

# Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

**Monday 3rd December 2007**

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present :Cllrs J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Marshall ,Mrs C. Doherty, Mrs D. McEvoy, J. Towler (after Item 2c) and P. Entwistle (after item 3)

In attendance- PC Chris Birchall and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

**1a Apologies** None.

**1b Declarations of interest.** None

**2. Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> October Meeting and matters arising-** The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

**a) Cherry tree project.** Cllr J. Cowling reported the excavator is ready to commence in early January and take the tree out. The tree gratings have arrived and Cllr J. Marshall is sourcing suitable signs that motorists can read. Cllr J. Cowling will add the metal noticeboard surround as the scheme progresses.

**b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** None to report.

**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. The Primary school end of day and the bus arrivals at Bowland High are now at the same time. Changes to bus passes(becoming more expensive) may also lead to more cars at Bowland school! Cllr J. Cowling commented the lengthsman will not work on the Brow at start and finish of school times as it is too dangerous.

**d) Parish newsletter.** This item is to be rescheduled to next financial year.

**e) Council garages.** Nothing to report.

**f) Rodhill lane.** Cllr J. Cowling has met with LCC who are looking into costs of improvements but officials suggested this could be very expensive.

Confirmation of the legal status and suitable signage need to be referred to LCC by the Clerk.

**3. Parish Council Vacancy to fill.** Mr Peter Entwistle has been co opted onto the Parish Council for the rest of the term of this Council. He was duly signed in.

**4. Parish Plan** The Questionnaire needs to be finalised and sent out.

**5. Planning Matters since the last meeting**

**5.1 Current Planning Application (to determine)** None

**5.2 Comments made on applications received- (to note)**

**5.2.1 Re : Proposed stable, Storage tack room and trailer store. Portal frame building with blockwork to 1200mm and Yorkshire boarding above with Eternite grey sheet roof. At land adjacent to Bambers Lane Ends Grindleton BB7 4PH**

The Council objected to the above application on the following grounds:  
 The position of the Portal frame building is not in keeping with the residential properties that surround it.  
 It would have a detrimental effect both visual, noise and pollution to the surrounding properties.

(This application was withdrawn).

**5.2.2 Re:Erection of timber garden office (resubmission) at Sawley Quaker Meeting House Grindleton Road Sawley**

The Parish Council had no objections to this development.

**5.2.3 Re Planning Application 3/2007/1019 Adj to Bambers Lane Ends Grindleton BB7 4PH for Proposed stable, Storage tack room and trailer store. Portal frame building with blockwork to 1200mm and Yorkshire boarding above with Eternite grey sheet roof. Resubmission**

The Parish Council opposed the application on the sheer size of the building. The Council feels it would have a dominant visual impact on the small community of Lane Ends. The Council would support the application if the volume was reduced by 50%.

(Cllr J. Cowling reported that one of the residents had spoken at the RV Planning Committee. The application had since been approved.)

**6 Financial Matters**

**6.a-** At the start of the meeting the Current account stood at £1302.91 and Deposit account at £9617.49

The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
1607.75	Whalley Parish Council	Lengthsman	
166.67 14.32	Mrs M.A.Renton	Clerk's honorarium (2mths) Clerk's expenses Totalling £180.99	
24.15	United Utilities plc	To ratify payment made for allotment water	
140.00 24.50	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Audit fee (previous cheque returned) VAT thereon	
773.00	Broxap Ltd	Tree grilles	

135.28		VAT	
2885.67	Total		

A transfer of £4000 from the Deposit account into the current account was approved.

The Clerk was asked to write to thank Mr Ian Buttle for his services as our internal Auditor and hope he will continue to assist.

**b) Receive and accept the Annual Accounts.** These were received back from the External Auditors and are now available for 14 days for inspection by residents, at the home of Cllr J. Cowling, Scott Croft Brow Top Grindleton, by prior appointment. There had been wrong figure for the depreciation of the assets, now amended.

**c) The Precept for 2008-9.** The Clerk circulated the present year's income and expenditure together with proposals for 2008-9. These were accepted with a precept of £6500, giving a rate of £18.79 for Band D equivalent properties.

**7. Possible Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** Due to a recent spate of burglaries, Councillors wish to proceed with this and the Police had provided flyers for all households, to be distributed by Councillors. Groups of about 35 houses need a 50% support response to move to the next stage, being a meeting with the Police. Cllr J. Pye pointed out that such schemes can result in a deduction in house insurance premiums.

