

Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Tuesday 6th October 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, ESCO S. Hartley and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

1a Apologies RV Cllr M. Ranson

1b Declarations of interest. Cllrs J. Cowling, J. Marshall and Mrs C. Doherty re Planning application for Harrop Farm buildings (Item 5.2.2). Cllr J. Marshall for item 5.1

2. Police Report by ESCO Susan Hartley. In the past month Grindleton had generated 5 calls of which one was an ongoing civil dispute and another was a malicious call. Other seasonal problems highlighted were pedestrians along dark country lanes, fireworks with youngsters. The meeting was informed it was an offence for under 18s to have fireworks in their possession. Susan also stressed taking care of older people as a con man theft had occurred in Chatburn. Poaching/shooting was discussed at Pinewood. Reports of shooting should be made to PC Duncan Thomas who may come to talk to the council fairly soon. He has a list of any shooting permits. Contacting Susan is on 0845 1253545.

3. Public Issues.

3.1 Village speeding. Cllr P. Entwistle commented that the permitted 30mph is really too fast on Main St but speed bumps have been ruled out. The Clerk referred to a RVBC survey of traffic calming measures Cllr Entwistle will complete this, review the 2004 Consultants study especially about pull in bays and have discussions with Peter Finch at LCC Whalley for the next meeting.

3.2 Dog fouling on Lower Chapel Lane. One large dog has been making messes in this location. The dog has yet to be spotted! Cllr J. Pye also referred to noisy dogs in his vicinity.

4. Minutes of 4th August 2009 and matters arising.

These were accepted and signed.

a) Cherry Tree Project- stone table. The drawings have been agreed and carving will be taking place very soon. The next problem is collection and delivery of the base and top. Cllr J. Towler may have suitable equipment.

b) Chatburn Footpath. Nothing further.

c) Ribble Way. Cllrs are still very concerned. The closure signs have expired and there is no enforcement. The public are still using the route which is badly eroded. Cllrs

believe more stiles are needed. The clerk is to write to the Countryside Officer Dave Padley to get this moving.

d) **Road markings at St Ambrose School.** The school has been consulted, Cllr Mrs C. Doherty informed the meeting and the signs are to be reinstated across the entrance!

e) **Garages** The Clerk reported she had written to RVBC to propose acquiring the garage sites. Some concern expressed by Cllrs that demolition could be expensive due to asbestos in the garages. This needs to be factored into any negotiations.

5. Planning Issues

5.1 Observations needed-

5.1.1 3/2009/0776 Proposed construction of a general purpose building at Causeway Farm Sawley Road Grindleton BB74RT. The Plans were considered at the meeting. There were no objections.

5.2 Observations made on planning applications since the last meeting.

5.2.1 3/2009/0532 for Conversion of Methodist Chapel into 6 one and two bedroom affordable flats including additional amenity and car parking spaces at Methodist Chapel Lower Chapel Lane Grindleton BB74RN

The Council did not approve this application on the following grounds:-

1 The lack of off street parking is a major problem in Grindleton and this development will exacerbate the situation as the application does not allow for sufficient parking spaces. The areas that have been allocated for parking will result in the cars having to reverse into a narrow lane with very little room to manoeuvre.

2 Access from the main road (Main Street) is by a single track lane and this already serves 18 dwellings. Currently refuse collection vehicles are unable to access the area and concerns have been expressed regarding access for emergency vehicles.

3 There appears to be too little amenity space.

4 The entrance and adjoining wall are of historical interest.

(It was noted that RVBC had not yet determined this application).

5.2.2 3/2009/0513 Conversion of disused barn into 2 low cost dwellings at Harrop Gate Barn Harrop Fold Lane Ends Grindleton

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

5.2.3 3/2009/0683 Renewal of planning consent to build a new 4 bed detached house with garage at land at Sawley Road Grindleton BB7 4QS.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

5.2.4 3/2009/0697 To modify/discharge condition utilise a min of 60% of floor space of the converted building for business purposes at Baygate Barn Baygate Bolton-by-Bowland BB7 4PQ.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

5.2.5 3/2009/0730 Change of use of part of existing front garden to provide off road car parking for one vehicle, steps to join existing garden path to house and provide storage area for 3 wheelie bins and housing for meters (resubmission) at 4 Greendale View Main St Grindleton BB7 4QY. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. (A further letter supporting the provision of additional off road parking was also sent, in line with the Parish Plan aims).

5.2.6 3/2009/0756 for first floor bedroom extension at rear of 2 Eccles Terrace Grindleton

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

6. Finance Matters

a) Payments approved

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33 £5.30	Clerks Honorarium for Aug/Sept Clerks expenses	Total payment = £188.63	S112 LGA 1972
£99.00	Chatburn Parish Council	To ratify payment made after the last meeting for repairs to speed Indicator device	S103 LGA 1972
2.48	United Utilities plc	Water for allotments- full sum was £24.92 but £22.44 already sent too early so credited- This total needs to be ratified	S111 LGA 1972
99.00	Chatburn Parish Council	1/3 share of repair to the Speed Indicator (to ratify payment already made)	S101 LGA 1972
£290.11	Total		

b) External Auditor. The Annual Return needed some amendment to reflect the past year. This was explained and agreed for resubmission

c) Current Budget

This was circulated prior to the meeting to keep Cllrs were informed of spending so far this year and also to give a basis for next year's budget. There were some computer problems accessing this report circulated by e mail. The Clerk will re circulate with a compatible program.

Next meeting is the precept making one- the time to 'dream dreams' - and obtain the money to do this with!

7. **Parish Plan.** This is being considered under relevant items.

8. **Reports from outside bodies.**

a) **Recreation Ground.** Bonfire night is approaching. Signs are to go up. The AGM is also very soon. Cllr Mrs C. Doherty intends to resign at that meeting and the Parish Council will need to appoint a new representative at its December meeting.

b) **Allotments.** Work needs doing to the retaining wall.

c) **Charities** Cllr j. Cowling reported that **Lane Ends Educational Charity had officially combined with Grindleton Consolidated Charities** in July. A meeting is to be held the next day but the Charity is hopeful of getting permission for two houses at Lane Ends and interest in renting at least one of them, already!

d) **Website.** Mr G. Cooper is keeping the website up to date and needs more news (Christmas events?) to interest the visitors to the site, to encourage regular visits. The counter shows about 30 'hits' a day. The webmaster had been contacted by a commercial firm extending rural broadband looking for a house to act as the transmitter on fells north of Waddington. The Clerk is to notify the clerks for Newton and Slaidburn.

9. **Correspondence**

9.1 **Possible extension of bus service to Grindleton in evenings.** Hopes were dashed of an evening extension as part of a recent tender exercise. The Clerk is to write to see if the Waddington/West Bradford C2 route could be via Grindleton on some runs.

9.2 **Hire Charges at Bowland High School** for indoor facilities were noted plus the use later of the outdoor pitches. The information is to be put on the website for wider circulation. Insurance cover can now be included in the hire fee.

9.3 **More powers for Parish and Town.** The Parish Council wishes to support The Sustainable Communities Amendment Bill which enables but does not require to take on devolved powers. This is to be done via the MP, Nigel Evans.

10. **Any other business.** None.

11. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 1st December 2009 at 7.30 pm