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Minutes of the meeting of Grindleton Parish Council on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at the Pavilion, Grindleton.

Members present:	Parish Cllr Lorraine Halley (Chair) Parish Cllr Tony Bramwell Parish Cllr Megan Haslam Borough Cllr Kevin Horkin MBE (RVBC)
Apologies for absence:	Parish Cllr Glenn Wheeler (Vice Chair) Parish Cllr Paul Atkinson Parish Cllr Chris Brennan Parish Cllr Susan Walsh
Clerk present:	Andrew Glover
Members of the public present:	John Halley (for minute item 9ai)

1.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>a) Standing orders suspended</p> <p>The Chair declared:</p> <p>i) a Non-Registrable Interest regarding the planning application discussed in minute item 9ai; and</p> <p>ii) an Other Registrable Interest as she was working closely with the B4RN initiative.</p> <p>b) Standing orders resumed</p>	
2.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None, other than minute item 9ai below.</p>	

<p>3.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>Minutes / matters arising</p> <p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 April 2024</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2024 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Bramwell Seconded by: Cllr Haslam</p> <p>Resolved The Chair was authorised to sign off the minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2024, and it was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would be posted on the Parish Council website</p> <p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council’s Annual General Meeting held on 1 May 2024</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 May 2024 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Haslam Seconded by: Cllr Bramwell</p> <p>Resolved The Chair was authorised to sign off the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 May 2024, and it was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would be posted on the Parish Council website</p> <p><u>Minutes of the regular Parish Council meeting held on 1 May 2024</u></p> <p>The minutes of the regular meeting held on 1 May 2024 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Bramwell Seconded by: Cllr Haslam</p> <p>Resolved The Chair was authorised to sign off the minutes of the regular meeting held on 1 May 2024, and it was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would be posted on the Parish Council website</p> <p><u>Actions taken / matters arising since the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)</u></p> <p>The Clerk had compiled a list of actions for members to note / update briefly on progress since the last meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	Subject to a guillotine of 30 minutes, members gave verbal updates on their respective actions. These were captured on the list retained by the Clerk.	
4.	<p>Overview of financial position</p> <p>a) <u>Monthly accounts – April 2024</u></p> <p>As the regular meeting of the Parish Council held in May 2024 had been devoted exclusively to refreshing the Parish Plan, the Clerk now presented details of income and expenditure for the month of April 2024 for approval by the Parish Council and signing-off by the Chair.</p> <p>Resolved That the record for April 2024 as presented would be signed off</p> <p>b) <u>Precept 2024/25</u></p> <p>Members were notified that RVBC had now deposited the sum of £9,460 in the Parish Council’s account, this being the agreed precept for 2024/25.</p> <p>c) <u>Monthly accounts – May 2024</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented details of income and expenditure for the month of May 2024 for approval by the Parish Council and signing-off by the Chair.</p> <p>Resolved That the record for May 2024 as presented would be signed off</p> <p>d) <u>VAT claim</u></p> <p>At the April meeting, the Clerk had informed members that a claim for refund of VAT paid (amounting to £87.25) had been submitted to HMRC. This claim had been made in line with a previous recommendation from the internal auditor, who had suggested that a claim should be generally submitted prior to the end of the financial year. However, the Clerk had subsequently been telephoned by HMRC and advised that his submission had been rejected; claims were only valid if they were for over £100, or (if not) covered at least a 12-month period.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to resubmit this claim once it exceeded the minimum amount of £100</p> <p>e) <u>Savings account – UT Bank</u></p> <p>UT Bank had confirmed that, on 31 March 2024, the balance of the Parish Council’s account was £20,689.36, with total interest paid in during 2023/2024 amounting to £371.02.</p> <p>A copy of the statement of account from UT Bank was provided for members’ information.</p>	Clerk