**8.1 General Policing matters**

**8.1** PC Birchall explained the current work arrangements where a team of 5 officers cover quite an extensive rural area including Dunsop Bridge and Mitton. A Police officer, not always the same one, will only attend Council meetings if on duty and not required elsewhere. The Clerk is to write to Inspector Coulson about lack of continuity. Future invites to Parish Council meetings are to be sent to Sgt Lindsay/Inspector Coulson.

**8.2 Speeding.** The S.I.D is not in use until local representatives have undergone health and safety training. There is to be a course on 14<sup>th</sup> December but no details were available at time of meeting. The Lengthsman is to be the council's trained person. Speeding remains a problem in the village.

**8.3 Parked cars on the bus areas.** The bus turn round is an effective pull in place for cars trying to pass in Main St. Local residents do park there after the last bus at 6.45pm. Police could dissuade this.

**9. Correspondence requiring action**

- 9.1 Proposed Temporary Road Closure** C591 Tinklers Lane, Grindleton, Ribble Valley from the junction C592 Holden Lane to Greenwoods Farm. The proposed duration of the closure is from 08:00hrs on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008 until 17:00hrs on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Councillors are to inform those likely to be affected.
- 9.2 Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition.** No one wished to enter.
- 9.3** The next **Police Community Meeting** at Longridge on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan was noted.
- 9.4** Councillors were urged to complete the Questionnaire from RVBC on '**What the Ribble valley will look like in the Future**'.
- 9.5 Training for Councillors offered by RVBC.** Anyone wishing to attend is to inform the Clerk for reply to RVBC.
- 9.6 Climate change grants.** Noted.
- 9.7 RVBC Licensing policy review.** No comments.
- 9.8 Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau** have requested funding. It was agreed to donate £30 in the next financial year.
- 10 Reports from representatives.**
- 9.1 Playing fields. At their AGM,** Cllr Mrs C. Doherty has resigned as chairman and no one else had volunteered. The Committee has most of the funding for the tennis courts but the work done was very poor. A long list of problems are being addressed.
- 9.2 Parish Liaison Committee.** Cllr J. Cowling had attended. A mobile skate park is available for use in the villages. There is also some funding for playing fields owned by Parish Councils. The eligibility of Grindleton where the Separate Trust are regularly assisted the playing fields has been queried.
- 9.3 Website** Cllr D. McEvoy needs the passwords from John Groom for the new webmaster. The intention is to link this website with other villages.
- 9.4 Allotments.** There have been changes to the allotment holders in order of registering. There may be further changes when the bills go out in early January.
- 9.5 Lane Ends Charity.** Cllr J. Cowling reported the school had not been sold due to insufficient bids.
- 9.6 Grindleton Consolidated Charities.** Cllr J. Cowling reported that the farmhouse still cannot be sold due to legal problems/lack of deeds which have not yet been resolved.

**9.7 Lengthsman.** Cllr J. Cowling reported the lengthsman comes on Tuesdays. Any work for him to be notified to Cllr J. Cowling. This can be for routine maintenance or a 'project' as additional monies may be possible. Stiles are being provided by LCC and Cllr J. Cowling is working with the lengthsman to determine where these go. Cllr Mrs C. Doherty requested dog holes but new wheelchair width 'kissing gates' should accommodate most dogs. Several councillors remarked that disabled access needs to be on a commonsense basis and not everywhere.

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

**10.1 Foul drains.** Cllr J. Cowling reported there were problems emanating from two properties which the Parish Council needs to raise with the owners prior to reporting to The Environment Agency for action. Details of the owners and properties were given to the Clerk to pursue.

**10.2 Millennium Wood footpath.** Cllr J. Marshall reported on an incident of someone slipping on the well used path in the ownership of the Woodland Trust. It was felt drainage was needed. The Clerk to inform the Woodland Trust of the incident and suggested solution.

**10.3 Water from Broomhill.** Cllr Mrs C. Doherty brought this matter up. With ice, this stretch is dangerous. It may need a ditch and could be a highways matter. Cllr J. Cowling will look at this with the lengthsman.

**10.4 Community Bus usually parked at The Buck.** This vehicle was parked at the church on that evening but often obstructs the junction. Cllr P. Entwistle to mention this to the driver.

**11. Date of the next meeting.** This will be on Monday 4th February 08 at 7.30pm.