



Grindleton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Grindleton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 3 January 2023 at the Pvilion, Grindleton.**

Members present:	Parish Cllr K Hutton (Chair) Parish Cllr L Halley (Vice Chair) Parish Cllr Tony Bramwell Parish Cllr Steve Dobson Parish Cllr Alan Fielding Parish Cllr Peter Raywood Parish Cllr Glenn Wheeler Borough Cllr K Horkin MBE (RVBC)
Apologies for absence:	None
Clerk present:	Andrew Glover
Members of the public present:	Mr David Rawkins (item 18)

1.	Welcome The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.	
2.	Declarations of Interest a) Standing orders suspended None b) Standing orders resumed	
3.	Public Participation See item 18	

<p>4.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>i)</p>	<p>Minutes / matters arising</p> <p><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2022 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Bramwell Seconded by: Cllr Dobson</p> <p>Resolved The Chair was authorised to sign off the minutes of the meetings held on 1 November, and it was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would be posted on the Parish Council website</p> <p><u>Minutes of the special meeting held on 24 November 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the special meeting held on 24 November 2022 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Fielding Seconded by: Cllr Raywood</p> <p>Resolved The Chair was authorised to sign off the minutes of the meetings held on 24 November, and It was agreed that the minutes of this special meeting would be posted on the Parish Council website</p> <p><u>Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda):</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>Grindleton Conservation Area</u></p> <p>Cllr Wheeler had previously raised the issue of “important views” within a Conservation Area and their status under Planning law. The Clerk had undertaken some research in an attempt to explore this matter, but his findings were inconclusive; it appeared that “important views” were at least <i>expected</i> to be taken into account when Planning decisions are made, but no formal consequence for their breach had been discovered.</p> <p>Members noted that documentation relating to the Grindleton Conservation Area (GCA) set out on the RVBC website was considerably out of date, including the GCA Management Guidance (2006) and the Appraisal document (October 2005). It was not clear whether this documentation had been updated in the interim, but members noted that the wider Planning regime was currently under national scrutiny and may well be overhauled in the future. It was also possible that the Borough Council would be revisiting its approach to local Planning issues after the elections in May. In view of these circumstances, it was agreed that no further action was required at this stage.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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<p>ii)</p> <p>iii)</p> <p>iv)</p>	<p><u>Boundary Commission – review of parliamentary constituencies 2023</u></p> <p>As requested, the Clerk had submitted to the Boundary Commission the Parish Council’s comments agreed at the special meeting held on 24 November. Members noted that RVBC had also subsequently confirmed its opposition to the proposals, on the grounds that the Ribble Valley would be effectively split in two, separated by Pendle Hill and left without an obvious administrative centre.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Application for grant funding – Living Room project</u></p> <p>The Vice Chair had informed the applicant of the decision taken on 24 November to approve the grant funding of £150, and authorisation of the payment had been made.</p> <p>Members anticipated that a further application for grant funding may be forthcoming at some stage, which would be considered on its merits at that time.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Condition of road surface – East View, and lack of road markings at its junction with Grindleton Brow</u></p> <p>The Clerk had raised the above issues with LCC. He had subsequently learned that a routine inspection had been carried out on 4 November 2022, with several defects identified and repaired. An order had now been raised for a further inspection of the road surface at East View, with any appropriate defects to be repaired in due course.</p> <p>Members were pleased to hear that LCC had repainted the line markings at the junction of East View / Grindleton Road, and commented positively on this speedy response.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Overview of financial position</p> <p>Members noted that the Clerk had chosen to set out the financial reports for November and December 2022 in a new format, which contained the same information as members had received previously but made it easier for him to reconcile the accounts with the bank statement.</p> <p><u>Monthly accounts – November 2022</u></p> <p>The Clerk submitted details of income and expenditure for the month of November 2022 for approval by the Parish Council and signing-off by the Chair.</p> <p>Resolved That the record for November 2022 as presented would be signed off</p> <p><u>Monthly records – December 2022</u></p> <p>The Clerk submitted details of income and expenditure for the month of December 2022 for consideration by the Parish Council. However, the Clerk advised</p>	

