

Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Tuesday 4th August 2009 at 7.30pm

In the Parish Room, St Ambrose School, Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present : Cllrs J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Pye, Mrs C. Doherty, J. Towler, P. Entwistle, Mrs D. McEvoy and J. Marshall

In attendance- RV Cllr B. Hilton, Mr Marshal Scott- Chief Executive of Ribble Valley Borough Council, ESCO S. Hartley, Mr C. Hargreaves, Mr & Mrs J. Eatough, Mr & Mrs J. Groom and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

1a Apologies RV Cllr M. Ranson and G. Cooper (webmaster)

1b Declarations of interest. Cllrs J. Cowling, J. Marshall and Mrs C. Doherty re Planning application for Harrop Farm buildings.

2. Public Issues.

2.1 The Planning application for the Methodist Chapel to be converted into 6 two bedroom units and 1 one bedroom unit has caused quite some interest locally. The scheme has a potential for 22 new residents. Cllr J. Cowling explained the Parish Council had already expressed concern to the developers over

- a) access to Lower Chapel Lane
- b) parking provision not workable
- c) wall to the cemetery area.

Views were expressed about the cremation ground, scale of the development, inadequate parking and poor public transport. Refuse bins and collection are seen as a problem. The amenity area is too small. The graveyard is well visited and conflict between residents and visitors are feared. This scheme is seen as unsuitable. Mr Marshal Scott explained to the public about expressing their views in writing and/or one of the residents to speak at the meeting for a short time. He suggested they obtain a copy of the planning report prior to the meeting.

2.2 Cllrs Mrs D. McEvoy and Mrs C. Doherty queried what the Council thought was feasible for the Chapel site. For residential use, each unit requires two parking spaces and reasonable amenity area.

3. Police Report by ESCO Susan Hartley. There had been 11 calls from Grindleton in the past month. Speeding checks had been carried out at neighbouring villages , with some speeding tickets given. This may be repeated to include Grindleton. Cllr J. Cowling stressed the need at school start time. A handprint/footprint campaign has also been operative locally to stress on residents the dangers of opportunist thefts. Susan Hartley stressed the need to contact her if anything seems suspicious. Contact

details were on the bulletins distributed. Police bulletins put in the Duke of York pub are generally all taken.

4. Grindleton Garages.

Mr Marshal Scott, Chief Executive of Ribble Valley Borough Council gave a bit of the history to the current arrangements for the two Grindleton garage sites. On 1st April 2008, the housing stock was transferred to Ribble Valley Homes for £1 with a requirement for the standard to be raised over a 30 year period. The garages were not transferred but are subject to a management agreement and profit sharing with Ribble Homes. The Parish Council letter had been received, setting out the parking problems and suspected under use for parking of some of the garages. Cllr J. Cowling referred to his informal survey which indicated some garages

Being used for as storage and commented there was alternative storage available at Greendale Mill. The Parish Council is interested in leasing the garage site back and setting up as a car park. Who could use it? This sparked differing views- it may be possible to combine daytime use by visitors/walkers with returning residents. To take this further, the Clerk is to write to Mr Scott with some proposals.

5. Minutes of 2nd June 2009 and matters arising.

These were accepted and signed.

a) **Cherry Tree Project- stone table.** This is being inscribed by Waddington Fell quarries with the doomsday name and a beehive in the middle. The table will be between the benches.

b) **Chatburn Footpath.** The proposed route was outlined for the public and the monies are there. Progress is awaiting settlement of the legal agreements between the owners/tenants.

c) **Ribble Way.** L.C.C. intends to divert the footpath as the alternatives are too costly.

d) **Road markings at St Ambrose School.** The markings are in the wrong place for the exit!

e) **Overhanging hedges.** These had been attended to despite one owner being displeased to receive a letter requesting this.

6. Planning Issues

6.1 Observations were required for-

6.1.1 3/2009/0532 Conversion of Methodist Chapel. The Council is to object as set out under Item 2.1 above.

6.1.2 3/2009/0513 Conversion of disused barn into 2 low cost dwellings at Harrop Gate Barn Harrop Fold. These will have amenity space and parking places. These were welcomed.

6.2 Observations made on planning applications since the last meeting.

6.2.1 3/2009/0401 Erection of new two storey dwelling on land adjacent to Orchard House (resubmission) at **Adjacent to Orchard House Slaidburn Road Grindleton**

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

6.2.2 3/2009/0471 Proposed agricultural building to cover open slurry pit at **Stephensons Farm Lane Ends Bolton by Bowland**

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

6.3 Observations about Strategic Housing Consultation Document . The Parish Council had commented as follows-The general view was that new estates attached to the village would not be acceptable as they would destroy the sense of community and there are already infrastructure problems with sewage; however, several sites within the village could be suitable for small scale development.

In principle, the following sites are acceptable- Nos 106, 154 and 108 but site 110 in the AONB, is totally inappropriate as it would restrict good views of Pendle Hill and close in the village. Site 155 has been drawn too widely to include existing houses. Part of that site could be acceptable in principle.

7. Finance Matters

a) Payments approved

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33 £9.49	Clerks Honorarium for Aug/Sept Clerks expenses	Total payment = £192.82	S112 LGA 1972
£22.44	United Utilities plc	Allotments water Overdue	S101 LGA 1972
£10.00	Ribble Valley Borough Council	Allotment annual rent /Final demand	S23 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908
£137. 57	Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils	Subs	S101 LGA 1972
£317.31	Zurich Insurance Company(to replace cheque returned from Tennyson Insurance Ltd- same Company)	Annual Insurance	S101 LGA 1972
£680.14	Total		

b) Report from Internal Auditor. This was received and noted.

8. Parish Plan

Several items have already been referred to elsewhere on the agenda.

9. Reports from outside bodies-

- a) **Recreation Ground.** The sports day and summer 'bash' had done well, despite being coldish in the evening. They are managing to pay their bills.
- b) **Lengthsman.** He has been working regularly with instructions from Cllr J. Cowling. He has been weed killing. A number of sites were mentioned for footpath obstructions. These are to be investigated. Some new stiles may be needed including one near the almshouses.
- c) **Allotments.** These seem to be active. The wall does need some substantial work doing. Cllr J. Cowling and the clerk are to draft a letter to RVBC to find a way forward.
- d) **Charities** -Lane Ends Educational Charity has merged with Grindleton Consolidated Charities and that charity is seeking planning permission for conversion of the barn to 2 affordable houses.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Possible extension of bus service to Grindleton in evenings.This is out to tender and the additional price will be considered by L.C.C.

10.2 Garages. This was dealt with under item 4 above.

10.3 SELRAP This is the campaign for the reopening of the Colne- Skipton rail link. Written support has been given but not inclined to formally pay to be members.

10.4 Forest of Bowland survey.This is fact/opinion seeking from Parishes and needs completion.

10.5 North West Plan. This had just been received and has impact on local communities. Bicycle spaces were mentioned.

11. Any other business

a) **Congratulations** to Cllr J. Marshall on his marriage.

b) RV Cllr Bridget Hilton indicated the times of Nigel Evans, the MP, will be holding **summer surgery** in the village.

12. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 6th October 2009