

## **Grimsargh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2018 at 7.30pm held at Grimsargh Village Hall

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Ian Liptrot; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

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

### **128. (17/18) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer and Councillor Terry Cryer. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson agreed that an Item of Urgent Business on the Preston City Council budget proposals for 2018/2019 should be considered by the Parish Council as the deadline for comments was before the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson then briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

### **129. (17/18) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5 Town and Country Planning Act 1980 and in particular relating to Planning Application 06/2017/0676 – Land to the West of Preston Road, Grimsargh as she knew the owner of the land.

### **130. (17/18) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **131. (17/18) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing issues**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item. The Clerk reported that she had received an email about the need for a bin on the walkway from Blackleach Avenue to the Redrow Estate. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that she had spoken to the resident while walking her dog and felt that eight bins on

Old Railway Walk was too many and that maybe the Parish Council should consider the location of the bins in the Parish.

It was agreed that the Community Engagement Working Group should consider the location of the bins in the Parish and look if any should be moved to a more suitable location.

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

### **132. (17/18) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

(Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 06/2017/0676 and left the meeting while the application was discussed).

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

- 06/2018/0049        -        Church House Farm, Preston Road Grimsargh  
Two storey outbuilding including basement.
  
- 06/2017/1337       -        16 Elston Lane, Grimsargh, Preston PR2 5LE  
Single storey front elevation, front and rear dormers and  
roof alteration to form first floor.

That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2018/0049 and 06/2017/1337 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then left the meeting while Planning Application 06/2017/0676 – Land to the West of Preston Road, Grimsargh was discussed.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that this Planning Application would be considered by Preston City Council's Planning Committee on 8 February 2018 and that the Officer had recommended approval. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that she would be speaking at Planning Committee and it was likely that another resident would also register to speak.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray returned to the meeting.

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

### **133. (17/18) Grimsargh Wetlands - update**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that a further excellent meeting had been held with the Grimsargh Wetlands Trust. It was noted that there were a couple of things outstanding with the lease and these had been referred back to the Solicitors to clarify. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson also reported that the AGM for the Wetlands Trust had been set for 4 July 2018. She also reported that the volunteer days continued to be a brilliant success and a huge amount of work had been done.

## **Resolved**

That the report is received and noted.

### **134. (17/18) Neighbourhood Planning - update**

A copy of the report from RCU was circulated to each member of the Parish Council at the meeting. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that the report would be put online including the full version and an abridged version. The next stage was for the Steering Group to start the process of writing the policies for the plan. It was noted that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group would be held on Wednesday 21 February at 7.00pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.

## **Resolved**

That the update on the Neighbourhood Plan is received and noted.

### **135. (17/18) Best Kept Village Competition 2018**

The Parish Council gave consideration to entering this year's Best Kept Village Competition at a cost of £25. This was unanimously agreed.

## **Resolved**

That approval is given to the Parish Council entering this year's Best Kept Village Competition at a cost of £25.

### **136. (17/18) Defibrillator Training**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received an email from a local resident who had accessed the defibrillator in the village but luckily it was not needed. However, the resident had asked if some further training could be carried out for local residents. Although it was recognised that training was not necessary to use a defibrillator, it was beneficial to help with familiarity and confidence building. It was noted that Grimsargh Club was also carrying out some additional training on 11 February.

The Clerk had approached the trainer from British Red Cross who had previously carried out some training in the village and she reported that he was willing to carry out further sessions subject to the Parish Council's approval.

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council should arrange some further training sessions in the village. It was suggested that a course could be held in April which would be open to all with a maximum of 20 people and held at the Village Hall. In addition to this the Clerk was asked to speak to the trainer to see if he would be willing to carry out a training session on Field Day on 23 June 2018. The cost of both courses would be funded by the Parish Council. However, it was noted that the trainer had indicated that he would carry out the training for free but would be happy to receive a donation to the Red Cross.

## **Resolved**

That approval is given to the Clerk to contact the trainer at the British Red Cross to see if he was willing to undertake two training sessions on defibrillator awareness in April 2018 and at Field Day on 23 June 2018 and these would be funded by the Parish Council.

### **137. (17/18) Purchase of name plates**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the purchase of name plates for use at meetings at a cost of £4.12 including VAT per nameplate. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should purchase 12 nameplates for use at Parish Council meetings.

## **Resolved**

That approval is given to the Clerk to purchase 12 nameplates for use at Parish Council meetings at a cost of £4.12 including VAT per nameplate.

### **138. (17/18) Parking/traffic issues – update**

It was noted that a copy of the notice used by Woodplumpton Parish Council relating to inconsiderate parking had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Community Engagement Working Group should look at the parking issues in the village and make recommendations to the Parish Council on how these issues should be dealt with.

## **Resolved**

That the Community Engagement Working Group is asked to look at parking issues in the village and make recommendations to the Parish Council how these issues should be dealt with.

### **139. (17/18) June Newsletter**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson suggested the following items for inclusion in the June newsletter:-

- Neighbourhood Planning
- Wetlands Trust – Membership and AGM
- Spotlight on the Post Office
- Field Day
- Grants
- Best Kept Village
- Planning Update
- Bins/dog fouling

These were agreed by the Parish Council. It was noted that the items would need to be signed off at the May meeting.

#### **140. (17/18) Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations**

It was noted that the final recommendations for Preston City Council had been published by the Local Government Boundary Commission and, as per the draft recommendations Rural East which included Grimsargh would become a three Councillor Ward.

#### **141. (17/18) Alston Estate Woodland Management Plan**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the proposed Alston Estate Woodland Management Plan that had been circulated to the Parish Council. Councillor David Hindle said that Alston Wood was an ancient woodland and had numerous rare species. The Parish Council recognised that this was an important site and although they had no comments to make on the proposed plan they asked the Clerk to find out why the Diocese were producing the plan and if they had any future plans in mind.

#### **Resolved**

That the Parish Council has no comments to make on the proposed Alston Estate Woodland Management Plan but the Clerk should contact the Diocese to ask about the background to the plan and if they had any future plans for the woodland.

#### **142. (17/18) Financial Matters and banking**

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £228,930.26 in the Nat West bank as at 5 January 2018. We also had £80,968.67 in the N & SI Account – the interest earned for this financial year was £237.11.

It was also noted that since the last meeting the following invoice had been paid:-

Longridge Cluster Schools grant towards the 11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice 2018 Project as agreed at the last meeting £1,000. (Cheque no 890).

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) The Clerk, Sue Whittam, 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 January five weeks at £278.80 per week = £1,394 - tax and NI and employee pension contribution = £1,025 (note pension contribution for Clerk is £5.74 and Employer is £7.18). (Cheque no 891).

ii) Adam Cooper Contractor – it was noted that due to the meeting being held on the first day of the month the paperwork for the Lengthsman's hours was not available at the meeting. The amount would be confirmed at the March meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **143. (17/18) Clerk's Report – for information only**

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

**144. (17/18) Item of Urgent Business – Preston City Council Budget Proposals 2018/2019**

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and all present, the Parish Council gave consideration to the Preston City Council Budget proposals for 2018/2019. After discussion the Parish Council had no comments to make on the proposed Preston City Council Budget proposals for 2018/2019.

**Resolved**

That the Parish Council has no comments to make on the proposed Preston City Council Budget proposals for 2018/2019.

**145. (17/18) Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 1 March 2018 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.