

# Grindleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

In the Parish Room St Ambrose School Sawley Road Grindleton.

Present : Cllrs J. Cowling (in the chair), J.Pye, , Mrs C. Doherty, Mrs D. McEvoy, and P. Entwistle

In attendance- ECSO Susan Hartley, Mr & Mrs J.W. Wright, Mr A. Bowen, Mr T. Parkinson, Mr B. Dearing M. Heathcote and Mrs M.A. Renton, Clerk

**1a Apologies** J. Marshall, J. Towler, RV Cllr M. Ranson and RV Cllr Mrs B. Hilton

**1b Declarations of interest.** As the meeting progressed, interests became apparent and were declared by Cllr J. Cowling and Mrs C. Doherty. They took no part in the relevant matters.

**2. Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 Meeting and matters arising-** The Minutes were approved and the following were discussed-

**a) Cherry tree project.** The RVBC grant monies had been received and the metal notice board is to be ordered at approx £1670. Stone table is being investigated.

**b) Progress with footpath to Chatburn.** Cllr P. Entwistle had met with the Chatburn Councillor. There is a bit of flux as Castle Cement has changed ownership and is now run by Hansons. The Clerk is to find the previous correspondence and supply copies to the Land agents, Pallisters to be followed by a meeting including Peter Finch LCC Footpaths Officer.

**c) Bowland High School coaches.** Once the Ribble Lane works are completed, the school coaches are to utilise a one way system and some staggered finishes to try to reduce the impact of school home time on local traffic.

**d) Neighbourhood watch scheme progress** The Clerk is contacting PC Peter Wareing for another village meeting, ideally in September. Cllr P Entwistle has seen a number of used Neighbourhood Watch signs which we could 'recycle' before buying any more.

**e) Drainage problems and responses received.** Mr B. Dearing was at the meeting and suggested a different source which is to be investigated and if not resolved, to be referred to the Environment Agency.

**f) Grindleton Bridge Works.** A letter had been received stating the work will be proceeding during the Ribble Lane closure.

**3. Conduct of Meetings and public participation** A brief discussion was held with public participation to occur towards the beginning of the meeting for approximately two minutes per speaker.

**a) Planning Application 3/2008/0605 Field adjacent to Bambers, Lane Ends Grindleton.** Several residents wished to speak about this application which they felt much increased the permission already granted and exasperated some existing drainage problems. Mr T. Parkinson had problems with its location close to his property. There was concern that conditions imposed about the colour of the roof, sewage and water run off had not been formalised. The ménage itself was felt to be very large for private use at 40 x 30 metres for 3 horses. Flooding was seen as a serious threat by Mr Wright and Mr Bowen. There had been inconsiderate parking. Cllr J. Cowling is to go up in the morning to see what the problems are on site.

**b) Planning Refusal for Decking at The Duke of York PH.** Mr Heathcote and Mr T. Parkinson spoke about the history of this application. RVBC had been asked about the need for planning permission and a letter purporting to suggest it was not needed had been received. It was felt that it had not been appreciated this was a listed building for which the rules are much more stringent. Mr Heathcote had wanted to put his points to the Parish Council before they had objected. The planning application was discussed at the June meeting but before the full plans had been received from RVBC. At the pub, a petition has already attracted 300 signatures in favour of retention. The applicant had been seeking advice from the Planners and had wanted to enhance further with flower boxes etc. Current diversion signs have also been unhelpful to his business. Councillors noted these comments.

**c) The Beachherders Festival at Sawley.** Mr B. Dearing had come to make complaint about this 3 day Festival with a Licence to 5am with the beat heard all over Grindleton (including Lane Ends- others concurred). The Festival also leaves a mess. Councillors felt the Licence to 5am was excessive and the Clerk is to write to RVBC suggesting a 2pm limit at which stage the police can enter as they can at say, the Playing Field events if not quiet.

**d) Wheelie bins.** Mr B. Dearing explained Chapel Lane had had 3 different systems and were now on lilac bags for all waste- so no recycling. Mr Wright felt the blue and burgundy bins were being mixed in the refuse van. Cllr Mrs C. Doherty had asked for a larger recycling bin but that was not available. These problems were noted.

The public left the meeting after this item.

**4. Police and Community Matters.** Emergency Community and Safety Officer Susan Hartley outlined a recent campaign targeting the use of mobile phones whilst driving and the non use of seat belts, in the Ribble Valley. Due to other pressures, the campaign was operative on 13 days only in July ( but will be repeated). However, 43 persons were stopped for mobile phone use with 3 points and £60 fine and a staggering 251 non wearing of seat belts with a £30 fine. Councillors hoped the

campaign and these results would be well publicized as a deterrent to others. ESCO S. Hartley also gave a clear idea of the police call outs to Grindleton. She was thanked and left the meeting. (For future meetings, Police in attendance will be heard prior to the Public).

## **5. Planning Matters since the last meeting**

### **5.1 Current Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting-**

**5.1.1 3/2008/0605 Extension to already approved building and change of use from general grazing to horse ménage at Field adjacent to Bambers Lane Ends Grindleton BB7 4PH.** Minute 3a also refers with views of local residents. It was agreed Cllr J.Cowling should go to view the next morning. As a result of his visit, the following comment was made to RVBC planners- The council have no objection to the above application subject to the following issues:

1 Surface water drainage treatment. The council suggest that the area would be better drained if the surface water above the proposed menage is diverted into an existing drain which runs parallel with Smalden Lane and borders on the property. The water from the menage and the already approved stable and proposed hard standing is diverted along the southern boundary of the property into the same drain lower down the hill.

The above proposal would help to alleviate the previous flooding which the two properties below the development have in the past experienced.

2 Concerns have been expressed about the size of the menage and feel it is an over development.

If the above issues are addressed the development would be acceptable.

