

**Minutes of Grindon Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8th July 2020  
By Webex Conference System.**

**Present:** Councillor G. Nutter (Chair) Councillors N Distin, P Botham, R Tomkinson, P Pickford.

**Apologies:** J Austin. C Spinks.

**Minutes of the last meeting** Proposed by Cllr Pickford, seconded Cllr Botham, that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 be accepted. All in favour. The minutes were filed to be signed by the Chair at the next opportunity.

**Matters Arising**

Removal of Telephone Kiosk. Clerk to raise the issue of the safety of the electrical supply termination with Western Power Distribution: Stoke East Technician.

Came & Co. insurance renewal for 2020/21 completed in March.

SPCA subscription renewal completed in June.

Parish Council accepted the highest tender (£75) in April, for grazing the field from A Bestwick.

**Correspondence**

Broadband Superfast Fibre to the Property is now live; properties will have received information from SCC.

Covid 19 developments discussed inc. how to hold public meetings; preparations at the Village Hall and the increased visitor numbers to the area – day and overnight visitors. Up to ten camper vans/mobile homes a night parked at Grindon Station, and occasionally behind All Saint’s Church. Any signs have been removed. Clerk to report this to PDNP. Noted that more off- road motorcyclists in the valley.

SPCA online training schedule to be forwarded to all Parish Councillors.

**Highways** recent works not done properly- cattle grid not cleared and large potholes in Ford dismissed. Cllr Distin will report this again.

**Planning Matters** with Emergency Executive Decisions for planning being made in May and June, meetings of the Peak Park Planning Committee will resume, online, this Friday.

Planning applications were examined online by Parish Councillors ahead of this meeting.

**NP/SM/0220/0171** and **0174** Hillsdale Hall Farm. Considered to be acceptable but there were lots of different areas being dealt with under one application: no part of the application dealing with the conversion to holiday lets? Can this be made available by the applicant or Peak Park please?

**NP/SM/0220/0177** Hurdon Lowe, application had since been withdrawn.

**NP/DIS/0220/0194** Manor Farm, advice re: discharge of conditions relating to ongoing work.

**NP/SM/1219/1317** Spring Croft Pothooks Lane, erection of agricultural building. Refused at Emergency Executive decision meeting (owing to Covid 19 restrictions).

**NP/GDO/0520/0389** Land east of Martinslow Lane, new portal frame agricultural building. Advice that a General Planning Development Order to be issued with no public consultation. The Parish Council to ask why is this a different planning situation from the application **NP/SM/1219/1317** off Pothooks Lane which required a full application and went to committee.

**NP/SM/0520/464** Hillsdale Hall Listed Building Consent proposed repointing of walls. Supported.

**NP/SM/0620/0498** Coxen Green Farm replacement of agricultural building (Cllr Tomkinson declared interest). The Parish Council supports this application as it will improve the local surroundings.

**NP/SM/0620/0533** The Cottage Installation of (domestic) water treatment plant.

Legislation to replace septic tanks with modern water treatment plants is now in effect and there will be more of these projects needed/expected in the future. This is a retrospective application. The council understood, last year, that the necessary permissions had been sought – water authority and building regulations – and that no planning application was required. The Parish Council has concerns about this kind of retrospective planning application where different agencies believe there is no need for prior public consultations. It needs to be clear what permissions are needed before digging in areas where other utilities or rights of way must be considered.

**NP/SM/0620/0542** Deepdale Farm Lean to conservatory to farmhouse. The Parish Council has no comment.

### **Financial Matters**

Community Account      £4578.28 (08/07/20)..... Business Account      £1.46

VAT126 reclaim of £904.50 - now received, and online VAT account set up.

Draft accounts for 2019/20 reviewed by the councillors; to be signed; to be forwarded for audit.

SMDC precept received; Field grazing monies received. Awaiting SMDC lengthsman grant scheme.

Clerk March, April, May, June £247.72... and HMRC 4 months £61.50 and pension scheme £11.61.

Lengthsman expenses replacement belt £61.60 Payment to lengthsman amount to be advised.

All payments unanimously agreed by councillors.

**Projects.** Play area checks; the play area and equipment checked and found everything to be in order but a new wooden step of ‘stepping stones’ needed to be fitted. Grass cutting done but not where new fibre cable has been laid.

In April, drainage improved from the pond, under the road to the opposite side of lane onto grass: drains cleared, drainage grate made and inserted. This should improve the drainage.

Additional improvements to the drainage under the Old Pond: assistance was given to W Sutton to rod the drain from the boundary of Intakes Farm to Wint House. It was found that one of the drains had collapsed. This will need to be excavated and repaired.

Plenty of litter picking each month by lengthsman and residents around the village, up on the moor and in the valley. Thank you.

**Please remember to be careful. Besides dog faeces left on the ground there have been incidents of human waste in the grass verges.**

Report of mower maintenance – a deck drive belt has been replaced (once a season) and deck cleaned, oiled and greased. Councillors have previously been informed that the ride on mower has a particular problem that in most cases was repaired under the manufacturer’s call back system (transmission bushing failure). This call back repair has not been conducted as the call back repair was only available for four years after manufacture. The councillors will now need to decide what to do next with the mower.

### **Any Other Business**

Method of holding meetings to be discussed. Webex, face to face either indoors or outdoors, Zoom software. Note; Clerk now has a Zoom Professional account allowing computer and telephone conference calls.

**Date of the next meeting:** Proposed by Clerk as Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 but date and method of meeting subject to confirmation by the Chair. Meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.

Minutes taken and prepared by Stephen Mansfield (Clerk and Proper Officer).