

# Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present : J.Pye (in the chair), J. Marshall ,Mrs C. Doherty, Mrs D. McEvoy,

In attendance- RV Cllrs M. Ranson, Mrs B. Hilton and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

**1a Apologies** Cllrs J. Cowling P. Entwistle and J. Towler

**1b Declarations of interest.** Mrs C. Doherty re Playing field donation.

**2 Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December Meeting and matters arising-** The Minutes were approved subject to including Cllr J.Pye as present and the following were discussed-

**a) Cherry tree project.** The scheme is progressing. A similar bench to those most recently bought for the village needs to be ordered plus a metal frame to enclose the existing oak noticeboard. The Clerk will order the Bench and Cllr J.Marshall is to find a suitable metal frame for ordering. The Clerk will see if she can use a nearby noticeboard whilst the works are in progress. The contractors also need payment.

**b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** None to report. A discussion on its possible course ensued and this is to be taken forward with Chatburn Parish Council as Castle Cement are willing to give the land for the project.

**c) Bowland High School coaches** Cllr J. Cowling and RV Cllr M. Ranson have still to meet with Mr Cox at Bowland High particularly concerning a one way system. This issue comes up at every village meeting and Parish Plan meeting. The clerk is to set up an appointment for early in the Summer term for Cllr J. Cowling and RV Cllr M. Ranson to meet Mr Cox, the headmaster. The path like Waddington school has is seen as desirable to enable Grindleton children to walk as congestion is likely to increase when those living nearby are charged more for school transport.

**d) Neighbourhood watch scheme progress** Completed forms were received back from Councillors Mrs C. Doherty, J. Marshall and P. Entwistle. Other Councillors are to complete theirs and return them to the Clerk as soon as possible.

**e) Drainage problems and responses received** Both households have responded positively and wish to identify the location of the problems. For one there is to be a site meeting in the drier weather as this is when the problem is greatest and for the

other, Cllr J. Marshall has a plan of the ownership and is to identify more precisely where the problem is.

**f) Millennium Wood path** The Clerk reported the response she had received from the Woodland Trust from Grantham. This Trust expressed sympathy for the fall reported but did not favour formal stone paths. They prefer the sustainable option of grass paths which are maintained by mowing 3 or 4 times a year. Councillors were dissatisfied with this response and the Clerk is to suggest the Woodland Trust has a duty of care to walkers invited into the woodland (its purpose). RV Cllr M. Ranson also suggested asking the Trust to trim back the wood by Duck Lane as these properties all mention damp and loss of light despite the trees being some distance from the houses.

**1. Parish Plan** The Questionnaire is being circulated currently. It has taken some time to try to make this user friendly but it is still lengthy. Councillors are to encourage their neighbours to complete this as it will provide essential background information and views of residents for future planning/bids for financing schemes.

#### **4. Planning Matters since the last meeting**

**4.1 Current Planning Application** Councillors considered Application **03/08/0074** at the meeting -Demolition of Horsa building and replacement with a single storey music facility comprising of music room/media /recording room no 2 practice rooms recording control room disabled WC stores Plant Room and Verandah at Bowland High School Riversmead Grindleton.

The present ugly building is to be replaced. Whilst it was not clear that pupil numbers are to increase with this particular development, the transport issues at the school remain a serious problem (as expressed under item 2c) and this point needs to be included in the response. Cllr J. Marshall is to draft a response to forward to the Clerk before 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**4.2 Comments made on applications received-** These were noted as follows-

**4.2.1 Re : Modification of condition 5 of Planning Consent 3/2007/0691P to allow the facility to open on Sundays between 10am and 4pm at Greendale Hill Grindleton BB74QR.**

The Parish Council had no objections. However, RV Cllr M. Ranson commented that the residents in Duck Lane had been unhappy about the Sunday extension as the owner will not be controlling the traffic which is likely to be by large removal vans. In view of this, RVBC has granted a probationary one year to see how the business works in practice. There will also be CCTV.

**4.2.2 Re Erection of domestic garage to replace existing car port at Green End Sawley BB7 4RS**

The Parish Council objected for the following reasons-It is sited inappropriately for a large double garage and would have an adverse visual effect on the surrounding properties.

However the Council would not object to the garage being sited at the side and to the east of the main house, adjoining or located near to the existing Garages.

