

MINUTES OF THE GRINDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM GRINDALE ON THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: 8 electors.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous A.P.M. held on the 2nd June 2015 were read. R Jackson proposed, seconded by R Fletcher and all agreed, that these be signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Pit Site: The Parish Council Clerk apologised for failing to display a notice inviting applications for the grazing licence for this site when the current licence expired in March. (As had been agreed at the previous A.P.M.) The existing lessee, Mr R Garbutt, had requested a further licence, and this had been granted for a period of 364 days, from 25th March 2015 and expiring on 23rd March 2016, on payment of a licence fee of £100.

After some discussion, it was agreed that in 2016, a notice be displayed inviting applications for the grazing licence from residents of the parish only. This to be done in good time so as to allow the Parish Council time for due consideration.

Church Room: R Atkinson, Treasurer for the Church Room Management Committee reported funds of £264.18 Current Account and £52.11 Deposit Account. These funds had been boosted by hiring charges for elections. The Insurance cover is paid for by St Nicholas Church PCC. There is still no heating in the room and advice is to be sought from an electrician regarding repair/replacement of the existing heaters. Mr Atkinson described the current situation as “limping on” as best possible, since this is the only meeting place in the village.

Hand Rails: Two sections of hand rail had been installed near to nos.1 and 3 Front Street. These have been fixed into the tarmac surface about a foot from the wall edge, rather than flush with the edge as anticipated, and there is concern that, on this narrow pavement, it would be possible to walk into the end of one of them in the dark. A ‘Village Walkabout’ with ERYC is planned for the 30th June 2015, and it was agreed that the Chairman raise this matter with them then.

Publication of minutes via e-mail: Advice had been sought from ERYC. Whilst minutes “shall be open to inspection of any local government elector for the area of the council and any such local government elector may make a copy of or extract from the minutes”, there is no requirement for the Parish Council to furnish a copy of the minutes as a matter of course to the public. Furthermore, ERYC urged caution in extending publication beyond the statutory requirements on the grounds that anything granted to one elector must be available to all.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: The meeting agreed the following matters to be brought to the attention of the ERYC officers at the “Village Walkabout” in June:

Hand rails

Step outside church, where road surface has worn away

Potholes

Need for jetting out drains at the corner near Westfield Cottage

Consider how best to direct surface water running from Corner House alley into drain rather than across the road

Loose stone at edge of Mere used to stand on for feeding ducks

TERRAPINS IN MERE: A concern was raised at the number of terrapins in the Mere and the possible risk of disease. It was agreed that more information be obtained regarding the matter for further consideration by the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK/RFO'S REPORT: The Clerk/RFO reported as follows:

County Court Claim: Mrs Clark's application to appeal against the decision to strike out this action had been refused.

Planning applications: Applications 14/00658/PLF – Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and infrastructure at Finley Hill Farm, and 14/03102/PLF – erection of a general purpose agricultural building for storage of machinery and straw, had been granted planning permission

Finance: A precept of £1000, the same as the previous year, had been set. The accounts for 2014/2015 were circulated. The very competitive and unchanged rate charged by Messrs H W Atkinson & Son of £275 (excl VAT) per annum for mowing the burial ground was acknowledged with gratitude. Thanks in part to a VAT refund of £361.39, there is a surplus of some £750 for the year, which can begin to re-establish a contingency reserve.

Code of Conduct Training: The Chairman and Clerk had attended a training event at Driffield.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Chairman