GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL 

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7TH MAY 2024 HELD IN GRINDON VILLAGE HALL

The Meeting commenced at 7.30PM

1.Present: Councillors Garratt (NG), Morrell (AM), Pailthorpe (JP) Firman (AF), Spinks (CS), & Stanish (SS) Clerk C Stanish (CAS)

Tim Walton from Swainsley Fishing Club

Abby Chillingworth and Leon Hayward – from the National Trust

Nine members of the public. 19 people in total.

Standing Orders were suspended for this meeting.

2.Apologies: None

3. The Chair (NG) gave a quick overview of the year, thanked everyone for coming and gave an introduction to the councillors presentation.

* AM talked about the finances over the year.
* AF gave a presentation about the management and maintenance that the council had performed over the year, thanking everyone who had volunteered and helped with any of the many tasks. The planting of bulbs and trees, the renovation of the pond being just two areas mentioned.
* JP talked about the play area and gave the fantastic news that the National Lottery were giving Grindon a grant of £10,000 towards the play area. There was a great appreciation of this from the public.
* CAS mentioned the progress with the defibrillator for Ford. An application for funding for this has been made to the Grindon Action Group fund who require matched funding (which isn’t a problem as the council have already agreed to fund £1,500). A member of the public was not happy about this as it does not say this in the funds constitution. Funding is also to be requested from the Leaden Boot Challenge fund.

4. Tim Walton from Swainsley Fishing Club came to canvas for support to set up volunteers to discover what is happening with the River Manifold.

He gave a very interesting talk about the problems with the river and the decimation of fish and other species in and around the river. The group being set up is called Manifold CAN – Community Action for Nature.

They are hoping to get a grant from the Trent Rivers Trust.

They are very concerned that the river is dying and want to find out what the cause or causes are.

There were lots of questions and discussions. It was suggested that he write an article for the Newsletter and have a stand at the Hedgehog Rolling. Tim is happy for anyone to email him if they are interested in helping in any way.

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5. Abby Chillingworth & Leon Hayward from the National Trust came to introduce themselves to the residents of Grindon. The National Trust has recently purchased some land at Grindon (roughly 140 acres) and are keen to involve the community and listen to residents ideas and worries. They will be organising some meetings on their land and are very keen to have volunteers to help with the management of the land. The NT warden is David Ward.

There were questions, concerns and discussions. People wanted to know how to get in touch with them. The best way is to contact the NT office at Ilam.

They will also be doing an article for the newsletter.

Everyone was very complimentary about the progress the council has made over the year.

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Date of next Annual Parish Meeting to be decided (not on the same day as the Annual Meeting which will be in May 2025)