

**Minutes of Grindon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
2019  
at the Village Hall, Grindon**

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

**2 Minutes of the last meeting** Proposed by Cllr Pickford, seconded Cllr Austin, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July be accepted. All in favour.

**3 Matters Arising**

Code of Conduct training for Parish Councillors at SMDC, next available 3<sup>rd</sup> September.  
Highways: requested again re: clearing of cattle grid on All Saint's Lane towards Ossam's Hill, Grindon.

Continuing deterioration of the road through Ford brought two residents to the meeting; despite having made multiple reports of numerous potholes, road surface edges breaking up, poaching of verges from vehicles, to name a few concerns. It was agreed that the Council will make new requests to the Highways Dept for a site visit with councillors. The residents then left the meeting.

BT phone box closure consultation: PDNP confirmed that the boxes are 'cultural heritage assets' and would strongly object to their removal. BT yet to inform of any plans.

Request to be a Parish Councillor.

**Correspondence received**

SMDC: Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations: information read out. All agreed venue suitable, perhaps signs to the polling station may assist voters. Feedback to be emailed.

Referring to vacant parish councillor seats (in Matters Arising), a second application has also been received, which was read out. Procedures of co-opting had been sought from SMDC. It was agreed to write to invite the residents to the next month's meeting to complete the process of co-opting of the seats, inc Register of Interests form and signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Conduct.

PDNP Parishes Day Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> October this year's theme is 'Visitors & Events Management'.

SCC Communities CIC: Wellbeing Fund & Waste Reduction Fund information read out  
SPCA Air Aware Staffordshire campaign.

**5 Planning Matters**

Request re: the history of Hillsdale Hall had been received. After Staffordshire Records, suggested to ask the Diocese of Lichfield if any records held with them mentioning the property.

Planning Inspectorate Appeal of the Levens barn conversion refusal was overturned: permission now granted.

**NP/SM/0619/0639** Lows Farm, Grindon. Replacement of 2 existing, approved stable blocks with an American barn, to be located in the same position (private use).

Discussed. pp Cllr Nutter 2<sup>nd</sup> Pickford. All in favour.

**NP/SM/0719/0780** Manor Farm, Grindon. Listed Building Consent – replacement windows in north and south elevations. Noted research and need to support refurbishment. pp Cllr Tomkinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Austin. All in favour.

**NP/SM/0819/0863** Hawthorn Cottage, Grindon. Erection of Agricultural Building replacing previous structures; re-surfacing of existing ménage (for agricultural storage), erection of dog kennel and landscaping (Retrospective). Discussed site development. pp Cllr Nutter 2<sup>nd</sup> Austin. Majority in favour.

**6 Financial Matters**

Bank Statements: Community Account: £1795.16  
£1.46

Business Saver Account:

Audit of draft accounts 2018/19 performed; advice received and now shared; Accounts

available to view.

Certificate of Exemption to MAZARS 29/07/19; requested payment asap of £48 (inc.VAT) hence cheque signed Cllr Pickford & Distin 27/08/19.

Thanks expressed to N Rawlinson for auditing the accounts and advice given. Gift voucher £20 pp Cllr Nutter 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pickford All in favour.

Clerk: expenses to be requested next month.

Application for VAT claim to follow.

**7 Projects.** To continue search for Clerk.

**8 Any Other Business** request to investigate purchase of digital projector and screen for Village Hall.

**Date of the next meeting:** Monday 7th October 2019. Meeting closed at 21.30hrs  
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](mailto:policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk) by July 31<sup>st</sup> 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