



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 1st March 2022 in the Pavilion

Present: Cllrs Lorraine Halley (LH); Chris Dumon (CD); Keith Hutton (DKH), Chairman; Peter Raywood (PR); Alan Fielding (AF); Glenn Wheeler (GW); Dave Riley (DR) Kevin Horkin (KH) RVBC Councillor, Clerk. Wes Truran Community Fire Safety Team Leader. Sergeant Kevin Day

1. Apologies for absence PCSO Mick Kearns-Turner
2. Minutes from the 4th and 18th of January were approved and signed
3. Declarations of Interest
 - a) Standing orders suspended
4. Public participation: - Nick and Veronica Millward raised the issue of speeding and CCTV in the village (see item7). Simon Stansfield objected to the Parish Council's response to his planning application for the Duke of York. He disputed the Council's statement that four offers had been made to purchase the pub stating he hadn't received any. He wanted to know who the offers were from. Councillors agreed they would ask these parties if they were happy to have their details passed to Simon. However after taking advice and further discussion it was agreed that this information was confidential so couldn't be passed directly to Simon and would write to him to that effect.
 - b) Standing orders resumed
5. Information from Sergeant Kevin Day - he heads a 4 PC's rural task force with responsibility for the Ribble Valley This task force will be visiting every farm with advice on crime prevention. They have had recent success in arrests for theft and recovering stolen goods using local intelligence and surveillance. It is planned to replace the current hybrid policing model of response policing and neighbourhood policing with 3 response teams with 5 officers each, for the Ribble valley.

Locally crime figures are very low Grindleton and West Bradford recorded 1 theft, 6 burglaries in February though there have been recent drug arrests in Clitheroe. He advised signing up to "Lancashire talking".
6. CCTV / Village crime. KH stated that RVBC will fund 25% of cost and 25% of maintenance costs in perpetuity of CCTV One option could be to identify vehicles coming in at village entry and exit points. However, concerns were expressed about expectations, monitoring, legality, cost benefit and whether the Parish Council should take on this responsibly. **Agreed** DKH to collate information to inform a future discussion.
7. Wes Truran, Community Fire Safety Team Leader informed us that there is now a dedicated RV fire officer. Coal fires, wood burners unswept chimneys and poor wood storage are the main fire issues locally. They also give road and water safety advice in schools. Concern was expressed about children swimming in the Ribble. **Agreed** DR will let Wes know the location and he will monitor it. Anyone can book a home fire safety check either on line lancsfirerescue.org.uk or on 0800 169 1125
8. Update from KH - Budgets – council tax going up 4.9% this and succeeding years! HARP - progress on the planning application expected in next 3 months. Housing provision KH asked what do we want to see in Grindleton in terms of new houses given the core strategy is due to be rewritten soon. Much dissatisfaction was voiced regarding the failure to provide the infrastructure in Clitheroe to match the house building.



-
9. Rural electric car clubs. AF who had attended zoom meeting stated that a central parking point was essential. **Agreed** AF will provide further information for discussion at a future meeting.
10. GRGC grant application of £1000 towards mowing and maintenance costs. **Agreed**
11. Verge opposite Hydro Lodge – lorries have pulled onto the verge and it is now used as parking for parent’s school pick up, causing a dangerous obstruction. **Agreed DR** Will pass this concern to the Police and Bowland School. Also, to contact LCC with regard to reinstating the verge.
12. Matters arising
- Queens Jubilee £500 grant received –. **Agreed** GPC will lead on the beacon, which will be located at beacon hill. **Agreed** DKH will feedback from the Jubilee village committee that has been set up.
 - Xmas lights – electricity costs **Agreed** AF will check costs with Diane.
 - Bench repairs **Agreed** DKH will collect the required wood.
 - Best kept village commemoration plaque. LH obtained an estimate of £335. **Agreed** in principle but LH will get another couple of estimates first.
 - Footpaths/kissing gates. **Agreed** AF will collect gates himself
 - SID company have agreed to collect and repair it.
 - Allotment paths completed and look good. **Agreed** CD to get quote from P Jaques for repairs to the brow path.
 - Compost location **Agreed** DKH to pursue
 - New Lengthsman Christopher Walton started last week, is insured has been given a contract. Village priorities were discussed.
 - Dead trees the brow have been removed by RVBC.
 - Parish council Facebook – **Agreed** DKH to get further advice
 - Equiniti signatories **Agreed** DR and DKH to progress.
 - Large lorries through the village. **Agreed** DR to invite Jed to our next meeting regarding this and road verge damage.
 - Village volunteers - No response from Facebook post.
 - Parish Council Code of Conduct. All Councillors have signed agreeing to abide by it.
13. Income £713, expenditure £972.16 since the last meeting
14. Accounts to be authorised, all **Agreed**
- Cherry picker hire £75
 - Web hosting £29.99
 - Newlands nursery – LH £63.80
15. A.O.B
- Riverbank downstream of the bridge needs clearing up as it presents a safety risk.
 - **Agreed** to enter best kept village competition again.
 - Culvert at higher chapel lane blocked again, a permanent repair is needed but it is unclear who owns it. **Agreed** GW will approach LCC re ownership
 - Stiles - LCC responsible but a 10 year wait! Discuss with Jed at our next meeting.