

Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Tuesday 7th April following the Annual Meeting

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

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

In attendance- Michael and Anne Stewart, John and Samantha Turner and Maggie Fielding , RV Cllrs Mrs B. Hilton and M. Ranson, and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

1a Apologies Mrs D. McEvoy and J. Marshall

1b Declarations of interest. None

2. Election of officers for the next year. The Clerk took the chair during this item. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr J. Cowling be appointed Chairman and that Cllr John Pye be Vice Chairman for the next Municipal year. It was also determined to review other appointments at the June meeting.

3. Minutes of the 19th February 2009 Meeting and matters arising- The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

a) Cherry tree project. Stone table is still being sourced

b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn. This is proceeding.

c) Ribble Way. LCC have replied that remedial works will be too costly and an alternative route will have to be agreed with the owner.

d) Grindleton Bridge Works. RV Cllr M Ranson reported on the costs involved.

e) Sawley Festival. (Minute 7.5 below refers)

4. Planning Matters since the last meeting

4.1 Current Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting-

4.1 3/2009/0172 Amended plans for Bambers Lane Ends for demolition of existing dwelling and attached garage. Erection of new dwelling and attached garage.

Alterations to existing vehicular access- The Planning officer had replied about the plan supplied. This did not address the objections already made. (See below at 4.2.7) Cllr J. Cowling explained to the public present that the Parish Council had consulted with neighbours on this application and were well aware of the problems. Overall , the proposed new house should improve matters but the planners have been made very aware of the existing problems.

4.1.2 3/2009/0161 Erection of 1 holiday cottage at Land at Harrop Fold Bolton-by-Bowland (Minute 4.2.8 also applies). This application was of concern to some of the public in attendance and Cllr J. Cowling explained the Parish Council role to listen to all parties and then form a view. *(This application has since been withdrawn).*

4.1.3 3/2009/0185 Erection of new two storey detached dwelling at Land adjacent to Orchard House Grindleton BB7 4QT. It was commented that the site appears difficult to develop but there were no objections to the application.

4.2 Observations made on planning applications since the last meeting.

4.2.1 3/2009/0042 Two storey rear extension(resubmission) at **4 Greendale View Main St Grindleton**. The Parish Council had no objections.

4.2.2 3/2009/0043 Two storey rear extension at **2 Greendale View Main St Grindleton**. The Parish Council had no objections.

4.2.3 3/2009/0044 Two storey rear extension at **3 Greendale View Main St Grindleton**. The Parish Council had no objections.

4.2.4 3/2009/0073 First floor and single storey extensions forming extended residential accommodation at **Grandown Back Lane Grindleton** The Parish Council had no objections and remarked it looked more interesting than previously.

4.2.5 3/2009/0095 Addition of 'grab' handles to the outside of the door to ease disabled access at **Meeting House Green End Grindleton Road Sawley**. The Parish Council had no objections.

4.2.6 3/2009/0109 Substitution of house type (resubmission of 3/2008/0734) at **Wythenstocks Barn Back Lane Grindleton BB7 4RW** .The Parish Council had no objections.

4.2.7 3/2009/0172 Demolition of existing dwelling and attached garage. Erection of new dwelling and attached garage. Alterations to existing vehicular access at Bammers, Lane Ends Bolton-by-Bowland.

The council recommend refusal on the following grounds:-

The previous successful application to erect a barn and ménage has resulted in the country side being left in a disgraceful state.

Spoils have been stacked in the field north of the development adjoining the road to Slaidburn.

Drainage from the site has not been fully addressed resulting in flooding of the neighbouring properties.

Foul water is also entering the drainage system.

Damage to the village green caused by vehicles entering Bammers has not been repaired.

Once the above has been rectified the Council will then consider the above application.

4.2.8 3/2009/0161 Erection of 1 holiday cottage at Land at Harrop Fold Bolton-by-Bowland

The Council had no objection to this application and welcomed such developments that create employment and tourism in the area.

5. Financial Matters

Prior to the payments below, the total balances stood at £6073.39

5.a- The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33	Clerks Honorarium for Apr/May	Total payment = £198.23	S112 LGA 1972
£14.90	Clerks expenses		
16.40	Mr J. Cowling	Reimburse for rubber gloves-village clean up	S101 LGA 1972
2.46		VAT, total= £18.66	
217.09	Total		

5b Payment of £11.55 to United Utilities was not approved as it was believed no water had been used for several months. The meter is to be read and the company queried.

5c Mr Ian Buttle is to be formally appointed as a competent auditor for 2009/10 and asked to make a written statement to the Parish Council of his findings and any recommendations.

6. Reports from outside bodies

a) Parish Liaison Committee. Cllr J Cowling attends. It was noted that Committee needs a new Chairman.

b) Recreation Ground. The Galloping Gourmet event is proving popular. Sports day on 6th June will have an evening event too.

e) LCC training for Clerks. The Clerk had attended this. Useful about preserving documents and how the highway functions are organised. A short presentation on Waste Disposal options had also been helpful.

(All other bodies had already been mentioned at the preceding Annual Meeting)

7. Correspondence requiring action

7.1 RVBC Annual Meeting to be held on 16th April at 7pm at Bolton by Bowland village hall. This was noted especially as it is located nearby.

7.2 Parish Liaison Committee needs a new chairman (noted at Minute 6a above).

7.3 Adoption of Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. None of the proposals put forward relate to Grindleton. The Clerk explained that this was an unusual exercise by LCC who are required to list ALL approaches and consult on them and that no decisions had yet been made.

7.4 Health Initiatives (in the widest sense (including recreation) from NHS East Lancashire. These will be supplied to the webmaster.

7.5 Herders Festival. The Clerk had received a letter from one Bolton by Bowland resident and a general objection on noise very late at night had been submitted to RVBC. There is to be a hearing but the Parish Council has nothing further to say and no one proposes to attend.

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

8.1 Request for a dog bin on the road by Woodland Trust. There may not be any funding for emptying but request is to be made, so the matter is at least 'flagged up'

8.2 LCC elections on 4th June. Discussions still ongoing about possible use of Lane Ends Chapel as a polling station. Difficult to find an alternative now Lane Ends School is unavailable.

To note- Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2nd June 2009 at 7.30pm.