f)	<p><u>Lloyds Bank – Parish Council account may not be covered by Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received a letter from Lloyds Bank suggesting that the Parish Council’s account would not be protected by the FSCS should Lloyds Bank fail at a future date. The letter indicated that the account fell within an “exclusion” from the scheme, but did not indicate the nature of the exclusion in question.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to scan the letter and send to Cllr Atkinson, with a view to establishing his views on the matter</p>	Clerk
g)	<p><u>Funding bid submitted by GRGC</u></p> <p>A bid for the sum of £1,000 had been submitted by GRGC, with a view to funding “Grass cutting of the Grindleton Playground and associated areas”.</p> <p>A copy of the proforma completed by GRGC in support of the funding bid was provided, along with details of the funds held by GRGC at the end of 2023/24.</p> <p>Members considered the bid, and agreed that it was appropriate for payment.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to the applicant Michael Crossland and advise him that the bid had been approved (copying in the Chair so that payment could be processed)</p>	Clerk
h)	<p><u>Funding bid to LCC - LCC PROW and biodiversity grants</u></p> <p>The County Council had once again invited parish councils to apply for grants of £500 (for improvements to public rights of way) and £300 (enhancements to biodiversity). The deadline for submission of any applications was 30 June 2024.</p> <p>On members’ behalf, the Clerk had completed a draft application form for both the PROW and biodiversity funding streams.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to submit the completed draft application by the deadline of 30 June 2024</p> <p>As part of the funding process, the Parish Council was obliged to complete a report form outlining how the £800 previously provided by LCC for 2023/24 had been spent. Members considered a draft report compiled by the Clerk, and agreed that this should also be submitted.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to submit the draft report for the period 2023/24</p>	Clerk

i)	<p><u>Lengthsman</u></p> <p>Cllr Walsh had noted that the software used by the Lengthsman to submit invoices also allowed for the uploading of other documents. Potentially, therefore, this would allow for submission of a timesheet at the same time as an invoice.</p> <p>Members agreed that this was a positive suggestion, and they would ask Cllr Walsh to pick up on this at an appropriate time in the future.</p>	
5.	<p>Improving Parish Council effectiveness</p> <p>a) <u>Shared document storage</u></p> <p>Prior to the meeting, Cllr Atkinson had confirmed that - regarding Office 365 – he remained in ongoing debate with Microsoft as to whether they would accept that the Parish Council was a 'not for profit' organisation.</p>	
6.	<p>Parish Plan 2024/25</p> <p>The regular May meeting of the Parish Council had been devoted to a reconsideration of its Parish Plan 2023/24 (which had been developed some years previously and was now considered out of date).</p> <p>As a result of the May discussion, the Clerk had produced a revised draft Parish Plan 2024/25. Members considered the draft document but – given (i) its significance to the work of the Parish Council moving forward and (ii) the large number of apologies received for this meeting – agreed that detailed discussion on the draft should be deferred.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to diary a discussion at the August meeting Clerk to amend spelling error in para A2</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
7.	<p>Action Log 2023/24 – assessment of data</p> <p>In an attempt to reduce the length of meetings, members had initiated the use of an Action Log (intended to capture ongoing activities) from November 2023. Members noted with interest that, at year-end, the Clerk had analysed the Log over the 5-month period from November 2023 to the end of March 2024, and confirmed that during this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a total of 126 actions had been identified; and • of these, only 13 (10%) had not been marked as completed. 	
8.	<p>External audit 2023/24</p> <p>a) <u>Certificate of exemption</u></p> <p>Members were reminded that, at the May meeting, the draft certificate of exemption had been signed off. However, the Clerk now advised members that the signed certificate of exemption (along with the required contact details) had</p>	

