

## Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council

7.30pm 3 November 2014

St Ambrose Parish Room, Grindleton

**Present:** Councillors J Cowling, K Hutton, J Marshall, P Entwistle, J Pye, J Towler, G James, EB Holden (clerk), and one member of the public.

Councillor Gillian James was welcomed onto the council..

**1. Apologies for absence.**

RV Councillors B Hilton and M Ranson.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed.**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

The clerk reported:

That the tree support had been erected around the oak tree.

The tubs with plants had been placed in position, but unfortunately one had been stolen. This was replaced.

The appeal against the rejection of the planning application below The Ridge had been rejected.

The lengthsman had removed the bush growth covering the 30mph sign adjacent to Whitehall Lane and worked on the footpath on Back Lane adjacent to Scott Barn.

**4. Declarations of interest.**

Councillor Marshall declared an interest in two of the planning applications.

**5. Planning applications.**

Dean Slack Head, Smalden Lane – this application was accepted by the parish council.

Two applications for Bank House, Sawley Road were accepted.

**6. Purchase and placing of bench around the commemorative oak tree.**

It was agreed to purchase a circular bench to place around the commemorative oak tree. *Action: Cllr Marshall would research the supply.*

**7. Production of informative 'news booklet' for 'incomers'.**

It was noted that a booklet for 'newcomers' was already being distributed by St Ambrose Church. *Action: To make this Welcome Pack more inclusive of village life Cllr Pye would request that Carol should include The Pavilion and other village activities.*

**8. Request for donation – GRGC.**

It was agreed to donate £500 towards the costs of the playground equipment, a facility much enjoyed by the Grindleton youth.

**9. Donation to Clitheroe Citizens Advice Bureau.**

It was agreed to donate £50.

**10. Calculation of precept for 2015-16.**

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## Budget Calculation for 2015-16

Balance 2013	£16,757	Balance 2014	£18,137
Precept	£ 7,500	Precept	£ 7,861
Income	£ 1,095	Income to Nov 2014	£ 902
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,352</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,900</b>
Expenses	£ 7,215	Expenses	£ 4,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,215</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 4,885</b>
<b>Balance 2014</b>	<b>£18,137</b>	<b>Balance at Nov 2014</b>	<b>£22,015</b>

Estimated income to March 2015 - £180.  
Estimated expenses to March 2015 - £2820  
**Estimated balance at March 2015 - £19,375**

We need to keep an adequate reserve in hand in order to construct a path along Sawley Road towards Bowland High School.

As a guide to calculating the level of precept a body is allowed a reserve of twice the level of the precept. However, it is acceptable to build up reserves if the body is saving for a particular project.

It was agreed to set the level at £7,500, thus allowing a reserve for the planned Grindleton Brow path.

### 11. Financial matters : expenditure and income since the last meeting.

The clerk reported that the following payments had been made:

Dugdale Merchants Ltd (Cllr Hutton)	- £14.22
EB Holden	- £220.00
HMRC	- £55.00
Mark Vigrass Ltd	- £174.00

### 12. Update from the clerk.

There was none.

### 13. Reports of the Grindleton organisations.

GRC – once the Laneside school transfer had taken place 3 Pendle View would be purchased to rent out.  
PCLC – Cllr Entwistle reported that the lower part of Main Street would be repaired and resurfaced in the next financial year.

### 14. AOB

It was agreed that should the Woodland Trust repair the crossing of the brook and construct steps on the steep section going towards the new wooded section a donation would be considered.  
It was agreed that Cllr Marshall would look into the cost of erecting a war memorial at Cherry Trees.  
The speed indicator would be checked by Cllrs Hutton and Entwistle along with the supplier.

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The clerk would notify the lengthsman to remove the leaves from the drains and clear the gutter on the bus shelter.

**15. Date of the next meeting.**

This was arranged for 5 January 2015.

The meeting closed at 9:02.