

Grindleton Parish Council

Annual Meeting held on
Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30pm

At St Ambrose Parish Room Sawley Road Grindleton

Present : Councillor J. Cowling (in the chair), J. Pye, P. Entwistle, Mrs D. McEvoy and J. Marshall

In attendance- RV Cllr M. Ranson RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton, Police Sergeant Shaw Mr P. McGeorge from RVBC and Mrs M.A. Renton, clerk

1. Minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 21st May 2007. These were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising.

a) Two buildings belonging to Grindleton Charities.The Chairman who represents the Parish Council on both charities reported that both charities are now to sell a major building and restructure the charities towards their main objectives. The Lane Ends School has an offer in and the Harrop Gate Farm is now being marketed after a delay due to lack of deeds.

b) Ribble Way. Cllr P. Entwistle commented that this path is still closed. Cllr J. Cowling gave a resume of what is holding up this repair- cost and a problem about effective method whilst erosion continues to exasperate the problem. This is a serious concern. RV Cllr M. Ranson is to speak to LCC again.

3. Recycling to be introduced by RVBC

3.1 RVBC Officer Mr P. McGeorge attended with one sample wheelie bin to give Councillors the latest plans for the Parish. It is intended for all properties to be supplied in June 2008 with three different wheelie bins for a weekly collection of general waste and alternate weeks collection of either recyclables or garden waste on a rota basis. All households will be supplied with a full information pack. Cllrs foresee problems for many village properties relating to storage, where to place the bins for collection- (thought to be a problem in Chapel Lane) and ability of householders to put the bins out (if elderly). This is not the first area and Mr McGeorge assured Cllrs that most of the problems do get resolved fairly quickly and some will have 'assisted' collection.

3.2 Initial supply of the wheelie bins will be free but not if they have to be replaced. Additionally households can request compost bins, free of cost at 0845 658 8550. Communal bins were also mentioned.

3.3 Mr McGeorge was thanked and left the meeting.

4. Chairman's report.

4.1 The Chairman commented on the usefulness of the lengthsman service to the village, He would shortly be cleaning the village benches and planting the trees at the Cherry Tree scheme- to be provided by the W.I.

4.2 The Cherry Tree Area is nearing completion and the grant is to be collected from RVBC. The benches have been placed in an angled position and Cllr J. Marshall has suggested a stone table would add to the scheme. This is to be explored with Waddington Fell quarries. A metal replacement notice board is to be ordered as part of the scheme.

4.3 On Planning Applications, Cllr J.Cowling expressed some surprise at the approval of another double garage at the Meetinghouse.

4.4 The Playing Fields Committee were thanked for the work they are doing in the village with the tennis courts nearly ready to use, by the end of May. The Parish Council had supported this Committee with a donation again.

5. Police Report

5.1 Sgt Shaw who has recently come here from Blackburn. He was able to give an overview of the area. He urged the public to continue to report all incidents so that. been a number of very specific burglaries. A suspect is under active surveillance.

5.2 Sgt Shaw works with two Community Support Officers and they plan to issue a local newsletter as and when there is something to say. RV Cllr M. Ranson welcomed this.

5.3 Speeding continues to worry villagers. One of the community Support Staff (Karl Elliott) has been trained to use the hand held speed gun and this may be used here occasionally.

5.4 Cllr J. Marshall asked about drugs locally. The Police do some work with Bowland High School but not thought to be a problem.

5.5 Rural poaching is a serious crime- high value and violent criminals involved. Suspicious car numbers should be reported to 01254 51212 as the Police do have a sophisticated link to car numbers and then they deploy a specialist team with 2 Wildlife Officers in Ribble Valley. This is not for individuals to tackle

6. Approval of Annual Accounts. The Clerk circulated the Annual Accounts. These were approved.

7. Any other business for noting/future action None.