	<p>not yet been submitted to the external auditor, pending resolution of the issues surrounding the adoption of a Microsoft Office 365 account (see minute item 5a above), upon which access to an obligatory generic email address was dependent.</p> <p>Members concluded that it was imperative for the certificate of exemption to be submitted prior to the deadline of 30 June, even if this required the Clerk to include his own email address on the certificate (as opposed to providing the required generic one in the name of the Parish Council, as the external auditors stipulated). Should this technical failure in compliance be challenged by the external auditors at a later date, an update on the Parish Council's attempts to secure the use of Microsoft Office 365 could then be provided by way of explanation.</p> <p>Resolved As the generic email address was not yet available, Clerk to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include his personal email address on the certificate of exemption; and • submit the certificate of exemption (and required contact details) prior to the deadline of 30 June <p>b) <u>Signing-off other AGAR documentation</u></p> <p>In line with the formal audit procedure, members were required to approve a number of documents. In doing so, members were reminded of the following stipulations imposed by the external auditors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the documents were to be presented in the particular order in which the external auditors required approval to be given (as adopted in this agenda); and • all the following documents must be published on the Parish Council's website by 30 June 2024. <p>i) <u>Presentation of Internal Auditor's report</u></p> <p>Members considered (i) the internal auditor's report and (ii) a copy of her comments in the form of a letter, both of which were provided for their information.</p> <p>Members were pleased to note that the internal auditor had not made any adverse findings, and had concluded that the accounts were kept "meticulously". The Clerk was thanked for his efforts in this regard.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally adopt the completed internal audit report for 2023/24; • authorise the Clerk to arrange for display of the internal auditor's report on the Parish Council website before 30 June 2024; and • approve payment of the auditor's fee of £90 (Clerk to email Chair and ask her to initiate payment) 	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p>
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ii)	<p><u>AGAR Section 1 - Annual Governance statement</u></p> <p>The Clerk had completed a draft Annual Governance Statement, based upon evidence compiled and which underpinned the submission. Copies of both documents were provided for members' consideration.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the contents of the draft Annual Governance Statement and the underpinning evidence provided; • formally adopt the Annual Governance Statement through its signature by the Chair and Clerk; and • authorise the Clerk to arrange for publication of the Annual Governance Statement on the Parish Council website before 30 June 2024 	Clerk
iii)	<p><u>AGAR Section 2 - Accounting Statement</u></p> <p>The Clerk provided a copy of the draft Section 2 Accounting Statement. This had been completed and signed – prior to the meeting - by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer, and now required approval by the Parish Council and signing by the Chair.</p> <p>Resolved Members agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the content of the draft Accounting Statement; • formally adopt the Accounting Statement and authorise the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Parish Council; and • authorise the Clerk to arrange for publication of the Accounting Statement on the Parish Council website before 30 June 2024 	Chair Clerk
iv)	<p><u>Public Rights / Publication Requirements</u></p> <p>By 30 June 2024, smaller authorities were obliged to publish various documents on a public website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. In addition to (i) the internal auditor's report and (ii) Sections 1 and 2 AGAR (approved and signed), the following documents should also be displayed (either under the above Regulations or as a matter of best practice):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of variances; • Bank reconciliation; • Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015; and • List of Parish Council expenditure over £100. <p>Copies of all the above draft documentation were presented to members by the Clerk.</p> <p><u>cont</u></p>	

	<p>Resolved Members agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the proposed dates for the period of public rights (1 July – 9 August); • agree to formally adopt the draft documents above; and • authorise the Clerk to arrange for their display on the Parish Council website before 30 June 2024 	Clerk
9.	<p>Planning applications to be considered</p> <p>a) <u>Applications on which the Parish Council is a consultee</u></p> <p>i) Planning Application No: 3/2024/0377 Proposal: Proposed installation of 40 photovoltaic panels on the front roof slopes. Location: Recreation Ground, Sawley Road, Grindleton BB7 4QS</p> <p>Having declared a Non-Registrable Interest, Cllr Halley vacated the chair and did not take any part in this discussion (which was led in her place by Cllr Haslam).</p> <p>Members were addressed by Mr John Halley, the Chair of Grindleton Recreation Ground Committee (GRGC, the applicant). Mr Halley advised members that the rationale for erecting solar panels was to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Pavilion as a community asset. During the recent energy crisis, monthly energy bills had risen to c£700; the use of solar panels would seek to “future proof” the charity against future risk arising from energy insecurity. A number of environmental benefits would also ensue; the panels would reduce CO2 emissions by c2.2 tons pa, a saving equivalent to that gained by the annual planting of 70-100 trees.</p> <p>Mr Halley explained that - had the application related to a residential dwelling rather than a “commercial” premises such as the Pavilion – the erection of solar panels would have fallen within permitted development and no planning consent would have been required. However, the permitted development regime for commercial premises would only apply if a 1m border was left between the solar panels and the roof line. The trustees of GRGC had considered such a border to be aesthetically displeasing, and hence had opted to submit a planning application featuring their preferred design (in which the 1m border was disapplied and the solar panels came closer to the roof edge).</p> <p>The trustees had sought to ensure that the intended solar panels were of an unobtrusive design, which would also benefit from the use of a “solaskirt” (a sleek black edge intended to cover unsightly gaps and prevent vermin gaining access beneath the panel).</p> <p>When Mr Halley had finished his address, members discussed the application <i>in camera</i>. It was agreed that members were supportive of the application, which featured a design sympathetic to the rural environment and Forest of Bowland National Landscape. Although the Pavilion itself was not situated within Grindleton Conservation Area (GCA), the impact of the design upon properties which were within the GCA was minimal as the panels did not fall within any line of sight to properties within it.</p>	

