

## **Grimsargh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 April, 2016  
following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm held at  
Grimsargh Village Hall

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

**In attendance:-** Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council  
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council  
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council

### **139. (15/16) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements**

There were no apologies for absence. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

### **140. (15/16) Declarations of Interest**

**None.**

### **141. (15/16) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved**

That, the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **142. (15/16) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

The Parish Council considered the following Planning Application:-

06/2016/0234 - United Utilities Group PLC. Outline planning application for erection of 12no residential dwellings (access applied for only) (resubmission of planning application 06/2015/0690).

With regard to Planning Application 06/2016/0234 the Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council a copy of their response to the original application reference 06/2015/0690. It was unanimously agreed to support this Planning Application and that the response to Planning Application 06/2015/0690 would form the basis of their response to the latest application. In addition it was agreed to include a paragraph on the affordable housing part of the application as this was the reason why the original application had been refused, and to emphasise that any housing development in Grimsargh should be sympathetic to the surrounding area and that the residents and the Parish Council did not want any affordable housing to form part of this development. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this application was totally compliant with the affordable housing policy and the amount of monies offered by UU to provide off-site affordable housing was calculated by the correct formula used by Preston City Council.

It was noted that flyers to keep people up to date about this application and to encourage support had been delivered to local residents and a link to our website had been included on our Facebook Page.

Councillor David Hindle was going to speak to his contacts at RSPB and other notable organisations to obtain their support. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reminded everyone to put in their individual letters of support if they wished.

The following application was noted by the Parish Council:-

06/2016/0186 - 252 Longridge Road, Grimsargh. Erection of extension to side of dwelling following demolition of garage.

It was further reported that the Parish Council had received details of a consultation on the Preston City Centre Area Action Plan 2012-26 – Proposed Main Modifications (Examination Library Reference EL5.001). The consultation period was for six weeks starting on Friday 18 March until Friday 29 April 2016. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this consultation.

## **Resolved**

**1)** That with regard to Planning Application 06/2016/0234, that the Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this Planning Application and that the response to Planning Application 06/2015/0690 would form the basis of their response to the latest application. In addition it was agreed to include a paragraph on the affordable housing part of the application as this was the reason why the original application had been refused, and to emphasise that any housing development in Grimsargh should be sympathetic to the surrounding area and that the residents and the Parish Council did not want any affordable housing to form part of this development. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this application was totally compliant with the affordable housing policy and the amount of monies offered by UU to provide off-site affordable housing was calculated by the correct formula used by Preston City Council.

2) The Parish Council agreed to note Planning Application 06/2016/0186.

3) That with regard to the consultation on the Preston City Centre Area Action Plan 2012-26 – Proposed Main Modifications (Examination Library Reference EL5.001), the Parish Council had no comments to make on this consultation.

#### **143. (15/16) Report from the Community Engagement Working Group**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson presented the report from the Community Engagement Working Group from their meeting held on 17 March 2016. A copy of the report had been circulated to the Parish Council with their Agenda. It was noted that a number of items on the report appeared as separate Agenda items at tonight's meeting as these required possible financial expenditure.

With regard to the Summer Newsletter the following items were suggested for inclusion:-

Planning – Grimsargh Wetlands (Eileen) and Gladmans Appeal (Lindsay)  
Tribute to David Leech (Sue/family)  
CCTV (Terry)  
Defibrillators - if any progress (Peter/Keith/Terry)  
Solar Farm Contribution (Eileen)  
Cash Project Group (Peter/Keith/Terry)  
Field Day Promotion (Jayne Woollam)  
St Michaels Tercentenary – remaining events (Jayne Woollam)  
Best Kept Village (Lindsay)  
School Footpath extension (Lindsay)  
Grants since last edition – suggested this should be a standing item in future.  
(Lindsay/Sue)  
Spotlight on – Scouts (Peter/Scout Leader)  
FoGG Update (Joyce)  
Dog fouling/responsible dog owners (Sue)

This was agreed by the Parish Council and it was noted that items should be submitted to the Clerk as soon as possible and they will need signing off at the May meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **Resolved**

That the report from the Community Engagement Working Group is noted and that the Newsletter items as set out above are agreed for inclusion in our Summer Newsletter.

#### **144. (15/16) Delivery of Parish Council Publications**

It had been suggested by the Community Engagement Working Group that consideration should be given to the delivery of Parish Council publications by a

delivery company in the event of people struggling to deliver the Parish Council Newsletter or urgent flyers etc. It was appreciated that at certain times it was difficult for all Members of the Parish Council to be available to deliver newsletters and flyers and sometimes when the weather was particularly bad this hindered delivery. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said she had raised this at a recent Preston Area Committee (PAC) meeting and all other Parish Councils present at that meeting used a separate company to deliver Parish Council communications. It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain some quotes for delivering the Newsletter etc and that the Scouts could also be asked if they were willing to carry out delivery in exchange for a donation to their Group.

### **Resolved**

That the Parish Council obtains some quotes for the delivery of Newsletters/Flyers in the village, and that the Scouts are asked if they would be willing to delivery Parish Council communications in exchange for a donation to their Group.

