

**Minutes of Grindleton Parish Council
7.30pm 3 November 2015 St Ambrose Parish Room**

Present: Councillors K Hutton, G James, K Hughes, J Marshall, P Entwistle, L Millard

1. Apologies for absence: J Towler, RVBC's B Hilton and P Elms, Clerk B Holden

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

These were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: 7 September 2015

a) Village Christmas Tree:

- * Cost of cherry picker c£300 a day – to be explored.
- * Lights have been purchased- £735.35, including snowflake topper; electricity £15
- * Lights to be checked: K Hutton/P Entwistle
- * Awaiting Fire Brigade response re: lights; willing to help, but because of cutbacks and only one feasible machine in Hyndburn, support is unlikely
- * Scaffolding option to be explored:K Hutton/P Entwistle

b) War Memorial Plaque:

- * Little village interest
- * To be raised at St Ambrose PCC

c) Pavement parking: police not interested unless traffic is being impeded. KH to photograph offenders and contact Carl Elliott

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public participation

- * Street light obliterated by ivy at junction of Back Lane and Crossfold
- * Grant money (see item 9)

6. Planning applications

Old Workshop, Grindleton Brow: the Parish Council had lodged objections re: sight line for property egress and the change of use of the lower field. With regard to the village footpath, a response was awaited from Mr Padley. Highways were not objecting to the concessionary footpath proposal.

7. Under-grounding of obtrusive power cables

The Parish Council supported the scheme. K Hughes to further this (sketch maps, grid references etc) for December 1 response.

8. Precept application for 2016-17

- * £5k to be set aside for footpath works
- * £6 per resident (£3500) for charitable purposes
- * Other monies to be allocated following the January meeting
- * The precept to be held at the 2015-16 level

9. Parish Grant Scheme - RVBC: September 30 2016 deadline

Possible projects to benefit parishioners could include: village signage; benches; setting up a Facebook page; renewing the Grindleton Trail sign; more flower tubs; Playground works; Millennium Wood disabled access

Further discussion to be had at the January meeting, when this would be the main item. Councillors to bring priorities and costings to the meeting. Consultation with the village to be arranged via an open meeting with refreshments, as well as through the Parish News, and key groups contacted directly (church, school, Recreation Ground Charity).

10. Financial matters

Some discussion followed re: the lengthsman's duties and expenditure, particularly regarding culverts needing attention. K Hutton to meet with Roy.

11. Update from the clerk

The clerk not being in attendance, there was no update.

12. Reports of the Grindleton organisations

- a) Recreation Ground Charity: 2015 Bonfire was all-ticket, because of H &S and insurance issues last year; 340 tickets had been sold.
- b) Consolidated Charities: Pendle View home had been handed over to the first tenant, following the RVBC £15k grant for refurbishment. The two Harrop Fold houses - one up for let, the other empty in the next few weeks. some educational grants had been issued.

Discussion followed re: reaching the 'poor' of the village, and the best way to contact/support the most needy and vulnerable; could this be done through the church, or school? How could people be encouraged to apply for educational and other grants?

- c) The Almshouses: the clerk to be asked to write to the organisation, both to update the Parish Council and to nominate a representative to attend meetings.

13. AOB

- * Communication: L Millard reported back from the Ribble Valley Rural Forum, and asked the Council to consider new ways of communicating. She agreed to explore setting up a Facebook page.
- * Overhanging trees/hedges: the clerk to draft a letter to be sent to offending households; K Hughes to forward addresses to K Hutton for action. 30 mph sign at the top of the village still an issue; saplings on Ribble Lane to be reported to Highways.
- * Back Lane: speeding drivers a concern; as an unadopted road, this was a residents' matter and it was suggested that as a collective they could address the issue, and perhaps purchase speed bump strips.
- * All relevant matters to be referred to the RVBC Councillors.
- * Arthur Rank Centre - Computers for Rural People: G James to explore this with St Ambrose PCC.

14. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday January 5th

The meeting closed at 9pm.