	<p>Members were particularly interested to learn of the use of a solaskirt, which was considered generally beneficial and may potentially mitigate the visual impact of panels erected in other sensitive areas around the parish. Consequently, future consideration would be given to amending the Parish Council’s policy statement with regard to the erection of solar panels displayed upon its website.</p> <p>Resolved No consultation response would be submitted to RVBC</p> <p>b) <u>Update – planning application 3/2023/0973</u></p> <p>The Chair had been contacted by the applicant, whose planning application had been rejected by RVBC in March 2024. The applicant had indicated his intention to seek the Parish Council’s support for his pending appeal against refusal. It was agreed that, once a formal written request had been received from the applicant, this would be circulated for member consideration.</p> <p>c) <u>Possible breach of planning legislation</u></p> <p>The Chair reported a possible breach of planning legislation arising from the unauthorised erection of solar panels at a prominent location within the village.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to obtain photographs and forward to the Clerk Clerk to add to next agenda for member consideration</p>	Chair Clerk
10.	<p>Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)</p> <p>a) <u>Planning application 3/2021/0661 - update</u></p> <p>Cllr Horkin reported that no further progress was anticipated prior to April 2025.</p>	
11.	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>A) <u>Log of footpath concerns</u></p> <p>The Clerk presented an updated version of the log of footpath concerns.</p> <p>On 28 May, the had Chair reported a complaint regarding a defective hand plank (loose and unattached at one side) on a stile situated on land at Foxley Bank Farm, Sawley Road. A letter advising the landowner of the issue had been sent, and the stile had subsequently been repaired.</p> <p>B) <u>Update on actions</u></p> <p>None, other than those discussed on Action Log.</p>	
12.	<p>Other reports submitted to LCC / other agencies</p> <p>Members noted that a number of matters of local concern had been reported to the appropriate agency:</p>	

Date	By	To	Ref No	Location	Issue
17.5.24	LH	LCC		1 Chestnut Cottages	Damage to grate caused by LCC when cleaning drain
29.5.24	LH	LCC		Opposite the Rectory on Sawley Road	Loose and leaning 30mph sign
u/k	LH	UU		Next to right hand tub at Rum Fox bus stop	Missing lid on drain / grid

13. **Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2024**

a) Update

The Chair reported that, whilst considerable progress had been made, there was still much to do in preparation for the judging (due to have started on 3 June). It was commented that the Lengthsman had perhaps not been as visible around the parish as he had in previous years.