	<p>members that the accounts for December had not been reconciled as no bank statement for the period in question had been received. A final reconciliation would therefore take place once the December statement was received, and the monthly record would be re-presented to members for signing off at the March meeting.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to complete reconciliation of the December accounts and re-present in March 2023</p>	Clerk
c)	<p><u>Fixing of Parish Precept 2023/24</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that forms requiring an increase in the precept for 2023/24 had been submitted to RVBC on 1 December 2023.</p>	
d)	<p><u>NJC pay scales – increased pay offer of 4% from 1 April 2022</u></p> <p>The Clerk offered to leave the room for this item.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services had confirmed that pay for all local government employees would rise by 4% or above with effect from 1 April 2022.</p> <p>On appointment, the Clerk had offered to work for Grindleton PC at SCP 18 (this being the same level of remuneration as paid by WBPC), with the hourly rate now due to rise from £12.92 to £14.17.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to endorse the above increase in the Clerk’s hourly salary from the start of his employment</p>	
e)	<p><u>Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2022</u></p> <p>The NJC had also recommended that employers should pay any monies due to ex-employees from 1 April 2022 to the employee’s last day of employment.</p> <p>On this basis, the outgoing Clerk was entitled to receive back pay amounting to 75 hours over the 30 weeks to the end of October 2022.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to authorise an appropriate back-payment to the outgoing Clerk, with contribution to HMRC as required Clerk to arrange payment</p>	Clerk

6.	<p>Clerks' Handover</p> <p>On 21 November, the outgoing and incoming Clerks had met in order to hand over necessary financial / administrative documentation and agree a number of tasks to be pursued. A number of these had now been completed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the incoming Clerk had made contact with a number of key working colleagues (internal / external auditors, Lengthsman, RVBC, LALC); • payment of tax owed to HMRC (outgoing Clerk's salary) had been paid; • the outgoing Clerk had arranged for Cllr Tony Bramwell to be listed on the bank mandate; and • the incoming Clerk had submitted paperwork seeking to arrange (i) for his name to be placed on the Lloyds Bank mandate; (ii) for other historic names (Chris Dumon, Dave Riley) to be removed from the mandate; and for hard copy bank statements to be sent to him. <p>A number of other tasks still awaited completion, and the Clerk undertook to report back on progress at the next meeting</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Parish Council elections</p> <p>The Clerk reminded members that parish councillors are obliged to resubmit themselves for election every four years; the next elections will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023 (the same day as other local government elections and 2 days before the king's coronation). Counting of votes in parish council elections will be on 9 May.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on the anticipated procedure, which was likely (as in previous years) to be set out in an explanatory email to be circulated by RVBC in March 2023. Members noted the documentation which was likely to be required from them and the timescale for its submission.</p> <p>Members were invited to (i) take note of the above process and (ii) give advance consideration as to whether they would wish to nominate themselves in 2023.</p>	
8)	<p>Clerk's contract</p> <p>Prior to his appointment, the Clerk has been invited to draft a contract of employment to cover his post. Subsequent examination of council records suggested that Eileen Flatley had signed a contract of employment, but the outgoing Clerk had not. The Clerk had therefore updated the draft contract, a copy of which was presented to members for their consideration.</p> <p>Resolved Members approved the draft contract for adoption by the Parish Council and invited the incoming Clerk to sign it</p>	Clerk

9.	<p>Member training</p> <p>Members were reminded that the following bookings for Zoom training had been made on their behalf:</p> <p>a) <u>Cllrs Bramwell, Dobson and Wheeler</u> – <i>New Councillors and Clerks – a whistle stop tour of powers and responsibilities</i></p> <p>The training was to take place on Tuesday, 17 January 2023 from 7pm – 9pm, via Zoom.</p> <p>b) <u>Cllr Halley</u> – <i>Get parish councils prepared for the local elections in May</i></p> <p>This training was to take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023 from 7pm – 9pm via Zoom.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that, due to complications with the booking process, it was possible that the links to access the training would be sent to him rather than directly to the members concerned. If so, the Clerk would forward the links on as appropriate.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to forward links on receipt</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Display of hard copy minutes on notice board</p> <p>Members were aware that traditionally the Parish Council had displayed a hard copy of the minutes of its meetings on the notice board by the Cherry Trees (as well as arranging for their display on the Parish Council website). However, the minutes drafted by the incoming Clerk may tend to contain more detail and would render their display on the notice board somewhat impractical.</p> <p>Members agreed that in future the minutes should be displayed on the Parish Council website only, but suggested that a note currently displayed in the notice board should be amended so as to give the Clerk’s contact details; this would allow any member of the public requiring a hard copy to be provided with one.</p> <p>Cllr Halley also commented that the problem of condensation was now so severe during the winter months that many of the articles displayed were illegible, despite her best efforts to dry it out. Members discussed possible solutions, including devices which were commonly used to prevent water pipes from freezing.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr Halley to amend sign in notice board</p>	LH

