thanked for their generosity.

13. RVBC Core strategy – consultation – details attached.

It was agreed that Cllr Hilton would contact Colin Hirst requesting that he would pass onto the cllrs an electronic copy.

14. Audit completion – approval and acceptance – attached.

The audit completion was approved and accepted, the clerk noting that the auditor had informed him that the balances should be no more than twice the precept.

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

The clerk informed the meeting that the balance was £20531.77. It was agreed to pay £998 to Duncan Armstrong for the Cherry Tree finger post; £10 to St Ambrose PCC; £10.07 to the clerk for expenses; and £373.50 to Valley Landscapes.

16. Update from the clerk.

There was none.

17. Reports of the Grindleton organisations – for information only.

Anne Huson reported that the horticultural show had been an outstanding success. It was also reported that provision for more parking, as granted in the planning permission, may have to be implemented in the future.

GCC – Fourteen grants of £500 each had been given to university or other educational students. The hospital was on schedule to open on 1 April 2014.

18. AOB – for discussion only.

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting the purchase of a solar speed sign.

19. Date of the next meeting.

This was to be on 4 November 2013.
The meeting closed at 20.53.