

Minutes of Grindon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019 at the Village Hall, Grindon

1 Present: Cllr G Nutter (Chair) Cllrs N Distin (temp. clerk), P Pickford, P Botham

Apologies: Cllr R Tomkinson, J Austin

2 Minutes of the last meeting Proposed by Cllr Pickford, seconded Cllr Nutter, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd September be accepted. Of those present in September; all in favour.

3 Matters Arising

New Parish Councillor welcomed; ahead of the meeting Register of Interests form provided; temp. clerk to hand in to SMDC; Declaration of Acceptance of Conduct forms were signed by all councillors present.

New Clerk: information shared, will require parish meetings to be held on another day and week of the month. Options and councillor's preferences discussed. Second Wednesday of the month chosen to secure new clerk for the council and to proceed with the appointment pp Cllr Nutter 2nd Cllr Distin. All in favour to proceed. To confirm changes with Village Hall committee. Chair and Cllr Distin to meet clerk this week.

Highways: cattle grid on All Saint's Lane has report ref 41697. Ford, the deterioration of the road along Dairy House Lane. Chair reported that the head of the local depo of SCC Highways requests that residents use the online service to report their concerns, even if this means multiple applications.

BT phone box closure, not aware of consultation started, remember has electric supply for light inside box.

Correspondence received

PDNP Parishes Day Sat. 12th October, no representation this year. Planning Bulletin: Small Communities Grant scheme ends March 2020; SW Peak Landscape P Scheme grants Oct 19, January and March 2020 which will then end. Discussed what areas may benefit from groups sharing resources to make an application.

SCC have developed website packages, with email addresses, for parish councils to adopt (fee to pay). Merits of this discussed, given GDPR and use of private emails to conduct local government (voluntary) business, and that the council has no equipment to use for meetings nor internet access in the hall. To review in the future.

SPCA Bulletin: Quorum, what numbers needed for a meeting to proceed.

MP letter re: tour of Houses of Parliament 17th Oct.

Peak District Rural Housing Association letter read out and leaflet given to councillors. Douglas Macmillan Hospice, Stoke on Trent, fundraising campaign email.

5 Planning Matters

NP/SM/0619/0639 Lows Farm. Decision Notice: Granted conditions read out.

NP/SM/0919/0994 Lows Farm Section 73 for the removal or variation of condition 4 on NP/SM/0619/0639 relates to vertical vs horizontal timberwork. Application read, application and plans of 0639 viewed again so as to understand the variation being applied for. Discussed. pp Cllr Pickford 2nd Nutter. All in favour. Comments to be sent with email to Peak District National Park.

6 Financial Matters

Bank Statements: Community Account: £1747.16
£1.46

Business Saver Account:

Accounts reviewed (as suggested at audit) Precept this month. To enquire at SMDC re: Lengthsman Grant.

Stackhouse Poland Ltd - Came & Co Local Council Insurance - wrote to advise of ownership changes and emailed Terms of Business documents.

Invoice for room hire 5/2018 to 4/2019 £96 cheque to Grindon Old School New Management Committee.

Cheque for temp. clerk expenses (keys cut, padlock purchased, admin equipment)

£47.49 to N Distin.

Cheque to Douglas Macmillan Hospice £20 remembering past Cllr and Chair A Hollins. All three cheques pp Cllr Nutter 2nd Cllr Pickford. All in favour. Application for VAT claim to follow.

7 Projects. Meet and prepare for new clerk ahead of next month. with reference to future noticeboard refurbishments, suggestion to site in the bus shelter thereafter?

8 Any Other Business

Lengthsman request: to improve efficiency of mowing suggest to purchase a grass sweeper to attach to rear of mower approx. £200 from a local supplier. Specification sheet read. Written quote requested.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2019. Meeting closed at 21.15hrs

N.Distin (temporary clerk)