Grindleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8 February 2011 St Ambrose Parish Rooms, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs J Cowling (Chair); J Pye; J Marshall; J Towler; K Hutton.

In attendance: RVBC Councillor B Hilton; ECSO S Hartley; Mr G Cooper; three members of the parish, and Mr EB Holden Clerk to the Council.

1. Apologies:

Councillors M Ranson (RVBC) and P Entwistle.

2. To approve as correct the minutes of the 7 December 2010 meeting.

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were none.

4. Police report.

ECSO Hartley informed the meeting that in the lastest period there had been seven reported incidents: two natural disasters (flooding); two suspicious circumstances regarding 1. an alleged untaxed car, and 2. suspicious males (both workmen); a person bitten by a dog; and two trespasses. The current *In Touch* letter was handed out.

5. Planning Applications.

Grindleton Pavilion. Councillor Marshall declared an interest in this plan. The plan was proposed by John Pye and seconded by Keith Hutton. All were in favour.

Hill House Barn Sawley Road. There were no objections.

The plan for three two-storey houses on Main Street was to go to appeal.

6. Dog Fouling.

The clerk was instructed to contact the dog warden regarding the trouble spots in the village.

7. Road surfaces.

It was noted that the road was due to be re-surfaced from the Duke of York to the point adjoining the new surface. The clerk was instructed to phone or email regarding the blocked drains adjacent to Stonehill cottages.

8. Dates for council meetings in 2011.

These were to be the second Tuesday in April, June, August, October and December.

9. Best kept Village competion.

It was decided not to enter this event this year.

10. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2011.

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It was agreed that the chairman or vice would be nominated for this event.

11. Financial matters.

The clerk informed the meeting that £1559.25 had been paid to Whalley Parish Council towards the salary of the lengthsman, and £49.99 to Seem Internet Solutions Ltd for the upkeep of the Web. The bank balance after these payments was £5844.88. The VAT repayment of £192.77 had been accepted by HM Revenue and Customs and would be added to this figure.

12. Update from the clerk.

There were two vacancies on the allotment. The two applicants on the waiting list lived outside the parish and therefore could not take up a tenancy. One plot has since been taken, with the other one under consideration. A new Tenancy Agreement has been drafted and would be considered at a future meeting. The invoices for the current year have been sent out with one plot holder having paid.

13. A.O.B.

Grindleton Consolidated Charity. The chairman reported that both houses have been let. Allotment. Councillor Hutton reported that a work programme had been arranged with the lengthsman.

14. The date of the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on 12 April at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

Due to an item of business having been inadvertently omitted from the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8.58pm and to be reconvened on Tuesday 15 February in St Ambrose Church.

Continuation Meeting of Grindleton Parish Council 15 February 2011

Present: Councillors J Cowling (chair), J Marshall and J Pye

Apologies: received from Councillors C Doherty,K Hutton and J Towler.

Grindleton Cricket Club

It was agreed that £500 would be given to the club to help towards their equipment. **Stiles.**

It was agreed to purchase a roll of wire netting to help prevent walkers slipping on the stiles.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Chairman