<p>11.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Improving Parish Council effectiveness</p> <p><u>Dropbox</u></p> <p>Prior to the November meeting, Cllr Halley had obtained a link allowing all members to access Dropbox (a system of cloud storage through which Parish Council files could be shared); this had subsequently been circulated to all members and the Clerk.</p> <p>Whilst members agreed that access to a shared cloud storage facility was generally useful, Dropbox itself was not found to be intuitive or easy to use. It was agreed that Cllr Wheeler would seek to identify a suitable free document-sharing service which was more user-friendly. Cllr Bramwell would send Cllr Wheeler the list of footpaths for him to use as a test document when accessing possible storage sites.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that, once a suitable alternative to Dropbox had been identified, a training session for all members and the Clerk could be held.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr Wheeler to identify alternative sites to Dropbox Cllr Bramwell to send test document to Cllr Wheeler Clerk to arrange training session as appropriate</p> <p><u>List of ongoing member activities</u></p> <p>At the November meeting, the Clerk had undertaken to draft a list capturing all ongoing member activities; this was presented for members' perusal. Members agreed that the document as drafted was worthwhile and asked the Clerk to update it for future meetings as appropriate.</p> <p>Resolved Members endorsed the use of the list as a way forward in managing Parish Council business Clerk to update for future meetings</p> <p><u>Lengthsman</u></p> <p>Members noted that Cllr Halley had drafted a timesheet for the Lengthsman to use and which he was expected to submit when claiming payment. However, the Lengthsman had not submitted any timesheets when claiming his most recent payment.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to the Lengthsman and gently remind him of the expectation that completed timesheets would be submitted with claims for remuneration</p>	<p>GW TB Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Planning applications to be considered</p> <p><u>Planning Application No: 3/2022/0921</u></p> <p>Proposal: Retention of unauthorised replacement timber store</p>	

	<p>Location: Land opposite Orchard House Back Lane Grindleton Lancashire BB7 4RZ</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the consultation period had ended on 22 November 2022 and no comments had been submitted by the Parish Council to RVBC.</p>	
13.	<p>Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)</p> <p>No update</p>	
14.	<p>Duke of York</p> <p>Cllr Horkin had previously confirmed that he had “called in” the latest application (3/2022/0883) in order to ensure that it would be heard in person by members of RVBC’s Planning and Development Committee. Although the issue was intended to be heard at the meeting on 1 December 2022, this did not happen due to (i) certain design changes requested by the Local Planning Authority and (ii) a shortage of Planning Officers at RVBC to process those changes. As a result, it was now hoped that the matter would be considered at the Planning meeting due to be held on 12 January 2023.</p> <p>Members confirmed that they had no objections to the planning application as currently written.</p>	
15.	<p>Switch-on of Xmas lights 2022</p> <p>a) <u>Review of event</u></p> <p>Members reflected on the switch-on of Xmas lights, which was felt to have been a real success. The choir from Grindleton Primary School had made a significant contribution to the evening, and Cllr Halley had sent a letter of thanks for their support. A number of learning points were identified for the 2023 event, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fewer mince pies were needed in future (the surplus having been donated to good causes), but more mulled wine was required; • assuming that the Rum Fox and Duke of York were trading by Xmas 2023, an approach for donations could be made; • Cllr Fielding suggested that a better arrangement for displaying the lights would involve attaching them to a halo which would sit at the top of the tree, thereby allowing the lights to be twirled around the branches. This would also make removal of the lights easier; • the tree’s height was at the limit of the cherry picker’s capacity, and it would benefit from being reduced in height by around 2’; and • it was agreed that – in light of current inflationary pressures – the owner of the tree would be reimbursed by £20 (an increase of £10) for the cost of electricity used to power the lights. <p>(cont)</p>	