An assessment of tasks completed / outstanding is set out below:

Action	Person	Status
Cherry Trees:		
paint the finger post	LH	done
clean the table	LH	done
clean the benches	LH / MH	done
clean commemorative stone	LH	done
tidy the daffodils (bases of cherry trees)	LH / MH	done
The Brow:		
clean the bench	LH / MH	done
sow seeds	LH	done
sweep around bench	CW	done
The Bridge:		
check LCC to repair around white railings	SW	The Iron railings enquiry has been logged. LCC highways are visiting Grindleton to inspect them. They have confirmed they have responsibility for maintaining them. They are going to initially look at the broken up concrete (photo attached) issue due to the tree routes and then look at what else needs to be done if

		anything in terms of repairs. The reference for the report is: 579822.
support centre of bench	?	SW to check
Sawley Rd:		
Check ownership of the fallen wall	SW	Enquiries underway
arrange Bowland school yellow warning lights to be turned	LH	
paint boundary stone (sorry forgot to mention this!)	MH	MH offered to take this on
Pinfold:		
Clean bench	?	
Familiarisation areas:		
Chapel Lane drainage		decision - no action as unadopted
Higher Chapel drain		decision- no action unadopted
Back Main Street		
allotments		
Tom Steele's garage roof/solar panel application		TS been advised, nfa
Meadowside		
Back Lane		Forgot to visit
Grindleton hub/telephone box- needs cleaning		Done
All other benches- bus stops @ Greendale/Chapel Lane, Hydro, Whitehall Lane		SW – bench at Hydro in good condition
Bus shelter painting/cleaning @bus turning circle + window washing	LH	Done

14. **Allotments**

A) General issues

Cllr Bramwell updated members on the recent tenants' meeting (see minute item 14C below).

B) New person on waiting list

The Parish Council had been approached by a local resident who wished to be placed on the waiting list for a vacancy to arise. This expression of interest now took the number of persons on the waiting list to 2.

C) Tenants' meeting

A meeting with tenants had been held on 10 April 2024, this being only the second such meeting arranged by the Parish Council. Attendance had been good, with 7 out of the 9 tenants present. A copy of the note of the meeting (subsequently

circulated to all tenants for their information) had been made available to members.

Whilst tenants had been appreciative of the opportunity to air their views, and the Parish Council had expressed its commitment to engaging with them wherever possible, a number of concerns had been aired. These primarily related to the terms of the recently revised tenancy agreement, and as a result it had been that certain matters would be re-presented to the Parish Council for members to consider:

i) Ban on the use of fires

The Chair and Clerk had explained to tenants that that a ban on the use of fires had been introduced due to concerns about (i) air pollution and (ii) the potential nuisance to neighbouring properties arising from smoke / burning. Tenants had however expressed the view that this restriction was unnecessary, as:

- no complaints about burning had been made by nearby residents; and
- the possible establishment of a dedicated burning area had been “semi-agreed” at the previous meeting, with no adverse views set out at that time.

In view of the strength of feeling, it had been agreed that, should a suitable dedicated burning area be identified, the Parish Council would be asked to reconsider its stance on this matter. (A location close to the sub-station was suggested as a possible area for burning, but on reflection was too close to nearby houses).

Members recognised the strength of feeling on this point but, after due deliberation, reiterated their concerns about air pollution and potential nuisance. They therefore concluded that their stance on banning the use of fires should remain the same.

ii) Composting of food waste

The clause in the revised tenancy agreement seeking to proscribe the use of food waste for composting (“*In particular, no fresh food waste (whether cooked or otherwise) should be used for composting*”) had proved equally contentious. The Chair had pointed out that this ban had been introduced due to the complaint received from nearby residents concerning the presence of rats on the allotment site (an allegation supported by at least one tenant present). However, tenants had considered the composting of food waste to be generally appropriate on an allotment site, and had noted that there was a lack of definition as to what now constituted the banned food waste. There was also considered to be a possible conflict between the banning of food waste and the acceptable use of “green, organic waste” in Clause 12sii. It had therefore been agreed that – on behalf of all allotment holders – the tenant of Plot 8 would produce a list of waste items which tenants would wish to compost, and which the Parish Council would then consider.

