

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

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

In attendance:- Dan Philipson – Clerk (stand-in)
Councillor Ron Woollam - Preston City Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright - Preston City Council

123. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Terry Cryer (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer and Sue Whittam (Clerk to the Council). The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting. She also welcomed everyone to the meeting.

124. (18/19) Declarations of Interest

None.

125. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

126. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

Councillor Joyce Chessell queried whether any information had been received regarding the fire at Recycling Lives in the early hours of Sunday 27 January 2019. It was noted that no information was known other than the fact that over 100 firefighters were in attendance.

Councillor Joyce Chessell asked if it could be possible to get an update on the status of the football pitch works. The Clerk will be asked to enquire as to latest status on this.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson, said that she had spoken to a Grimsargh resident who had reported an excessive number of punctures in the vicinity of Recycling Lives. There has been reported a number of pieces of metallic

debris in the road and posts on the Parish Council's Facebook page have suggested an abnormal number of punctures in the area.

It was suggested that the Clerk should contact Lancashire County Council Highways for their advice and comments on how to address this issue.

127. (18/19) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2019/0099 | - | 7 Ploughmans Court Grimsargh
Single storey rear extension. |
| 06/2019/0104 | - | Gaskell House, Rough Hey Industrial Estate (KT Recycling). Erection of building for material recycling facility. |
| 06/2019/0107 | - | Church House Farm, Preston Road, Grimsargh
4 no dwellings and associated access and landscaping works. |
| 06/2019/0121 | - | 46 Nook Glade, Grimsargh
2 storey extension |

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/0099, the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/0104, Councillor Peter Burton commented that it was important that any proposals should be an improvement to the existing facility in terms of noise, dust and smell reduction and not enable any increase to the level/frequency of activity at the site. This was supported and agreed by the Parish Council and that the proposals should be agreed to in principle, subject to those comments.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/0107 the aesthetics and locations of the proposed buildings were discussed, and the Parish Council agreed to vote on the proposals. The Parish Council agreed 4 votes to 3 not to object to the current proposals.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/0121 the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2019/0099, 06/2019/0107 and 06/2019/0121 the Parish Council had objections to these applications.

ii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2019/0104 that the Parish Council has no objection provided that any proposals are an improvement to the existing

facility in terms of noise, dust and smell reduction and not enable any increase to the level/frequency of activity at the site.

128. (18/19) Neighbourhood Planning - update

The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson reported that, having been advised by Preston City Council to pause the process pending their Call for Sites as part of the Local Plan Review, it was now felt that we should proceed with our Neighbourhood Plan preparations. Time has been spend reviewing the current status and the Steering group will be re-activated in due course.

129. (18/19) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson advised that the Flower, Produce and Handicraft Show have requested that they be given a slot and Grimsargh Pre-school are also being considered to feature within the "Spotlight On" feature.

It was suggested that a pull-out be included showing all the local Public Rights of Way, and this be coupled with a request to residents use the paths and report on any remedial works required.

Other items suggested for inclusion included a reminder about the parking flier, which had a low rate of take up, following the previous Newsletter; an article on the Boylton Trust (Cllr Mrs Joyce Chessell).

Councillors were also asked to consider further articles, for discussion at the March meeting.

130. (18/19) Preston Area Committee (PAC)

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray gave a report back from the recent PAC meeting. It was noted that County Councillor George Wilkins was requested to attend, to listen to and understand a range of issues pertaining to the North West Development. However reported he was unable to attend the meeting, but County Councillor Paul Rigby (Parish Champion) did come along and offered to follow up on items raised with the County Council.

At the meeting, Broughton Parish Council outlined their reasoning behind their recent letter stating a position of no confidence in the Preston City Council's Planning Officers.

They requested that other Parishes consider doing the same.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray commented that Broughton Parish Council's issues would appear to be pertinent to their own specific experiences, only.

The request was discussed and Grimsargh Parish Council agreed that they did not have similar issues, and therefore agreed not to support Broughton Parish Council's motion of no confidence in Preston City Council's Planning Department.

Resolved

- i) That the report from the PAC Committee is received and noted.
- ii) That the Parish Council agrees not to support Broughton Parish Council's motion of no confidence in Preston City Council's Planning Department.

131. (18/19) Best Kept Village Competition 2019

It was noted that judging takes place from Saturday 8 June 2019 onwards.

It was agreed that a push should be made to clear litter on all sides of the railway bridge, and on the adjoining footpaths. There has been an outbreak of vandalism on Railway Walk – the perspex on the legend board has been smashed - and this should be addressed.

Resolved

The Parish Council agreed to enter this year's competition at a cost of £25.

132. (18/19) Financial Matters and banking

There were no items to discuss. The Clerk had sufficient cheques signed to cover immediate requirements.

133. (18/19) Clerk's report - for information only

The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson has spoken to the local land owner, regarding the gunshots heard on the morning of Monday 21 January. The land owner confirmed that the shooting was not on his land, but originated in Goosnargh.

The Wetlands Trust have recently reported an issue with water being discharged from the White Bull Reservoirs into a pipe that leads to the "No 3 disused Reservoir". United Utilities originally advised that this *was caused by an electronics failure*, and this outflow should be "capped off". However, a recent email from United Utilities has suggested that this would not happen in the near future due to cost.

It was agreed that this did not appear to be a satisfactory solution and we should write to United Utilities, asking them to explain their view that this was permitted – to discharge water on to privately owned land. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to United Utilities regarding this.

In addition, the Parish Council agreed to consult with the solicitor who handled the sale, to clarify if there is any permission for such action included in the sale documents.

It was also noted that there had been instances of what would appear to be polluted water flowing in the brook that runs along the site. It was felt that tracing the source of this might be a difficult issue, but the Clerk would make enquiries to see what and how this could be done.

134. (18/10) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.