

## **Grimsargh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 December, 2019 at 7.30 pm, at Grimsargh Village Hall.

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

**In attendance:-** Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council  
1 member of the public present

### **94. (19/20) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark Bell and Councillor David Hindle and also from Councillor Ron Woollam, Councillor Ian Donnell and Councillor Harry Landless from Preston City Council; and PCSO Vicky Shackleton and PCSO Julie Anyon. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

### **95. (19/20) Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations**

The Clerk confirmed that written requests for dispensation had been received from all present in order for them to consider the precept up to the 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 – Grant Application Grimsargh Village Hall as the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

### **96. (19/20) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **97. (19/20) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and presented the Police report for December to the Parish Council. It was noted that there had been very little recorded crime for November with only two crimes being reported which were 1 incident of criminal damage and 1 other crime. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that at the beginning of December there had been a couple of thefts from vehicles and it was believed that the vehicles were insecure. These thefts would be included in the December crime figures to be reported to the Parish Council in January. However, it was important for residents to remember to keep their property and vehicles secure at all times. A suspect had been apprehended for the thefts.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray reported that a reply had been received from Preston City Council regarding the offer of a tree from a local resident and that the City Council had concerns whether the tree could be removed and survive, and also the cost of transferring the tree would be around £1,500 + VAT. It was felt that this was quite costly and that alternative options may have to be considered such as purchasing a tree from a garden centre. This would be discussed further next year.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson then reconvened the meeting.

## **98. (19/20) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the following Planning Applications: -

- 06/2019/1266 - Elston Grange, Elston Lane, Grimsargh PR2 5LE  
Reserved Matters application (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2018/0921 for 3 no dwellings.
  
- 06/2019/1353 - 5 Aylesbury Court, Grimsargh PR2 5NF  
Part single storey/two storey/first floor extension to side and detached garage to front.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1266 and Planning Application 06/2019/1353 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

The Clerk reported that she had today received notification from Lancashire County Council that the Energy Recovery Facility at Red Scar (ref LCC/2019/0029) had been approved by the Development Control Committee at their meeting on 27 November 2019 and the decision notice had now been issued.

The Clerk also reported that the Reserved Matters Application for Seddon Homes had been approved by Preston City Council Planning Committee earlier today.

It was also reported that the Parish Council had received notification of the consultation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Issues and Options document. The website link to the consultation documents had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 14 February 2020.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that for the previous consultation in 2012 the Parish Council had held a special public meeting to discuss the options and to formulate a response and that she still had a number of documents relating to the original consultation. It was agreed that as the January meeting of the Parish Council usually had a smaller agenda because of the Christmas break, that the meeting should in the main be devoted to planning and a public discussion on the Issues and Options Consultation. The Clerk would ask Paula Fitzgerald our Planner for the Neighbourhood Plan if she was able to attend the meeting on 9 January 2020 and it was agreed that we should put something on our website as soon as possible to inform residents about the consultation and how they can get involved. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

There were no further planning issues for discussion at the meeting.

### **Resolved**

i) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1266 and Planning Application 06/2019/1353 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

ii) That the approval of the Energy Recovery Facility at Red Scar is noted. Likewise, the Seddon Homes Reserved Matters approval for Grimsargh is also noted.

iii) That with regard to the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation that the January meeting of the Parish Council is, in the main devoted to a public discussion on this Consultation and that Paula Fitzgerald our Planner for the Neighbourhood Plan is asked to attend the meeting to help with the public discussion. It was further agreed that information on this Consultation would be placed on the Parish Council website.

### **99. (19/20) Grant Application – Grimsargh Village Hall**

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and left the meeting for this item.

The Clerk explained that although the Parish Council had approved a grant to the Village Hall at the last meeting towards the installation of a heat pump to provide heating and cooling for the Village Hall kitchen, further information had now been submitted from the Village Hall Committee which had increased the cost of installing the pump to £4,525.20 rather than the original estimated £3,500. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had therefore resubmitted their application with the revised costs and had asked if the Parish Council could consider increasing the amount to be awarded towards this project. After discussion and taking into account the revised costs, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to increase their grant towards the cost of the pump at the Village Hall from £1,750 to £2,500.

### **Resolved**

That Grimsargh Village Hall Committee are awarded £2,500 (from solar farm monies) towards the cost of their new heat pump for the Village Hall kitchen.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray returned to the meeting.

### **100. (19/20) Meeting Dates 2020**

The Parish Council approved the meeting dates for 2020 as follows: -

Thursday 9 January 2020 \*(note change of date)

Thursday 6 February 2020

Thursday 5 March 2020

Thursday 2 April 2020

Thursday 14 May 2020 \*(note change of date due to Elections)

Thursday 4 June 2020  
Thursday 2 July 2020  
Thursday 3 September 2020  
Thursday 1 October 2020  
Thursday 5 November 2020  
Thursday 3 December 2020

## **Resolved**

That approval is given to the Parish Council meeting dates for 2020 as now presented.

### **101. (19/20) Financial Matters and banking**

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £43,739.59 in the Nat West bank as at 5 November 2019. There had been no additional invoices paid since the last meeting.

## **Resolved**

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Sue Whittam 15/12/19 - £934.01 (Cheque no 1005).

ii) HMRC Q3 Tax and NI - £1,206.09 (Cheque no 1006).

iii) Sally Gorton (Bang the Drum) for website admin and domain renewal for Grimsargh neighbourhood plan - £131.69 (Cheque no 1007).

iv) Councillor Terry Cryer reimbursement for signage clips for CCTV signs - £26.05 (Cheque no 1008).

v) Grimsargh Village Community Association £2,500 grant as awarded (Cheque no 1009).

vi) Adam Cooper Lengthsman/Contractor – to be confirmed at January meeting.

vii) Newsletter printing – cheque authorised and amount to be confirmed at January meeting.

2) Q2 budget

The Parish Council noted the Q2 budget report which had been circulated to the Parish Council and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

3) Budget for 2020/2021

The Parish Council gave consideration to the budget for 2020/2021. A copy of the draft budget had been circulated to the Parish Council for approval. It was noted that the Parish Council had still not been advised of the Green Maintenance charge for

next year so it was prudent to include a small increase. The budget was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

#### 4) Precept for 2020/2021

The Parish Council gave consideration to the precept for 2020/2021. After taking into account the budget as agreed above, it was unanimously agreed to set the precept at £42,000 for 2020/2021.

#### **102. (19/20) Cross Boundary Partnership Meeting – update for information only**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reported that she had attended a further meeting together with the Clerk with representatives from Whittingham Parish Council, Longridge Town Council, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Preston City Council and the County Council to explore cross boundary issues and how we could work better together. Traffic and infrastructure issues had been the main focus of the meeting and the next meeting would involve County Councillor Keith Iddon as the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways. A date had not been set for the next meeting but a number of actions had been identified including the allocation of Section 106 monies (action for Ribble Valley Borough Councillors) and CiL allocation and review of the Regulation 123 list (action for Preston City Councillors).

#### **103. (19/20) Clerk's report - for information only**

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

#### **104. (19/20) Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.