## 5. Financial Matters

5.a- At the start of the meeting the Current account stood at £1934.20 and Deposit account at £5617.57

The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
34.03 5.96	John Groom VAT	Hosting website	S111 LGA 1972
£249.99 £19.44	Clerks Honorarium (to end of financial year) Clerks expenses	Total payment = £269.43	S112 LGA 1972
12.50	Mrs C.Langley	Refund for overpayment when giving up her allotment	S10 Allotments Act 1950
t.b.a		Seat for cherry tree project	S111 LGA 1972
t.b.a		Metal frame to enclose noticeboard	S111 LGA 1972
5.76 27.08 81.25	Printing for local plan Postage to distant properties, labels and Delivery of Questionnaires	N.Kelly= Total £114.09	S111 LGA 1972
38.00 6.65	Printing questionnaire for local plan VAT	RVBC= Total £44.65	S111 LGA 1972
t.b.a	Whalley Parish Council	Balance for lengthsman	S111 LGA 1972
t.b.a.	Community Futures for return envelopes and analysing answers	To authorise for payment before end of financial year	S111 LGA 1972
304.37 21.85	Mrs M.A.Renton	Parish Plan-time spent to date and expenses, total =326.22	S112 LGA 1972
81.25	Payment to K.Hopkinson ,village volunteer to distribute		S111 LGA 1972

	Parish Plan questionnaires		
500.00	Grindleton Playing field	To ratify this sum already given for the swings	S137 LGA 1972
t.b.a	Contractors for the Cherry Tree project- payment to date		S111 LGA 1972
£ 888.13	Total (Known sums)		

b) The updated budget was distributed and discussed. It was commented that Green Lane is again clogging up despite the drainage works done.

## 6. Correspondence requiring action

6.1 LCC Environment Directorate had written concerning the forthcoming rewaterproofing and **repainting of Grindleton bridge** and the Parish Councillors views on the colour. After some debate and a vote, a dark green colour, similar to British Racing Green was selected.

6.2 The Parish Council has been asked to support the **possible extension of the Colne to Skipton railway**, by the Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership. After hearing from RV Cllr M. Ranson that this is an exciting possible extension of the rail network (which may later include Clitheroe-Skipton), Cllrs agreed to send a support letter mentioning future extensions to Clitheroe.

6.3 The Clerk outlined **training courses** on a) Chairmanship, b) Planning and C0 Quality Parish Scheme at Preston (Tues evenings). No one was interested in going this time.

6.4 Ribble Valley's CAB newsletter highlighted **closure of Rural Post Offices**. This has been a live issue in the local press and in view of the importance to local shops/post offices, Cllrs agreed to write to oppose further closures.

6.5 The useful **RVBC leaflet on flooding** was noted.

6.6 Cllrs noted the **draft Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Management Plan 2008/11** is available for comments on [www.Lancsfire.gov.uk/index.asp](http://www.Lancsfire.gov.uk/index.asp).

6.7 Ribble Valley Borough Council elections section require new **Acceptance of office and Register of interest forms** from all Parish Councillors following the May 2007 elections. Forms were distributed and are to be returned to the Clerk as soon as possible, for forwarding to RVBC

**7. Reports from Representatives to outside meetings.**

7.1 **Playingfields.** Cllr Mrs C. Doherty thanked the Parish Council for the £500 donation which has been used to purchase cradle swings.

7.2 **Grindleton Consolidated Charities.** Cllr Mrs C. Doherty reported about the problems with being able to sell the farmhouse. Further progress will be reported.

7.3 **Allotments.** The Clerk reported that two tenants had given up and new tenants are being notified. New applicants for the waiting list are now welcome.

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

8.1 **Wheelie Bins.** RV Cllr M. Ranson explained that a major 'development' was about to hit the Parish in June. There will be problems in getting the larger refuse vans down small lanes/drives and also sheer space requirements in small cottages. Back Lane/Chapel Lane had previously been serviced by a separate small van but that will no longer be possible. It was suggested that the AGM may be an appropriate time for Mr P. McGeorge to talk to residents. This will depend on progress with the scheme by then.

9. **Date of the next meeting.** This will be on Monday 7th April 08 at 7.30pm. This will be the AGM. It may be appropriate to invite Mr P. McGeorge of RVBC to discuss imminent introduction of the Wheelie bins. The Parish Plan may also be an item to discuss at the AGM.