

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3 February, 2022 held at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillor David Hindle (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver; Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam.

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

106. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

107. (21/22) Declarations of Interest

None.

108. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

109. (21/22) Adjournment for Public Participation

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam asked if a poster advertising the book on local walks produced by Ruth Buckley, and supported by the Parish Council could be placed on the Parish Council noticeboard near the shop. This was agreed as long as the poster was put on the community half of the noticeboard.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson asked if the litter picks that the Parish Council purchased could be used for a litter picking session before the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Clerk confirmed that the litter picks were stored at the Village Hall and she would ask the Village Hall Committee regarding using them.

Concerns were raised regarding dog dirt on Redrow and also on Old Railway Walk. The Clerk said she would raise this issue with the Dog Warden at Preston City Council.

Councillor Peter Burton said that the new bin on The Hills was making a difference to the litter/dog fouling on there, which had been greatly reduced since the installation of the new larger bin.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle then reconvened the meeting.

110. (21/22) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no current Planning Applications or planning issues for discussion at the meeting.

111. (21/22) Platinum Jubilee Working Group

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell reported on the first meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group held on 20 January 2022. A copy of the notes from the meeting had been circulated to the Parish Council and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell explained that the Working Group were recommending that a street party celebration should be held on the Village Green on Sunday 5 June 2022 and this could be based on a 1950's theme. Everyone would be encouraged to dress in 1950's style, such as Queens, Princesses, Princes etc and the entertainment would consist of a sing along of older songs and a band/singer representing the 1950's. There would also be donkey rides and children's games. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said it was important to book the entertainment as soon as possible as a lot of acts etc would be in great demand.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also said that all food and drink would also be in keeping with the 1950's and there would be no burgers/BBQ's etc and people would need to bring their own blankets, seats and tables. It was also proposed to unveil the new mural on the Village Green at the event.

There was also a discussion about equipment, bunting and possible small badges for school children to mark the occasion. With regard to insurance, it was important that each service provider such as the band, singers and others all had their own public liability insurance. The Clerk would check the insurance for the event and whether this would be covered by Preston City Council or by the Parish Council's own insurance.

All agreed this was an excellent idea and the Parish Council agreed to contribute up to £5,000 towards this event from Parish Council CiL monies.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would be held on 7th February 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Resolved

i) That, the report of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group is received and noted, and a copy of the notes from their meeting held on 20th January 2022 is presented in the Minute Book.

ii) That, the Parish Council agrees to support the event to be held on Sunday 5th June and contribute up to £5,000 from Parish Council CiL monies.

112. (21/22) Village Green – use by football/cricket club’s update

The Clerk reported that she had held a remote meeting with the football team and the cricket team to look at the use of the Village Green and to discuss any issues. The Clerk reported that the meeting had been very productive and that both the football team and cricket team were working well together and sharing the maintenance of both pitches. The Clerk had discussed the recent concerns regarding parking on match days, and the cricket club agreed that when football matches were taking place the match officials could park on the track leading to the cricket pitch, which would alleviate a few places on the Village Green car park. The football club explained that the matches were for under 13s so generally only lasted an hour and with 15 minutes either side of the match were the team just got together. The maximum disruption would usually be around 1hr 30 mins and matches were not held on the Village Green every week. The Clerk had asked for a list of matches so the Parish Council could be aware of when matches were taking place and the football team agreed to provide these. It was noted that the football club and cricket club did not play at the same time and had different seasons for their games.

The football club had asked if they could have the agreement between the Parish Council and their club on a “formal” footing and the Clerk said that she would raise this with the Parish Council as she recognised this was needed to give some confidence and security on both sides and to ensure that the maintenance of the pitch was carried out in conjunction with the pitch improvement plan.

The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk could draft up a basic agreement between the football club and the Parish Council and that she would ask our Solicitor to look at this to make sure it was legally compliant. It was noted that the cricket club had a legal agreement with Preston City Council so the Parish Council did not need to draw up an agreement with the cricket club.

Resolved

- i) That, the report on the remote meeting between the Clerk, football club and cricket club is received and noted.
- ii) That, approval is given for the Clerk to draft up a basic agreement between the football club and the Parish Council and that our Solicitor would be asked to look at this to make sure it was legally compliant.

113. (21/22) Whittingham Lane traffic issues - update

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell reported on her meeting with Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner regarding Whittingham Lane traffic issues. A copy of the notes from the meeting had been circulated with the agenda and a copy is placed in the Minute Book.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell explained that it had been a very productive meeting with Andy and that he felt that the starting point was to collate more up to date data on traffic numbers, speed of vehicles, times of day etc. He suggested that a company he was familiar with could carry out this and provide both the equipment and a report on

the findings. He agreed to send details to the Parish Council and it was noted that the costs would be approximately £150-£200. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that following the meeting with Andy, Rennie Pinder had contacted her regarding the data collection and met with her on 1st February 2022. Rennie suggested that he and possibly Andy would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to explain about the data collection and the cost. This was agreed by the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell agreed to contact Rennie regarding the Parish Council meeting and the Clerk would then liaise and confirm regarding the final details.

