

**MEETING OF GRINDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM
GRINDALE ON WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs D W Atkinson, R A Atkinson, H Bingley, R Fletcher, R Jackson, G Kirk and J Taylor

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

Re Item 6 on the agenda, the planning application for alterations and an extension to 5 Front Street, Grindale:

Cllrs J Taylor and G Kirk declared a pecuniary interest as owner and occupants of 5 Front Street, Grindale;

Cllr D W Atkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest as father-in-law of the applicant's daughter; and

Cllr R A Atkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest as uncle to the applicant's daughter's husband.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2015 were approved and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Planning application No 15/01548/PLF Argham Fields Free Range Egg Unit, Bartindale Road – Erection of a free range egg unit with associated feed bins and hardstanding - Permission had been granted

Revised Standing Orders - Copies were circulated to all councillors

Terrapins – Attempts to obtain assistance from the ERYC had been unsuccessful

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk reported that she and the Chairman had met with officers of the ERYC for a village walkabout to identify maintenance issues for the Village Taskforce. A small number of the issues identified had been dealt with, but most were outside the remit of the taskforce and had been placed on a schedule for completion as and when time and funding is available. It had been made clear that funding is now much more restricted than in the past.

Safety – There had been a concern with restrictions in sight lines at the junction of Bell Slack and the Burton Fleming Road due to the leylandii hedge growing outside North Argham Cottage. ERYC had been contacted and spoken with the occupants, who have now taken action to remove several branches and the sight lines are now satisfactory

RFO REPORT: Annual Audit – The audit had now been completed with no issues. The required notice and copy of the Audit documents had been displayed as required.

Because of the interests declared in Item 6, this item was moved to the end of the meeting.

TRANSPARENCY CODE: The Clerk explained that legislation issued earlier in the year placed a legal requirement on smaller authorities, including Grindale, i.e. those with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000, to comply with the provisions of the Transparency Code of Practice by publishing certain information on a website which is publicly accessible free of charge. She had attended a training event arranged by ERNLLCA, which gave details of government grant funding to assist with the set up costs available from NALC via themselves. She had also spoken with the ERYC, who are offering to host and put together a suitable site for individual Parish Councils free of charge apart from purchase of the domain name, which is estimated at about £10 for two years. After some discussion, R A Atkinson proposed, seconded by R Jackson and all agreed, that an application be made to the ERYC for them to host a website for Grindale Parish Council, including purchase of a suitable domain name, and that the Clerk apply via ERNLLCA for grant funding to purchase a computer and printer/scanner for the Council. Existing Parish Council files currently on the Clerk's own computer could then be transferred to the new one.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

At this point Cllrs G Kirk and J Taylor left the meeting, and Cllr D W Atkinson handed over the Chairmanship of the meeting to Cllr R Jackson (Vice-Chairman) taking no part in the final item.

PLANNING APPLICATION: No 15/02199/PLF 5 Front Street, Grindale. Alterations and extension to detached outbuilding to form a granny annexe – for Mr and Mrs Taylor

The Clerk advised councillors that there had been a previous application to alter and extend this property to provide a granny flat back in 2005. That application had been supported by the parish council and had been approved by ERYC, but the development had not proceeded and permission had lapsed. The new application is almost the same as the original. Councillors inspected both the new and original plans and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the application be recommended for approval in accordance with the parish council's 2005 decision, since there had been no material changes to the plans, and, also, on the grounds of local need; the applicant having mobility issues and requiring ground floor accommodation near to family. In responding to ERYC, the Clerk was asked to draw their attention to an apparent error in the application regarding disposal of foul sewage, which was stated as going to the mains sewer. There is no mains sewer in the village and the plans indicate the foul sewage will be disposed of into the existing septic tank at the premises.

At this point the chairmanship of the meeting was handed back to Cllr D W Atkinson

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

Signed.....
Chairman