GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL 

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2nd APRIL 2024 HELD IN GRINDON VILLAGE HALL

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1.Present: Councillors Garratt (NG), Morrell (AM), Pailthorpe (JP)

 Clerk C Stanish (CAS)

2.Apologies: Councillors Stanish, Nutter & Firman

3. Declaration of Interest None

4.Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024 reviewed & signed by chair NG

5.Planning **-** none

6. Business remaining from last meeting

1. Update on Play area and other public priorities– nothing to report on the grants applied for at present. SS has purchased a second-hand mower for the council to use alongside the ride on mower. £160 was raised from the recent quiz held in the village hall towards the play area.

JP will bring quotes next month for benches, bat and bird boxes.

NG said Staffordshire Moorlands District Council had asked if Grindon would like to be on their website for tourism. It was decided that it would be better for the parishioners if Grindon was not included.

1. Defibrillator - The application to the British Heart Foundation fund has been denied. Community Heartbeat Trust has a defibrillator that does not require electricity but is more costly, although there is a saving on not having to get an electricity supply. NG said that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has an agreement with AED donate to supply pads and batteries to all defibrillators once recorded in their area. See below re Leaden Boot Challenge.
2. Training – A discussion regarding all the recent training which was thought to have been beneficial. It was good to have been joined by other council members. Await invoice from SPCA for the Councillor Fundamentals training before invoicing the other parish councils.

7. Correspondence

 1. D-Day flag. Decided that as we haven’t got a flag pole, there is little point in buying a flag but AM has two Ensigns and CAS has a Union Jack that could be put up instead. To ask the village hall committee if they are ok with this. D- Day 80th Anniversary is.6th June.

2. Decarbonising scheme out of date, therefore not discussed.

3. Police & Crime Commissioner – applications need to be in by 5th April for 2nd May election. Information on the noticeboard.

4.Leaden Boot Challenge – Sunday 19th May. AM & JP unavailable to help, NG will help. Grindon Village Hall Management Committee have decided not to apply for any funding from them this year, so the Parish Council could apply for funds. Decided to enquire about the possibility of them giving some money towards the defibrillator in Ford.

8. Finance

1. Monthly accounts – Accounts handed out by AM to everyone. The difference between last year and this year is the saving of the lengthsman salary.
2. Discussed reclaiming VAT and doing the AGAR. JP & CAS agreed to help AM with the AGAR. A parishioner has agreed to audit the accounts.

 Everyone needs to get VAT receipts when they buy anything for the council. Not sure if VAT has been claimed in the past 3 years but it was felt that only the receipts from this last year could be guaranteed by the current council members, so only the last year’s vat will be claimed back.

9. Annual Parish Meeting 7th May - Agreed a plan. Councillors to arrive a bit earlier. Meeting to be advertised on the noticeboard and encourage as many parishoners as possible to attend( by word of mouth).

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Date of next meeting 7th May 2024