Resolved

- i) That, the report from the meeting with Andy Pratt on 19 February 2022 is received and noted, and that a copy of the notes are placed in the Minute Book.
- ii) That, Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell contacts Rennie Pinder to see if he can attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the data collection and costs. The Clerk would then liaise and confirm final details regarding this.

114. (21/22) Preston Area Committee (PAC)

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the notes from the Preston Area Committee (PAC) held on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at Broughton. It was noted that Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner had been present at the meeting to discuss traffic, speeding and parking issues. It was noted that Andy was now Chairman of the Road Safety Partnership and that the Partnership was currently being revitalised and refreshed.

Resolved

That, the report from PAC held on 19 January 2022 is received and noted.

115. (21/22) Christmas 2022

The Parish Council were asked to consider arrangements for Christmas events for 2022, this followed a suggestion by Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam to enhance the events held in the village and possible combine the carols around the crib with the switch on of the Christmas tree lights. There was a general discussion about this and it was agreed that, if possible, the crib should be moved to the Village Green and placed where the planter previously looked after by Grimsargh Players, was located. The events could then be combined and a provisional date of Friday 2 December was agreed.

The Clerk agreed to contact Preston City Council regarding the electrics on the Village Green, and the availability of electricity to power the crib lighting. She would then report back to the Parish Council regarding the associated costs.

Resolved

That, with regard to the Christmas arrangements for 2022, the Clerk contacts Preston City Council regarding the electricity on the Village Green to check the

availability of electricity to power the crib lighting. The Clerk would report back to the Parish Council regarding this.

116. (21/22) Parish Council Newsletter

There was a discussion regarding the summer newsletter and it was agreed that this would be produced and delivered by JPP Media in May to include information about the Platinum Jubilee event. It was also agreed that the newsletter would mainly focus on the 1950's and that the heritage corner item would also relate to this. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam said it would be a good idea if we could include interviews with local people from the village who remembered living in Grimsargh in the 1950's and agreed to speak to some local residents. An item on our new Councillor, Mrs Agustina Oliver would also be included.

The newsletter would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council and signed off in April.

Resolved

That, the summer Parish Council newsletter will be delivered in May by JPP Media to promote the Platinum Jubilee event being held in June.

117. (21/22) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FOGG)

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell informed the Parish Council that she had recently resigned from FOGG. The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle thanked Councillor Mrs Chessell for her loyalty and great work she had done for FOGG over the past 17 years. The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the two remaining members of FOGG who were asking if they should continue to run the friends group. It was noted that FOGG was not part of the Parish Council but a totally separate body but over the years we had worked closely together to improve the Village Green for the residents of Grimsargh. The Parish Council hoped that this good work would continue and that the two remaining members of FOGG would carry on with the projects on the Village Green and perhaps attract more residents to become involved. The Clerk confirmed that she would reply to the email in line with what had been discussed above.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that if FOGG did cease to exist then any remaining money in the bank account would be transferred to the Parish Council.

118. (21/22) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £146,892.93 in the Nat West bank as at 5 January 2022. It was further noted that we were still awaiting the February bank statement.

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

Clerk's Salary 15/01/22 - £951.28 + reimbursement for zoom Oct 2020 – Dec 2021
15 months at £14.39 per month = £215.85, total £1,167.13 (Cheque 1118)

Adam Cooper, Contractor 51 hours @ £15 per hour = total £765.00 (Cheque 1119).

It was also noted that we had paid NEST pension £48.88 Direct Debit 8 November and 6 December 2021. Water Plus Direct Debit for water for Nellie Carbis £17.61.

Resolved

1. The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

- i) Clerk's Salary 15/02/22 - £951.48.
- ii) Adam Cooper, Contractor to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- iii) Newsletter printing invoice awaited.

2. Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Parish Council agreed to appoint Donna Kidd as the Internal Auditor for the Accounts for year end 31 March 2022 at a cost of £70.00.

119. (21/22) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk reported that the Wetlands Trust AGM would be held on 20 July 2022 and that she would arrange to pay our membership fee to enable the Parish Council to vote at the meeting.

The Clerk also reported that she had been informed by Preston City Council that the Green Space Maintenance for 2022/2023 remained the same price this year at £3,190.

It was noted that the information regarding this year's Best Kept Village Competition had been published and that this would be added to the March Agenda of the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the Highways Special – Parish & Town Council Conference would be held on 19 March 2022 and this would also be added to the March Agenda of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that the vacancy on the Parish Council had been advertised to give residents the opportunity to call an election and this was due to expire at midnight tonight. If no election was called then the Parish Council could advertise the vacancy as a co-option in line with our usual procedure.

120. (21/22) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 7.30 pm to be held at Grimsargh Village Hall.