Resolved

Members to revisit on receipt of list from tenant of Plot 8

<p>D)</p> <p>i)</p>	<p><u>1981 lease agreement / possible areas of conflict with tenancy agreement to be explored</u></p> <p>As agreed at the March meeting, the Clerk had taken advice from legal officers at RVBC areas of possible conflict between the revised tenancy agreement and the historic lease. As a result of this advice, two tenancy-related matters were now put before members:</p> <p><u>Recouping of allotment costs</u></p> <p>When read in conjunction, clauses 1 and 2(8) of the 1981 lease appeared to prevent the Parish Council from recouping from tenants in rent more than the rent paid by the Parish Council to RVBC (£10).</p> <p>Dialogue with RVBC had raised the prospect of the Parish Council approaching the RVBC management team with a view to seeking a variation to clause 2(8) of the 1981 lease which would allow the Parish Council to recover its costs in providing the allotments.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to approach RVBC and ask for the wording of Clause 2(8) of the lease to be revisited so as to allow the Parish Council to recoup its reasonable costs</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>ii)</p>	<p><u>Erection of sheds and greenhouses</u></p> <p>Clause 2(9) of the 1981 lease stated that “one greenhouse and one implement shed only shall be erected on each allotment”, and that each shed or greenhouse should be “subject to a maximum gross area of One hundred square feet”. It was acknowledged that the revised tenancy agreement did not reflect this approach, seeking as it did to generally restrict the use of sheds or outbuildings but with no size limitations imposed.</p> <p>Members remained concerned that the wording of Clause 2(9) would potentially allow a proliferation of sheds / outbuildings across the allotment site, the collective effect of which would be visually displeasing and to potentially block the light of other tenants. With this in mind, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to RVBC and ask whether the wording of Clause 2(9) could be revisited at the same time as that of Clause 2(8).</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to write to RVBC and explore the feasibility of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removing tenants’ current right under Clause 2(9) to have one greenhouse and one implement shed per plot; or • should RVBC wish to retain the right for tenants to have a greenhouse / implement shed, whether the wording which sets out a maximum size of a greenhouse / shed could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - removed completely (with discretion as to the number and sizing of sheds etc instead left to the Parish Council; or - amended so that - whilst the right for tenants to erect a shed etc was retained - the maximum dimensions imposed by RVBC on sheds etc could be reduced to a less intrusive level 	<p>Clerk</p>

15.	<p>Rural Prosperity Fund</p> <p>a) <u>Permissive footpath</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that, prior to any discussion with landowners affected by the proposal, she and Cllr Atkinson were still intending to draw up a plan of the proposed route of the permissive path. The Chair had brought along a definitive map of footpaths in the parish which she intended to use for this purpose.</p> <p>b) <u>Nature Recovery Network</u></p> <p>Cllr Haslam confirmed that she remained in discussion with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, whose views on the proposal were of significance for any future funding bid.</p>	
16.	<p>80th anniversary of D-Day – 6 June 2024</p> <p>a) <u>Update</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that the original proposals to commemorate the event (which had involved lighting the beacon) had been abandoned due to lack of available members on the night. Instead, it had been agreed that a smaller gathering would take place at the cherry trees from 7.30pm on 6 June. As well as a display of poppies, the gathering would feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Last Post, performed by Cllr Brennan; • bagpipes played by Bill Turner; and • the proclamation would be read by Simon Hall. <p>As the pub would be open, traffic marshals would be required. Cllr Bramwell confirmed his willingness to assist, and the Chair would also seek other volunteers for this role.</p> <p>b) <u>Service of commemoration – Blackburn Cathedral</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received an invitation from the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Mrs Amanda Parker, for members to attend a special service at Blackburn Cathedral to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.</p> <p>Members were pleased to receive the invitation, but unfortunately no member was available to attend on 9 June.</p>	
17.	<p>Update from Ward Councillor present</p> <p>Cllr Horkin discussed a number of procedural changes to the role of RVBC’s Planning and Development Committee which were intended to make it more “user friendly”. For instance, the time period within which an application could be “called in” was to be extended from 14 days (from electronic circulation of the details) to 21 days. Furthermore, the Chair of the committee could now call in an application at any time during the determination process so long as good cause could be shown.</p> <p>cont</p>	