	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Clerk to capture the above learning points for Xmas 2023</p> <p>Cllr Halley to approach the owner of the cherry picker to agree a date for taking down the lights from the tree; once established, other members would be invited to assist</p> <p>Cllr Halley to arrange for payment for use of the cherry picker (£120)</p> <p>Cllr Halley to raise Cllr Fielding’ suggestion for use of a halo with Nick, and ask Nick to contact Cllr Fielding for further discussion</p> <p>Cllr Fielding to discuss a possible reduction in the height of the tree with its owner</p> <p>Cllr Fielding to discuss with the owner of the tree how he would wish to be recompensed for the cost of electricity, Cllr Halley to then arrange payment</p> <p>Clerk to check on grant availability from RVBC for the purchase of additional lights</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH, AF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>AF, LH</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p>Review of parking issues in village</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that – prior to his departure – the outgoing Clerk had received a letter from a resident of Back Lane pointing out that the prevalence of on-street parking in the village was increasing. This issue was having a negative impact on village life, and had been exacerbated by the ongoing development activity at the former Buck Inn. In the longer term, it was anticipated that additional visitor parking arising from the planning applications for the former Buck Inn and Duke of York would also add to the concerns.</p> <p>The resident had noted that – in its Parish Plan of 2008 – the Parish Council was committed to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Enforce the parish plan that decrease no development up main st and any planning application the need to explore the provision to move parking off road” [sic]</p> <p>In a lengthy discussion, members made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it was acknowledged that on-street parking (particularly in the Back Lane area) was an ongoing problem, but the physical constraints in the village (narrow streets, lack of a designated parking area) meant that no simple solution was available; • parking offences committed on the public highway were a matter for the police or LCC Highways Enforcement, but residents of Back Lane (believed to privately own the land used for vehicular access) also had the right to undertake their own enforcement measures; and • the Parish Council retained aspirations to purchase land which could be used for a communal car park and also the erection of charging points for electric vehicles, but lack of (i) a suitable site and (ii) adequate financial resources were significant barriers to this. Members were aware of possible grant funding from sources such as the Rural Prosperity Fund and the Shared Prosperity Fund and would continue to monitor them going forward. 	

	<p>The Chair thanked the resident for bringing the matter to members' attention and asked the Clerk to respond to the resident in writing.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to resident</p>	Clerk
17	<p>Footpath off Eccles Terrace</p> <p>As agreed at the November meeting, Cllr Halley had liaised with Nigel Howe (Assessor at the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society, PNFS) and Geoff Leneveson, PROW Officer at LCC) to progress the matter. Subsequently, the Clerk had identified a tradesman who may be willing to undertake construction of the footbridge, and had contacted him with a view to a site visit being arranged. However, no firm date for a site visit to be undertaken had yet been agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that County Cllr Sue Hind had previously expressed an interest in this matter, and Cllr Horkin suggested a further approach to her would be beneficial. It was possible that County Cllr Hind would attend a future meeting of the Parish Council for further discussion.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to make further contact with the tradesman Clerk to make an approach to County Cllr Sue Hind</p>	Clerk Clerk
18	<p>Sustainability issues</p> <p><u>Climate Change issues</u></p> <p>A local resident (Mr David Rawkins, who serves as an ambassador on the Ribble Valley Climate Action Network or RVCAN) had previously contacted the Parish Council with the aim of encouraging members to embrace measures to counter the threat of Climate Change. As a result, Mr Rawkins had been invited to attend this meeting and give a presentation on the Climate Change agenda.</p> <p>The main theme of Mr Rawkins' presentation was that climate change is already a threat to the natural environment. It is the major challenge facing the current generation, and it is not just a matter which impacts on countries far away; a 1m rise in sea levels would greatly affect the Lancashire coastline.</p> <p>Mr Rawkins outlined some of the work which RVCN was undertaking in order to combat climate change. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inviting interested parties to attend a climate Change summit meeting to consider the way forward; • lobbying MPs and other politicians to support the Climate and Ecology Bill; and • establishing a central hub for climate change activity at Trinity Methodist Church in Clitheroe. 	

