



GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
7th OCTOBER 2024 HELD IN GRINDON VILLAGE HALL

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Present: Councillors Garratt (NG), Morrell (AM), Pailthorpe (JP), Nutter (GN), Stanish (SS). Clerk C Stanish (CAS) & Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor J Kempster (JK) [from 8.20pm]

2. Apologies: Councillor A Firman

3. Declaration of Interest - None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th August 2024 reviewed and signed by chair NG.

5. Planning

1. NP/SM/0724/0780 - dealt with by email as responses had to be in by September 20th.
2. NP/SM/0724/0725 - Greenhead Cottage, Pothooks Lane, Butterton - retrospective change of modern agricultural building to mixed use to provide gym space for private & tourist use and domestic vehicle and general store.
This provoked quite a lengthy discussion about why changes are made without planning permission as it is perceived that the PDNPA are more likely to give permission once something is in place, also that previously the Planning authority had stated that the building was to be for agricultural use only and if it was used for anything else (including keeping ponies in it) then it was to be dismantled.
A vote was taken 4:1 in favour.

6. Business outstanding from last meeting

1. Defibrillator - The Leadenboot Challenge has agreed to offer £1,000 towards the defibrillator. CAS has contacted all the possible defibrillator schemes but every one on offer requires an electricity supply. Discussed a Ford resident offering to site it on their land and pay for the electricity but this has caused problems in

other areas, so is not a viable option. To contact Grindon Action Group again to see if they can offer any funding. It was agreed that although the Community Heartbeat package was not the cheapest, it was better to get everything from one source.

2. Tree with Ash Dieback - dealt with . Applied to PDNPA for permission which was given. Discussion about a replacement tree, decided to see if the chopped tree resprouts but would buy a bigger tree with a metal protector. JK suggested that we could apply to SMDC Climate action fund for a new tree.
3. 20 is plenty - 2 residents had come forward to volunteer. AM said the speed of cars past her house was dangerous. Once JK joined the meeting , he informed the group that the person who trained the volunteers was presently on long term sick, so nothing would happen quickly. It would be a minimum of £500 to set up speed watch and would need a lot of manpower. Various discussions ensued regarding dummy policemen, signage, narrowing the roadway somehow. JK offered to liaise with the community police to see if they can offer any assistance.
4. Nature in your neighbourhood/climate action fund/community nature fund - JK explained the differences. JP will look at these to see if we can apply for any funding or help with a project such as the pond area and dead hedge. CAS to send the community nature fund email to everyone.

7. Correspondence

1. Camping on the car park by the church - it was agreed that a sign would be the best answer. Need to get a quote for this. **NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING BY ORDER OF GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL**
2. CCTV of man covering his face 30.8.24 - Discussion regarding this. The householder did not want to be identified. Thought it was an opportunistic attempt to gain entry to a property which was halted once they were aware there was a camera.
3. Parish Statement - the PDNPA has a parish statement and village plan for every village in the Peak District and this needs updating. Discussed what was already on Grindon's statement. There is nothing under Community Aspiration. CAS asked for input to this, AM offered to help, then they will draft something for everyone to review before sending. It currently mentions well dressing which needs removing.
4. EV chargers - have had 2 emails regarding putting these in Grindon. Decided this was a non-starter as the only place they could be sited would be in the car park and there is no electricity supply and wi-fi connection is not good enough for the payment.
5. Peak Park Local Plan - PDNPA is updating the local plan and wants the public to have their say. The nearest meeting to Grindon is at Warslow on 22nd October 2024. Discussion about building locally needed affordable houses.

8. Fence around the village green. - This needs replacing. Need to get 3 quotes. SS has already asked someone for a quote. GN to ask for another, need a third quote. May be able to get a grant from the community nature fund.

9. Lengthsman for next year. JP was concerned that the volunteer mowers had taken on a lot over the year and asked about possibly paying someone to take on some of this work. Discussion about the grant for the lengthsman which would nowhere near cover the costs. SS said he was happy to continue for the next year. There has been a lot of feedback from residents praising the great work the volunteers have done. JP thanked SS (& AF).

10. Parish Assembly - NG didn't attend but JK had. Most of the meeting had been taken up by discussions regarding solar farms not in the Peak Park. Discussion about what the policy in the Peak Park would be. There should be no problem about getting permission if not in the conservation area, the planning policy is to be positive towards them

11. Finance - AM showed everyone the monthly accounts. She asked that everyone gets a proper VAT receipt. Every receipt needs to have Grindon Parish Council on it, not the councillors personal name. Only the clerk can have her name on it as she is employed. NG asked GN if he knew what the Council VAT number is. CAS to ask the previous clerk.

12. JK gave an update of everything that is happening in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

- Connect Fibre are rolling out the update. Grindon was one of the first to be fibre broadband, so the feeling was Grindon did not need updating.
- Transport - JK had challenged the transport policy that didn't allow 17-18 year olds to access the same bus as a 16 year old when there was space. All agreed.
- SMDC councillors have a community initiative fund which ends in January. There is about £80 per parish available.
- The Repair cafe in Waterhouses was successful and could be replicated in Grindon. NG to ask the Village Hall committee if they would be interested.
- Outside Arts are a group that will come to the village to facilitate art projects. It was suggested that they may be able to produce a village sign with residents.

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. The next meeting will be Monday 4th November 2024.