	<p>This led to a wider discussion other less satisfactory aspects of the Planning regime, including the lack of clarity over when notices were obliged to be displayed.</p> <p>The Chair again sought clarification from Cllr Horkin on the Borough Council's stance with regard to the erection of solar panels, but once more there seemed to be little certainty as to what factors would render an application acceptable to the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>Cllr Horkin sought feedback on the merits of the application process for the Rural Prosperity Fund, and went on to outline other funding streams which may be available. These included a c£1m fund made available to parishes by RVBC, with the intention of supporting community assets. The scheme would be limited to one application per parish, with a £50k maximum grant and the possible requirement for some matched funding.</p> <p>Cllr Horkin had been advised by LCC that work had now been completed on 50% of all potholes scheduled for repair. Members commented on the perceived poor quality of work carried out, and it was agreed that examples of inadequate repair should be forwarded directly to county councillors for their information.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to provide Cllr Haslam with the email address for County Cllr Mirfin</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>Other meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGRC – none. As an aside, the Chair confirmed that the “open gardens” event would be held on the weekend of 22/23 June. • Parish Councils’ Liaison Committee – the Clerk confirmed that the meeting scheduled for 20 June had been cancelled, and would now be held on 12 September. <p>Resolved Clerk to advise Cllr Atkinson of the revised date</p> <p>In addition, prior to the meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Atkinson had indicated his intention to raise an issue at the next RVBC PCLC. This related to the current location of the Henthorn Rd Recycling Centre and whether RVBC would consider investigating an alternative (more central and easily accessible) location for the site. Members confirmed that they had no objection to Cllr Atkinson raising this matter at the PCLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASP – Cllr Bramwell to attend in the Chair’s absence. <p>Resolved Chair to send date of the meeting to Cllr Bramwell</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>19.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p><u>Lancashire Community Orchard Grant - Lancashire County Council</u></p> <p>Members received details of the Coronation Community Orchard Grant Scheme, a small grants programme for community groups within Lancashire (including parish councils) intended to provide a lasting legacy to mark the King's coronation.</p>	

	<p>Members were supportive of the initiative, but were unable to identify a suitable area of land within the parish where an orchard could be established.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to ask the Wood land Trust if any suitable land could be made available within the Millenium Wood</p>	Chair
b)	<p><u>Youth Bus</u></p> <p>LCC had confirmed that the final session of the Youth Bus would take place on 26 June 2024. The Chair had thanked LCC officers for their support with this project.</p>	
20.	Any Other Business	
a)	<p><u>B4RN</u></p> <p>The Chair advised that most of the wayleaves had now been secured. Whilst work in the centre of Grindleton would still be considered problematic (due to narrow streets and lack of field access), these difficulties were not insurmountable. The key issue now was the need to raise £310k of community funding; only £46k of this had been pledged to date. However, once the funding had been secured, it was considered that work could then commence very swiftly.</p>	
b)	<p><u>Portrait of King Charles III</u></p> <p>A copy of the commemorative portrait provided by HM government had been acquired and added to the Asset Register. It was agreed that the Chair would approach St Ambrose Church to see if the portrait could be hung there, or (if not) a further approach to Grindleton Primary School would be made.</p> <p>Resolved Chair to pursue</p>	Chair
c)	<p><u>River railings</u></p> <p>Cllr Wheeler had pointed out the need to paint the river railings (possibly in a darker colour to make rusting less obvious).</p> <p>Members agreed to defer further discussion on this for the time being.</p>	
d)	<p><u>Wildflower seeds</u></p> <p>Cllr Walsh was in receipt of the donated wildflowers and had enquired whether the Parish Council now needed to acknowledge the donation.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to obtain details of the donor from Cllr Walsh and write a letter of thanks on members' behalf</p>	Clerk

e)	<p><u>Website</u></p> <p>The Chair suggested that references to the village football and cricket clubs (now defunct) remained in the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Resolved Clerk to check / contact the administrator as appropriate</p>	Clerk
	<p>The next meeting of Grindleton Parish Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 6 August 2024 at Grindleton Pavilion.</p> <p>NB – there would be no meeting in July following the Parish Council’s decision to revert to bi-monthly meetings.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.

Signed by:		
	Date: 6.8.24	Cllr L Halley (Chair)