	<p>The speaker then challenged parish councillors to consider a number of areas in which greater support for the climate change agenda could be given locally. Possible activities could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sending a representative to attend future RVCAN meetings; • increasing efforts to support bio-diversity. Establishing the green space at the foot of Grindleton Brow had been a good start, but re-wilding activity could be widened out to include the local churchyard; residents’ private gardens; or the planting of willow at the sewage works on Grindleton bend. Support could be given to the “No Mow May” campaign, or wider downloading of the Environment Agency app which allows immediate reporting of river pollution; and • within the community, communal growing of vegetables could be encouraged. Residents could be encouraged to support the “No Meat Monday” campaign, and to share cars when travelling to and from the village. <p>The Chair thanked Mr Rawkins for a challenging and stimulating presentation. In considering Mr Rawkins’ comments, members commented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the pollution problems arising from pupils from out of the Ribble Valley being transported to and from Bowland School; and • the existence of major industrial sites in close proximity to the village. On this point, Cllr Horkin confirmed that he was now a member of the liaison committee for Hanson Cement, and suggested that members may benefit from a tour of the Hanson Cement site in order to better understand its impact on the local environment. <p>Resolved Clerk to write to Mr Rawkins and thank him for his attendance and presentation Clerk to summarise the content of the presentation and place on the agenda for further discussion at the March meeting Members to consider whether to seek a tour of the Hanson Cement site</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
19	<p>Consultation on the proposed expansion of Bowland High School</p> <p>The Chair had been contacted by Lancashire County Council in relation to proposed changes to the School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25, which identified areas of Lancashire where additional school places were needed. These proposed changes impacted on Bowland High School, which was to be subject to a permanent increase in its Published Admission Number from 110 to 140 places from September 2024. This would follow an agreed temporary expansion of 30 places from September 2023.</p>	

	<p>Due to this significant enlargement of the school's admission number, the County Council was undertaking a 6-week statutory consultation exercise, running from 5 December 2022 to 15 January 2023.</p> <p>Members discussed the proposed expansion at length, with strong views being expressed both for and against the proposed expansion. On the one hand, members acknowledged that traffic around the start and end of the school day was a major inconvenience for residents of the village, as a large number of buses were used to transport pupils from outside the area to and from the school. On the other hand, the school was clearly successful and an asset to the area, providing a local educational facility of repute and bringing economic benefits to those residents whose houses fell within the catchment area. It was further noted that all state schools are currently under severe budgetary pressure, and increases to the pupil roll were one of the few means available to them to secure financial security.</p> <p>It was ultimately agreed that the Clerk would submit a consultation response on behalf of the Parish Council, emphasising that on balance members were accepting of the need to expand the number of school places. However, this approval was subject to the caveat that the school and Local Education Authority should be aware of local concerns about the volume of traffic and take all available steps to minimise the impact of the proposed expansion on residents. Such steps could include a greater emphasis on traffic management in the vicinity of the school (eg a one-way system to enhance traffic flow, increased monitoring / enforcement, and the possible staggering of times when pupils are expected to arrive / depart).</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to submit a consultation response to LCC which fully reflects the nature of the discussion</p>	Clerk
20	<p>Complaint – unsolicited cold calling</p> <p>The Chair had recently been contacted by a local resident from Sawley Rd objecting to an increase in unsolicited door-knocking from cold callers. Refusal to purchase items was said to meet with “hostile abuse”, and the resident had therefore asked for the erection of signage to indicate a “No Cold Calling Area” as had taken place in other villages.</p> <p>In response, and prior to the meeting, the Clerk had spoken to the resident in person in order to better understand their grievance. As a result, he had also made contact with LCC Trading Standards, who made a number of offers to assist. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a talk to the local community on the topic of Doorstep Crime and scams, with the aim of discouraging people from engaging with cold callers; • raising educational / awareness through the distribution of stickers / leaflets which warn callers not to call; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> operating a “rapid response” service which would allow an officer to visit and support a consumer who is being pressured by an unwelcome cold caller; and establishing a No Cold Calling Area (NCCA) un the village. Following a consultation exercise, this would require majority support by residents. <p>Members debated the issue of NCCAs at some length. There was general support for such an initiative, although genuine concerns about their enforceability were raised. It was agreed that the best way forward was to invite LCC Trading Standards to give a talk to villagers on Doorstep Crime and the merits of NCCAs, with a view to establishing the initial level of community support. Such a public meeting could be held on a Friday lunchtime (between 11am and 2pm) in February in the Pavilion.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to contact LCC Trading Standards and arrange</p>	Clerk
21	<p>Alleged damage to Back Lane caused by sub-contractor for ENW</p> <p>A resident had complained to the outgoing Clerk about damage to the surface of Back Lane adjacent to the sub-station on which work had recently been carried out on behalf of Electricity North West. The Clerk had viewed the situation and provided photographs for members’ information.</p> <p>Enquiries had suggested that Back Lane was a bridleway / unadopted road which may or may not have public rights.</p> <p>Members reviewed the photographs and concluded that no further action was required on this occasion.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to resident and give an update on the Parish Council’s stance</p>	Clerk
22	<p>Allotments</p> <p>The Clerk was due to send letters for contract renewal to all tenants around 1 February. In providing the allotments, members were reminded that the Parish Council incurred costs totalling £172.60. These consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> water charges (12 monthly payments of £13.55, totalling £162.60); and nominal rent to RVBC of £10pa. <p>In addition, the Parish Council incurred an administrative cost for the role of the Parish Clerk, and had also recently incurred a considerable outlay in renovating the paths.</p> <p>Rent income from the 9 tenants was presently obtained (the cost per allotment varying according to its size), totalling £216.</p> <p>In order to more accurately reflect the cost of providing this facility, and to recoup some of the recent expenditure incurred on the site, it was agreed that the rental</p>	