**5.1.2 3/2008/0629 Two storey extension at Harrop Gate Farm Harrop Bolton-by-Bowland BB7 4PJ.** The Parish Council had no objections.

**5.2 Comments made on Planning Applications since the previous meeting-** These were noted.

**5.2.1 3/2008/0373 Re Retrospective Planning Application for decking to the front of the Duke of York Public House Brow Top Grindleton.** Minute 3b also relates.

The Parish Council had considered this application when received after the previous meeting and objected on the following grounds:-

- a) The Public House is a grade 2 listed building
- b) It is located in a conservation area.
- c) It is the focal point when entering the village from the south.

**5.2.2 3/2008/0457 Re Rodhill House Smalden Lane Grindleton BB7 4RX-Proposed construction of Single Storey Garden Room extension and associated works.**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**4.2.3 3/2008/0503 Re Broadfold Farm Main St Grindleton BB7 4QT to form new vehicular access by demolishing front wall and creating 2 car parking spaces**

The Clerk apologised this is a little late due to holidays but the Parish Council had no objections.

**5.2.4 3/2008/0530 Re Fell View Barn Baygate Bolton by Bowland BB7 4PQ- Bedroom extension above existing rest room. New kitchen/dining lean to to extension**

The Parish Council had no objections.

**6. Financial Matters**

**6.a-** The following payments were approved-

£	Who to	What for	Legal Power
£183.33 £8.37	Clerks Honorarium for Aug/Sept Clerks expenses	Total payment = £191.70	S112 LGA 1972
£81.25	K.Hopkinson	Distribution of Parish Plans (approved in June)	S142 LGA 1972
£81.25 £12.80 £39.60	N. Kelly	Distribution of Parish Plans (approved in June) New drafts Postage to outlying properties Total due =£133.65	S142 LGA 1972
£99.00 £20.58	Mrs M.A.Renton	Parish Plan work and expenses= £119.58	S112 LGA 1972
£10.00	Mr J. Cowling	Photography for Parish Plan	S142 LGA 1972
£10.00	RVBC	Allotment rent	Open Spaces Act 1906
£200.00	RVBC	Printing of Parish Plan	S142 LGA 1972
Approx £1670		Metal Noticeboard	S142 LGA 1972
£1165.80	Whalley Parish Council	To note payment made for lengthsman already agreed and made	S142 LGA 1972
£756.18	Total (known		

**6b** It was also agreed to a transfer of £6000 to the deposit account.

**6c** The Clerk had attended training, as a guest, on Risk Assessment at a local Group of the Society of Local Council Clerks. This was very helpful and she asked if this Council would pay half the cost of the annual fees of £5 initial joining plus £59 related to her salary, being £32(if Pendleton Parish Council also agrees the following week when they meet). This was agreed in principle.

## **7 Reports from outside bodies**

### **Lancashire Association of Local Councils-**

**a) Recreation Ground-**Cllr J. Cowling reported that the lengthsman has been doing some regular work at the playing field- emptying bins and general tidying up. This is a space for the public and a proper use of the lengthsman. Cllr Mrs C. Doherty explained the playing field costs are spiralling with annual insurance up and a big increase with the water charge so that annual maintenance is now running at 2.5/3K per annum- quite a strain. Cllr J. Cowling thought they should consider targeting adult membership as well as children as the playing field public liability insurance could cover such members when they use the Bowland High school facilities, for example.

**Lane End Educational Charity-** Cllr J. Cowling reported there is an offer in for the sale of the school premises but held up by solicitors finding the deeds..

**Grindleton Consolidated Charities-** Cllr J. Cowling reported Harrop Gate Farm had been sold and the monies invested short term whilst the trustees determine a new scheme of distribution and investment in the retained barns.

**Footpaths-** Cllr P. Entwistle has been in discussions with Chatburn on a possible route. Ownership of Castle Cement has recently changed to the Hanson Group so we may need to remind the company of the previous correspondence about donation of land- the clerk is to find this. The L.C.C. has paid for a new kissing gate at Harrop Gate and the bench at Ducky Leach (which came from the Brow) has been cemented in.

**Lengthsman-** When Cllrs J. Cowling is away shortly, the lengthsman is to be directed by Cllr P. Entwistle.

**Website-** Cllr Mr J. Cowling has tried to get to see the previous webmaster Mr J.Groom but not yet managed it. This is important for the new regime and active use of the website.

## **8. Correspondence requiring action**

**a) Greendale Wood.** The possibility of some parking connected to this site was briefly discussed.

**b) Strategic Housing Market Assessment.** This is a weighty, important document requiring views by 1<sup>st</sup> September. The document is to be circulated and comments to the Clerk. This is important for the village to say what housing is needed. The Parish Plan did not highlight particular problems.

**c) Noise nuisance from Sawley Festival.** Minute 3c also refers. The wind direction and stillness had aggravated the problem but the Clerk is to write to state the Parish Council strongly recommends events should cease by 2am at the very latest.

**9. Parish Plan.** The Action plan was noted, with a suggestion of some prioritising.

**a) Parking.** Cllr P. Entwistle has been looking at possible additional parking. He feels there is a possibility of the householders in Milnshaw Terrace/Rock View combining to provide 2 extra spaces. Most of those affected are in favour. Cllr P. Entwistle and the clerk will consider how to take this forward. Another location in Back Lane/Chapel Meadow with a broken wall could also provide a permissive access for parking 4 vehicles if the owner(s) was/were willing. The first step is to ascertain the owner and ask.

**10. Any other business for noting/future action only.** The Clerk is to ask for any agenda meetings about 2 weeks prior to meetings. If the smells issues are not resolved, they should be referred to the environment Agency for their action.

**11. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm.