



Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

19.30 on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 in the Pavilion

Present: Cllrs Keith Hutton (DKH), Chairman; Lorraine Halley (LH); Peter Raywood (PR); Alan Fielding (AF); Glenn Wheeler (GW); Steve Dobson (SD); Dave Riley (DR) Clerk; Kevin Horkin (KH) RVBC Councillor; Ray Hayhurst (dog warden)

1. Apologies for absence. Chris Dumon (CD); Jed Mirfin (JM), LCC councillor.
2. Minutes from the last meetings were approved and signed.
3. Declarations of Interest
 - a) Standing orders suspended
4. Public participation
 - b) Standing orders resumed
5. Update from Councillor Kevin Horkin
The Parish council liaison meeting was cancelled as there were no issues to address. HARP update from JM has been circulated. RVBC is still awaiting more information from United Utilities before it can respond to their planning application. West Bradford Parish Council is keen to install CCTV and wondered about a joint approach with Grindleton.
The delay in processing the Duke of York planning application maybe due to the RVBC planning officer shortage.
6. Dog Warden - Ray Hayhurst stated that there have only been 2 fines in last 12 months in Ribble Valley for dog fouling as people were reluctant to put their names to complaints. However, he is happy to provide signage and pursue complaints, while his presence does act as a deterrent. He informed us that it's an offence for a dog owner to go out without a poo bag and that fines can be levied for fouling in any publicly accessible area.
7. Bank signatories, **Agreed DKH** will log on to resume being the 3rd signatory in addition to CD and LH
8. Insurance renewal **Agreed** to sign up for the reduced fixed price 5-year deal.
9. Grindleton Consolidated Charities **Agreed** information about their grants can go on both the noticeboard and our website. **Agreed DKH** will meet with Mary-Ann Renton next week to clarify whether we are on the GCC mortgage as guarantors and **DR** will check pre-2007 minutes for clarification.
10. Fox's development Green Lane – 3 trees felled contrary to planning permission. **Agreed KH** to address, requesting replacement tree planting.
11. Parish Council effectiveness – LH presented a mind map with ideas to clarify our direction, working methods and ways of measuring achievement, such as SMART goals. **Agreed to** be addressed at our July meeting. Whilst it was felt we work in a collegiate way and do get things done the public don't know what we do and progress can be slow. An annual PR event and a spread sheet to follow issues through was discussed. The importance of keeping emails for transparency was highlighted. **Agreed** to continue with Bi monthly meetings.
12. Rural Villages Services Group – We need a group in place to deal with such emergencies as major power cuts - discussed, **Agreed GW** will put a crisis group together.
13. RVBC commemorative tree allocation - **Agreed** discussion on siting to be deferred to our next meeting. We have also been offered trees from the woodland trust **Agreed LH** to circulate the email.



14. Matters arising

- Queens Jubilee – beacon lighting on the cricket field 2nd June **Agreed DKH** to pursue
- CCTV – has been installed overlooking the church. It was felt that CCTV in the village would raise legal and practical issues and that our low crime levels doesn't warrant it. **Agreed** To be reviewed in May 2023 taking account of West Bradfords experience.
- Verge at Hydro Lodge. - Bowland School have agreed to contact parents about this and more general parking issues, the Police will also raise this with the school. LCC will inspect the verge with a view to reinstating it.
- Rural electric car clubs - AF has circulated a video
- Electric cars. Charging points and people without drives likely to be an issue. **Agreed** -To set date for a dedicated meeting also involving residents.
- Lengthsman Chris - Happy with his job, sweeping on Main St noticeably improved. LH has put his photo on Facebook so he can be recognised by residents.
- Repairs to the Brow path – **Agreed CD** to obtain a quote from Peter. **DKH** to get landowners number to request permission if concreting proves necessary.
- Higher chapel lane culvert **Agreed GW** to clarify who it belongs to.
- Stiles/kissing gates are now with James Towler for erection **Agreed DKH** to prompt.
- Falling finger post at the bus turning point and on Whitehall Lane – **Agreed AF and DKH** will check them out.
- Riverbank debris clear up - GW has done a test burn; it needs removing and/or drying and burning– **Agreed KH** to check with the chairman of Ribble Rivers Trust whether they can assist. **Agreed AF** to send email/photo of the debris to KH and also find a company who could remove it.
- Lancashire best kept village – judging starts 1st June. **Agreed DR** to supply Countryside signs for **AF** to replace. Wildflower patch at bottom of brow mown by residents! **Agreed AF** to reseed. **Agreed LH** will remove phone box pin board as it's damp.
- SID – Returned to us to be tested by **CD and DKH** next week.
- Compost location – woodland trust opposed compost inside the wood. **Agreed DR** write to RVBC for suggestions re disposal.
- Parish council Facebook - nearly 500 viewers. Do we allow advertising etc. **Agreed DKW** as administrator will obtain password and **GW** will help moderate
- Equiniti signatories. **Agreed DKW** will persist in resolving the issue
- Income and expenditure since the last meeting – details circulated by email. Total income £8022, expenditure £5586.78

15. Accounts authorised. Graham Cooper – domain name £18. LH seeds and tub plants

16. A.O.B

- No response from RBVC re Solar panels installation. KH suggested the Parish council liaison meeting would be the best forum to raise this in.
- Wheel barrow dumped in beck **Agreed GW** will remove it.
- CVS wish us to feed into their campaign on what rural residents need and will email us with more information.
- Concern about the Offices by the bridge deteriorating through lack of maintenance raised by a resident, but was not considered to be a Parish Council issue.

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