



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 9th September 2020 The Pavilion, Main hall, Grindleton

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton; Lorraine Halley; Peter Entwistle; Chris Dumon; Bridget Hilton; In attendance; Eileen Flatley and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Alan Fielding and James Towler

2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes from the previous meetings and email minutes taken during Lockdown were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising

The situation regarding the Lengthsman is the main issue, this was discussed later in the meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest

None declared

5. Public participation

Mrs Julie Skorupka had several points to raise and these were discussed as follows:

- Speeding in the village-the council explained that this is an ongoing issue and the PC are looking at various ways to improve this situation, which is outlined later in the minutes.
- Cows and bulls on public footpaths – Mrs Skorupka had concerns that farmers were padlocking gates so that there was no way to avoid cows on the footpaths. Cllr Hutton explained that this was not something the PC could become involved with and offered the contact details of Clitheroe Ramblers.
- Younger representation on the Parish Council – This was something the Parish Council would look into and would put on the agenda for the next meeting as a separate issue.
- Second homes during Covid regulations – Mrs Skorupka asked if the Council could have some sort of regulation or policy that people with second homes in the village should not be allowed to switch between the 2 homes. Cllr Hutton and Entwistle explained that this was something the PC could not enforce, that it was a police matter if they were breaching the lockdown policy.

6. Income and Expenditure since April 2020

Eileen Flatley explained that there had been very little spent in this financial year due to the Covid Pandemic. The bank balance at present is £21,056.61. We are still waiting for the concurrent grant to be applied and there will be further expenditure in the Autumn for the replacement of bulbs and plants in the village tubs.

7. Code of Conduct from NALC

This is still being reviewed by NALC but in general the PC feel this would be appropriate to adopt for GPC. To be reviewed at the next meeting.



8. Resignation of Cllr Czerwonka

Cllr Czerwonka has resigned from the Council and Peter Raywood has been co-opted on to the Council. Eileen Flatley to oversee the signing of forms and to inform RVBC.

9. Planning Application

The Council had no objections for planning application 3/2020/0597 Rockdale

10. Countryside Code Posters

Eileen Flatley to contact The Forest of Bowland for more robust posters to be distributed throughout the village. If these are not forthcoming, to have some printed from Borough printing.

11. Wild flower areas in the village

Cllr Halley to contact LCC for information with regards to sowing wild flowers on verges.

12. Lengthsman duties

Cllr Dumon reported that Mark was no longer able to do Lengthsman duties. It was agreed by the Council to advertise within the village to see if anyone would be interested on taking on this role. Cllr Dumon to produce a flyer for distribution to PC and Clitheroe Facebook page, Ribble Valley Radio, History group, Camera club, WI.

13. Community Speed Watch update.

Cllr Halley reported her findings regarding the Community Speed Watch. It would appear this is quite a complicated process which is not just confined to our village and is not recognised by LCC online. The SID has been replaced but needs some adjusting, which Cllr Dumon is overseeing. Eileen Flatley to contact Wigglesworth and West Bradford PC's to see where they obtained the signs they have throughout the village. Cllr Halley encouraged everyone to report any incidents or speeding issues to lancsroadsafety.co.uk. This is to be shared on Facebook and put on the website.

14. Duke of York Update

Cllr Hutton reported that the Duke of York has now been taken off the market and Mr Stansfield is intending to re-submit plans but not before Christmas. The deadline has passed for him to have cleared the carpark of building materials, and concerns were expressed that maintenance had not been carried out as promised by Mr Stansfield to avoid deterioration to the building. Cllr Hutton will contact Cllrs Hilton and Scott to report this.

15. Allotments

Mike Ranson has asked if he can erect a 6ft x 4ft shed on his allotment plot. The Councillors felt that this was too big for the site and would be obtrusive to houses behind. It could also set a precedent for other allotment holders to request to put a shed on their plot. They felt a tool store of no more than 1.3 m high would be more acceptable. Eileen Flatley to write to Mr Ranson with the outcome.

16. Report from RVBC Councillor Bridget Hilton

Cllr Hilton reported from the borough on issues such as recruiting more Dog Wardens (they had 40 applicants for 2 posts), housing, the rise in domestic violence, social problems especially in young people, the effects on mental health due to the Pandemic. Plans for having a Unity Authority were still being discussed and a White Paper on Planning needed some clarification. It was suggested this be put on the next PC Liaison meeting agenda.

Sports England Grants were available and the PC was encouraged to apply.



17. Request to approve accounts

E Flatley – clerk’s salary – July, August and September - £336.96 and office costs £15.98 – laminator pouches and paper

18. Reports from Grindleton Organisations

Cllr Entwistle reported that the consolidated charities had given 7/8 grants to students going to university and that all the properties were let.

The Pavilion was struggling with all the changes due to Covid 19, but that some groups were taking place.

19. A.O.B

Cllr Halley reported from the meeting with Nigel Evans MP. It was very disappointing in that he hadn’t replied to any of the letters sent to his office regarding the Duke of York or the Unity authority, and could not offer any further comments on what he was proposing to do. He didn’t offer any more information on the effects of Brexit in the community or regarding the HARP project. He was asked for information about what grants might be available to help the village be a more environmental place to live and said his staff would let the clerk know what these were.

Cllr Entwistle expressed concerns that a couple of members of the public were unpleasant to Cllr Dumon and the clerk in relation to the re-siting of the SID.

Cllr Entwistle also thanked the clerk for work carried out over the Pandemic.

United Utilities have requested a remote meeting to take place before October to discuss the effects of the proposed water line on the village. Eileen Flatley to arrange.

Grindleton Brownies have applied for a grant from the PC to help with the loss of fundraising opportunities during the Pandemic. A grant of £250 was approved.

Cllr Halley thanked Cllr Dumon for the work carried out on the bench at the Pin Fold, it was agreed to replace the Brass sign on the bench.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm a date for the next meeting was not decided due to the uncertainties about holding meetings at this present time.