### **145. (15/16) Website Maintenance**

It was noted that Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had done an excellent job keeping our website up to date but she couldn't always devote all the hours needed due to work commitments. The Community Engagement Working Group had discussed the maintenance of our website at their recent meeting and they were suggesting that the Parish Council should ask Sally Gorton for a quote to maintain the website on a monthly basis on our behalf. This was agreed.

### **Resolved**

That Sally Gorton is asked for the cost of maintaining the Parish Council website on a monthly basis on our behalf.

### **146. (15/16) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG)**

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda as she wanted to update the Parish Council on FoGG and also discuss a possible fence to be placed around the Village Green.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell informed the Parish Council that Grimsargh St Michaels School had been involved in building a bug hotel on the Village Green and this had been a really enjoyable experience for the children.

With regard to protecting the Village Green from travellers and possible damage to the green, Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had been liaising with Preston City Council who was the owner of the land. A possible solution was the installation of a fence around the green and this would be made of resin for easy maintenance. There would also be drop down posts that would allow vehicles to use the green when needed such as for Field Day etc. Councillor Peter Burton asked about the possibility of boulders being placed around the green rather than a fence as this had been suggested at a previous meeting of the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell explained that boulders would be extremely expensive and concern had been expressed about their appearance. However she agreed that she would speak

to Preston City Council about this and also find out some costings. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also explained to the Parish Council that she was still hopeful that the drainage project on the green would go ahead and they still had the £1,000 contribution given by the Parish Council to this project. However, she was also aware that Matt Kelly, the Head of Parks Department at Preston City Council was going to approach the Parish Council about the Parish Council assuming responsibility for maintenance of the Village Green. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Matt Kelly about this and was waiting for further detailed information that could be presented to the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell for her update and looked forward to receiving further information about the protection of the Village Green.

#### **147. (15/16) Provision of Defibrillators**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained to the Parish Council that this had been discussed at the Community Engagement Working Group and that Grimsargh appeared to be the only village that did not have a defibrillator.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had suggested that a possible idea would be for the Parish Council to part fund three defibrillators in the village and local groups could apply to the Parish Council for part funding. It was important that any defibrillators were located in accessible places in the village.

It was agreed to find out the costs of three defibrillators and their cases and then this would be discussed further by the Parish Council.

#### **Resolved**

That the Clerk finds out the cost of three defibrillators and cases for the village and this would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **148. (15/16) Bench for Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland**

The Clerk reported that she had not ordered the bench as yet as she was awaiting the wording for the plaque from David Leech's family. However, this item had been placed on the Agenda because the Clerk had been approached by John Gornall the Tree Surgeon who was a friend of David's and he was willing to carve some appropriate wording on a piece of old wood from the woodland free of charge.

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with David's family/Steve Hutson and John Gornall to sort out the wording for the plaque/carving as appropriate.

#### **149. (15/16) LALC Spring Conference 2016**

The Clerk reported that the LALC Spring Conference would be held on Saturday 14 May 2016 at the Leyland Hotel and there was no charge for attendance. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson was unable to attend due to her commitment to the Best Kept Village Competition and it was therefore agreed that if

anyone wished to attend they should inform the Clerk before 4 May then a place could be booked for them.

### **150. (15/16) Financial Matters and Banking**

It was noted that we had an estimated £36,729.35 in the bank as at 1 March 2016. We were still awaiting the April bank statement.

#### **Resolved**

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

1) GVCA for use of village hall for Parish Council meetings April – November 2015 - £90. (Cheque no 770).

2) Clerk, Sue Whittam, Salary 7, 14, 21, and 28 March 2016 (4 weeks £677.60 – tax and NI = £545.60. (Cheque no 771).

3) HMRC Q4 Tax and NI = £469.55. (Cheque no 772).

4) John Gornall for tree work on Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland = £540.00. (Cheque no 773).

5) LALC Annual Subscription - £397.11. (Cheque no 774).

6) Adam Cooper Lengthsman's wages 47 hours at £13 per hour = £611. (Cheque no 775).

In addition four blank cheques were signed to cover payments in advance of the next meeting, which was later due to the elections.

### **151. (15/16) CCTV Project**

As referred to at the Annual Parish Meeting, the CCTV Project was almost at the stage of installation of the equipment and the Project was being coordinated by Councillor Terry Cryer. Councillor Terry Cryer had now obtained the signage that stated that CCTV was operating in the village and this was shown to the Parish Council. Councillor Cryer explained that some brackets were needed for the signs and it was agreed that these should be purchased by the Parish Council. The estimated cost was around £100.

With regard to the placing of the signs in the village, Councillor Terry Cryer agreed to liaise with PCSO David Reid and Lancashire County Council to ensure that the signage was placed in the appropriate location.

#### **Resolved**

That the Parish Council agrees to purchase the brackets for the CCTV signs for the village at an estimated cost of £100.

**152. (15/16) Clerk's Report – for information only**

There were no further issues for the Clerk to report.

**153. (15/16) Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 12 May at 7.30 pm.