	<p>income should be increased by around £50pa (with the Clerk to redistribute this across all plots on a pro rata basis).</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to implement the new pricing regime when inviting allotment holders to renew their contracts from 1 February 2023</p>	Clerk
23	<p>Miscellaneous matters</p> <p>a) <u>Wildflower seeds (Carrs Billington)</u></p> <p>Cllr Halley had made contact with the supplier, but had been advised to make a further approach in Feb / March (closer to commencement of the growing season).</p> <p>Members discussed a number of possible sites for further re-wilding activity and agreed to give this matter further thought.</p> <p>b) <u>Flower tubs</u></p> <p>The Parish Council owned a total of 9 tubs around the village, but it was commented that these were not listed on the current Asset Register.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to add to the register of assets</p> <p>It was reported that two of the tubs, located in the turning circle at the top of the village, had recently incurred vehicle damage.</p> <p>c) <u>SID</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that unfortunately he had not yet had the opportunity to examine the SID and assess whether – as alleged - it was only working on an intermittent basis.</p> <p>Cllr Halley suggested that, in view of the long-running nature of this problem, consideration should be given to either (i) finding an expert with the technical knowledge to make a professional assessment of the situation or (ii) seeking to dispose of the SID.</p> <p>Members again noted that RVBC was now in a position to provide access to a total of 3 SIDs. However, given the expense incurred on its own SID, the Parish Council would wish to seek a resolution to this situation before engaging with RVBC.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to view the SID this week, with a view to checking the battery etc and entering into discussion with a police contact on the viability of retaining the SID</p>	Clerk
24	<p>Update from Ward Councillor present</p> <p>Cllr Horkin stated that this was a quiet period in the municipal calendar and he had nothing to add to his other contributions.</p>	

25	<p>Other meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Councils' Liaison Committee – the Chair and Cllr Fielding had attended the meeting held on 10 November 2022. Cllr Fielding enquired how he could get access to the minutes of the meeting, and was referred to the RVBC website. 	
26	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>a) <u>Attendance of future meetings by police representative</u></p> <p>PS Kevin Day of Lancashire Constabulary had confirmed his willingness to attend more parish council meetings. It was noted that PS Day had previously attended a meeting of the Parish Council, but he could usefully contribute to the residents, meeting to be arranged on the subject of No Cold Calling Areas.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to invite PS Day to this meeting</p>	Clerk
27	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) <u>Gift for outgoing Clerk</u></p> <p>Cllr Halley reported that she had taken a leaving gift to the outgoing Clerk, a gesture which he had greatly appreciated.</p> <p>b) <u>Response to emails</u></p> <p>Cllr Halley requested that – when an email was sent round to any / all parish councillors – they acknowledge the message by return of email.</p> <p>c) <u>Marking of village boundaries</u></p> <p>Members again raised the issue of whether a boundary sign could be erected at the foot of Grindleton Brow, in order to increase the feeling of involvement in community life for residents of that area.</p> <p>Resolved Cllr Raywood to circulate an email with his thoughts on this matter, and all members to respond</p>	PR
<p>The next meeting of Grindleton Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at Grindleton Pavilion</p>		

The meeting closed at 10.06pm.

Signed by:		
	Date:	Cllr K Hutton
	7.3.23	Chair