

Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 4 November 2013 in St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

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

In attendance: RVBC Councillors B Hilton and M Ranson; Rachel Stott (Ribble Valley Housing Strategy); Mr P Mc Kendry St Vincent's Housing Association.

1. Apologies for absence.

Barry Holden.

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

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed.

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

There were no matters arising, nothing having been heard re. the garages.

4. Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Presentation on behalf of St Vincent's Cosy Homes.

Discussion took place regarding 3 Pendle View especially in regard to fuel poverty and carbon emissions.

Cosy Homes were suggesting a solar panel and an air source pump and would be applying for planning permission. It was suggested that the panels could initially be erected for a 12 month period to test the local reaction and removed if necessary. RVBC Hilton would liaise with St Vincent's regarding these matters.

6. Planning applications.

The plans for Cob House had been re-submitted and there were no objections.

7. Consideration of the purchase of a solar speed sign.

A suitable site would be on Slaidburn Road at the top of the village, but it could not be secured onto any lamp post. The cost would be between £1,300 and £4,000 and Cllrs Entwistle and Hutton would discuss and research further.

8. Discussion regarding a village lengthsperson

RVBC Hilton would liaise with West Bradford's clerk regarding their lengthsperson working for one day per week on a trial basis.

9. Adoption of a grant giving policy.

The following policy was adopted:

Grant Awarding Policy

The Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups or charitable organisations.

To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish.

Grant applications will be dealt with by the Full Council.

In determining the validity of an application, the committees will refer to the following guidelines:

Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.

Conditions: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
2. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
3. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
4. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.

Eligibility: -

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.

Grindleton Parish Council

Clerk: **Barry Holden**

Woodcroft

Grindleton Road

Grindleton

Clitheroe BB7 4QL

Tel: 01200 441912

Email: edwardbholden@yahoo.co.uk

-
- Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered.
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.

10. Setting of a budget for 2014-15

This was set at £7,500.

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

There were none.

12. Update from the clerk.

There were none.

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

Cllr Marshal reported that the bonfire would be taking place on the 5 November. There was also the possibility that the safety surfaces underneath the play equipment may require replacing within the next 12 months. Also the pavilion was showing a good increase in usage.

14. AOB – for discussion only.

A letter of support for British residency and nationality had been received and welcomed.

15. Date of the next meeting.

This was arranged for 7.30pm 6 January 2014.