

Grindleton Parish Council

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Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council 7 December 2010 St Ambrose Parish Rooms, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs J Cowling (Chair) (JC); J Pye (JP); P Entwistle (PE); C Doherty (CD); J Marshall (JM); J Towler (JT); K Hutton (KH).

In attendance: RVBC Councillor B Hilton (BH); LCC Councillor M Otter and PC C Otter; Mr G Cooper; and Mr EB Holden Clerk to the Council.

Apologies:

Councillor M Ranson (RVBC)

1. To approve as correct the minutes of the 12 October 2010 meeting.

The minutes were accepted as correct, proposed by JP and seconded by PE.

2. Matters arising from the minutes.

After discussion it was confirmed that the crown of the post would bear the word Grindleton'.

It was agreed that ECSO S Hartley be given a written report of the meeting.

3. Appointment of the new clerk to the council.

The chair announced that the proposed clerk had agreed to fill this post. The council agreed to the appointment of Barry Holden.

4. Parish precept.

It was agreed the the precept be held to last year's level of £7500.00 after confirmation by CC Otter that the lengthsman's costs would not increase.

5. Lengthsman's appraisal.

It was agreed that his hours and type of work be recorded on a time sheet, and that he liaise with KH.

6. Planning applications.

No application had been received.

7. Reports from outside bodies.

7.1 Allotment – it was reported that the water had been turned off.

7.2 Grindleton Recreation Charity – the bonfire had been a resounding success.

7.3 Grindleton Pavilion – JM reported that the reserve car park and groundsman's store would be situated adjacent to the south hedge, the former not envisaged being used for about three years. Hopefully planning would be applied for before Christmas 2010. In response to a query from BH the members were informed that there would be a community room and a multi-purpose room, not a sports hall.

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7.4 Grindleton Consolidated Charity. The Harrop Gate Barn had been visited by CD; it appeared to be a worthwhile project.

8 Financial matters.

There were none.

9. Update from the clerk.

The clerk noted that the item entitled 'General Village matters' was too vague and needed to be more specific if decisions were to be made.

10 General Village matters.

It was agreed that the historic sign would bear the word 'Grindleton' and encompassing a bowman motif.

JC reported that a plaque would be produced for a bench requested by Gillian Pinder PE reminded the councillors of the need for a path from the village to Bowland school.

(Councillor Towler, with apologies, left the meeting.)

11. Historic signs.

County Councillor Mike Otter thanked the parish council for the work they had done to upgrade the village. In recognition of this, as a village champion, and on behalf of Lancashire Environment Fund, he presented the council with a cheque amounting to £425 to go towards the costs of the historic signs.

12. Clitheroe Hospital.

BH informed the council of the options the PCT were facing. These were: selling the land; selling the Health Centre and moving the facilities to the hospital; and involving a private health care provider. The views of the district council were that there should be: in-patient beds; facilities for dementia; diagnostic testing; x-ray facilities to be enlarged; out-patient clinics on five days a week; more hospital consultant visits; and social service involvement in day care. The PCT were to take these views back for discussion.

13. Village carol service.

On behalf of the parish council JM was chosen to read a lesson at this event.

The date of the next meeting was to be arranged by JC and the clerk.

The meeting concluded at 21.15.

Approved and signed:

Date: