

Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 2017 St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (chair); Gillian James; Peter Entwistle; James Towler; Lorraine Halley; Jenny Czerwonka. In attendance: RVBC Bridget Hilton; Barry Holden; and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Mike Hurst and RVBC Paul Elms.

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

These were accepted as a correct record and signed.

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

The hedge on The Brow has been cut.

Dave Padley has been contacted regarding the planting at the bottom of the new path, but to date has not replied.

The christmas tree lights would be put in place one week before the carol service.

The path to Bowland school was still ongoing.

4. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

Standing orders suspended.

5. Public participation.

None.

Standing orders resumed.

6. Planning applications – the Spinney on Skin House Bridge; The Ridge, Slaidburn Road.

Keith has written to the planning office rejecting the retrospective permission. There were no comments regarding The Ridge.

7. The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – keeping the impetus by increased involvement of villagers.

Thanks were expressed to Keith and Lorraine for their leadership in the competition where we gained three awards. The village celebration meeting was well attended, some 40-50 villagers being present. The thanks were expressed to Keith, Lorraine, and Roy along with gifts of

appreciation. Lorraine explained the impetus would be maintained by a scheme for villagers to 'Pick a Patch'. To date 11 patches have been adopted. Next year we would have stiffer competition being in the Champions League.

8. Position of the LBKVC victory plaque.

This was shortly to be placed on the wall at Cherry Trees.

9. Grindleton Parish Council – Grindleton Fell common land.

Peter explained that we owned a one acre patch of common land known as Duckey Leach off Fell Road in the vicinity of the bench. Some decades ago United Utilities had planted trees later to harvest them. Peter would look into the current situation.

10. Christmas tree issues.

These were all in order.

11. Footpaths and stiles in the village.

The main issues would be dealt with at our January meeting. In the meanwhile it was suggested that chicken wire would be placed on the wooden treads and Colin Sutcliffe would be contacted about an erection of a kissing gate adjacent to the river opposite Swanside Beck. The parish council would pay for this.

12. SpID and Chatburn Parish Council.

Chatburn PC was replacing their SpID and wished to know if we would be continuing the sharing pattern. It was decided not to share.

13. Audit completion.

The clerk in his role of RFO explained that the audit has been completed and the necessary documents displayed for public perusal. However, there was an omission of an expense on the fixed asset register and for this we had only been granted a qualified acceptance.

14. Budget – precept 2018-2019.

After a short discussion the meeting decided to request a precept of £7,500. It was noted that this figure has remained the same for at least eight years.

15. Expenditure and income since the last meeting.

The clerk notified the meeting that the auditors had been paid £120.

16. Request to approve accounts for payment.

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The clerk requested permission for the payment to: St Ambrose PCC £15; C H Sutcliffe £60; V A & V J Towler £384; GRGC £500 (March 2016); GRGC £88.70; Norman Kelly £40; Keith Hutton £37.64; Peter Entwistle £39.28

17. Report from RVBC councillor.

Bridget reported that the Dog Orders were going through almost unaltered. Little interest has been showed by the police, press, the NHS Trusts or LCC. Dog waste bags were available from RVBC.

House building was to be reduced from 300/yr to 200/yr.

A comprehensive review is to be introduced into the council's activities.

18. Reports of the Grindleton organisations.

The local history society is continuing looking into the village history.

19. Date of the next meeting.

This is arranged for 2 January 2018.

The meeting closed at 21.05.

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