

Minutes of Grindon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 at the Village Hall, Grindon

1 Present: Cllr G Nutter (Chair) Cllrs J Austin, N Distin (temp. clerk), P Pickford, R Tomkinson,

2 Minutes of the last meeting Proposed by Cllr Pickford, seconded Cllr Tomkinson, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd June be accepted. All in favour.

3 Matters Arising

Code of Conduct training for Parish Councillors at SMDC, next available 3rd September. Parish Statement comments had been forwarded to PDNP.

Highways had completed request to restore the stone at Parsons Lane/Woodisse Lane corner.

Request made to ask again about clearing of cattle grid on All Saint's Lane along from car parking area behind church, in Grindon.

Request to fell a tree at land opposite Church Avenue (after a branch split) : ref ENQ/36568 has been approved by the PDNP Tree Conservation Officer. The work will be performed in the autumn, including the planting of a replacement horse chestnut sapling.

Continue to seek a Clerk.

4 Correspondence received

Lengthsman requires assistance with duties, and wishes to review later in the year future availability. Councillors have assisted with mowing, strimming and maintenance of machinery. They all wish to thank those residents who have also contributed to looking after public spaces. This is also an opportunity to review how these spaces are managed: which areas are needed to be cut/ which could be left to grow.

PDNP Transport Design Guide recognises that there are many different Highway Authorities providing services within the park.

BT phone box closure notice: Cllrs asked had there been a preservation order applied to the boxes last time a closure notice was given? To ask PDNP.

SCC Highways: road closure Woodisse Lane to Parsons Lane planned for 11 July.

'Helping People Fund' the County Councillors each have £2500 to distribute to local projects.

SPCA Bulletin: advance notice re next year's May Day BH. It will be the first Friday in May so as to coincide with the 75th VE Day commemorations 8th-10th May 2020;

Tree Charter Day to promote tree planting will be the 30th November this year.

Hedgehog Rolling Sunday 14th July raising funds for Village Hall. Grazing of Village Green field: advised of when need to vacate to allow for preparations.

Request from a resident to become a Parish Councillor. Letter read out. Discussion, including advice re: Code of Conduct, procedures and the need to clarify when co-option can occur before/after Elections followed. To review this information at the next meeting.

5 Planning Matters no correspondence has been received regarding outstanding applications.

6 Financial Matters SMDC will continue to support with a Lengthsman Grant of £400 this year.

Annual Parish Audit being prepared for auditor to examine, for which draft accounts will be available. To liase with MAZARS regarding delay to submission. VAT claim will follow thereafter.

Bank Statements: Community Account £1795.16 Business Saver Acc. £1.46. Statements have arrived.

Clerk administration expenses: cheque £7.40 pp Cllr Tomkinson 2nd Cllr Pickford. All in favour.

7 Projects. Lawnmower required further service: list with photos provided. Thanks

for doing this were expressed to The Webbs. Play Area and equipment to be checked for wear and tear.

8 Any Other Business Aware vehicles continue to ignore road signs re: access Weag's Barn lane, across Weag's Bridge, and to Waterfall. Inform PDNP when notifying SCC when this happens?

Owing to various commitments July/August and, if required number of councillors will be available? Decision was made to next meet in September. Pp Cllr Nutter 2nd Cllr Austin. All in favour.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 2nd September 2019. Meeting closed at 20.55hrs N.Distin (temporary clerk)

#TWBYourVoiceCounts - Make your views heard on the future of health and care locally

The **Together We're Better** partnership is launching a 12-week public conversation across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent to listen and understand what is important to Staffordshire residents about health and care locally, what works well and what they think should be improved.

The partners in Together We're Better, include the County Council, NHS organisations, local authorities, Healthwatch and voluntary and community sector groups all of which are seeking to to achieve a joint vision of *'working with you to make Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent the healthiest places to live and work'*.

The 12-week public conversation will launch in the coming weeks and will build on the NHS Long Term Plan that was published in January 2019. Local conversations will focus on the following areas:

- Simplifying the local urgent and emergency care system
- Developing a new vision for health and care in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent that is focussed on high quality community based care centred on the citizen - this will include maternity services, mental health services and planned care (surgery and outpatients)
- How the local health and care system can embrace and fully utilise new technology and ensure the buildings we deliver services from are fit for purpose

- Reviewing the use and function of the community hospitals in South Staffordshire
- Exploring what 'integration of health and care services' really means for local people
- Identifying additional priorities that will deliver clinical and financial stability.

Dates, venues and information on how to get involved with listening events can be found here.

A survey seeking your views will be available on **Together We're Better's website** soon.

Parish Statements

We are informally consulting on parish statements. This is an initial engagement stage with parishes and local communities to help shape a series of parish statements we are proposing. We have prepared parish statements for the majority of parishes within the Peak District National Park. They are 'living' documents that can be regularly updated by parishes and us to reflect changes when they occur. Some statements are shared between parishes which is a result of how the census 2011 data is mapped. Please see list below to find your parish statement.

The purpose of the statements

- to understand parish dynamics
- to inform the Local Plan review and planning matters in general
- for parishes to use as a platform for their vision/aspirations
- for parishes to use as a planning tool for the future and to guide planning related matters
- to help access funding for community projects
- additionally a parish statement could be the starting point to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

These statements are **DRAFT**. There are gaps where information is missing. Please help us complete these sections. You can also suggest additions or amendments which would benefit from a parish perspective to improve the statement. If you have any photos to use in the documents, please send those to us.

With regards to distance to nearest services, if missing, this will be updated by us. Potential for affordable house – does your parish have any outstanding affordable housing needs and do you know of any potential sites in your community? Please submit a site plan and address to help us identify them.

Please send your feedback (referencing your parish statement) to policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk by July 31st 2019.

Note numbers 2011 census.

Concerns regarding how out of date this document will be, will the 2021 census figures be included once available, noting that decisions are likely to be made by the Authority based on the final Statement? Guess that's how it's always been.

When was Conservation Area extended to include nearly all of the dwellings in the Grindon settlement, is that something that the parish will have been advised of?

Additional information

Settlement Amenities:

Primary School ? distance to nearest/catchment be noted? in our case Waterhouses Primary.

Distance to General Practice is this listed 'as the crow flies' as more like 3, 3 1/2 miles by road.

Broadband limited, despite attempts to get improvements for all properties, left to individual properties.

Mobile Library bus (Staffordshire County Council) has continued despite many revisions to the service. Visits now Tuesdays alternate weeks.

Village website/newsletter: noticeboards are found in Grindon and Ford!

Telephone box: one in Grindon; one Grindonmoor Gate; another Ford.

Access to sports facilities other than a field: swimming pool in Waterhouses (Community School Pool).

Grindon groups and village events:

Village Hall Committee very active to support the building and offer social activities, available for hire.

Events: Harvest Supper