

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 January
2018 at 7.30pm held at Grimsargh Village Hall

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

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

112. (17/18) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Ian Liptrot and Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council. Councillor David Hindle apologised for lateness due to being on a training course. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

113. (17/18) Declarations of Interest

None.

114. (17/18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

115. (17/18) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PC Chris Banks to the meeting. PC Banks gave an update to the Parish Council on crimes in the area and explained that there had been a number of burglaries happening mainly during the day which involved a brick or stone being thrown through a properties window to gain access. However, the general picture was that crime in the village was low. He informed the Parish Council that if he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting then crime information could be accessed on line by signing up to Police.uk where you could search for crimes for individual areas.

With regard to the parking flyer that the Parish Council were looking to use in the village, PC Banks said that Woodplumpton Parish Council had done a similar thing but had found that some of the issues around parking were caused by local residents

and that sometimes using a flyer could make matters worse. He had no objection to the Parish Council using a flyer and explained that these issues were common to all areas and it was difficult for the police to take action as it was not a major priority and in the main the vehicles were not causing a physical obstruction ie stopping someone from getting from A to B but were just inconsiderately parked.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell referred to the junction with Lindale Avenue and the lollipop signs for 20 MPH which were also a hazard to pedestrians due to their location on the pavement. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson suggested that we could use the information from our Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire to justify use of the flyers but the Parish Council would have a further discussion about this and consider if the wording on our flyer should be changed. The Clerk said she would obtain a copy of the Woodplumpton flyer so we could compare what they had used in their village.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked PC Banks for attending the meeting and asked Councillor Ron Woollam if he had anything he wished to raise with the Parish Council. Councillor Ron Woollam said that he was still chasing the resurfacing of Ribblesdale Drive with Wainhomes who had promised to carry out the resurfacing before Christmas but this had still not happened. In the meantime the potholes were getting worse and were dangerous. Councillor Ron Woollam also said that there were still issues with KT Recycling Limited, however Councillor Peter Burton said it had been a lot better recently. There were also issues with the lights on Old Railway Walk working intermittently and Councillor Ron Woollam was dealing with Preston City Council to resolve these issues.

Councillor Ron Woollam also asked the Parish Council if they would consider using CiL money to improve the entrance to the village near Red Scar. The Parish Council recognised that the industrial estate was not an attractive entrance to the village, however it was technically not in the Parish Council area and it was therefore unlikely that the Parish Council could use CiL money for improvements there. Nevertheless it was a good idea to improve the area and this was something that could be discussed at a future meeting.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked Councillor Ron Woollam if his surgeries were proving successful and Councillor Ron Woollam confirmed that a number of people had contacted him but he was looking at maybe changing the dates and times to fit in with people who work during the day.

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

116. (17/18) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

06/2017/1350	-	Land off, Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh Preston. Reserved matters application (namely layout, scale, landscaping and appearance) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2016/0258 for 69no dwellings.
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06/2017/1358 - 289 Preston Road, Grimsargh Preston PR2 5JR
Porch to front, single storey side and rear extension.

That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2017/1350 and 06/2017/1358 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

It was further noted that the Planning Application for the Older Person's Village was now likely to go to the February 2018 meeting of Preston City Council's Planning Committee.

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

117. (17/18) Grant Application – Longridge Cluster Schools

The Parish Council gave consideration to the grant application from Longridge Cluster Schools towards a grant for the November 11th 2018 Armistice the Great War Remembered Project. Details of the grant application were circulated to the Parish Council. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to award a grant of £1,000 towards this project from the Parish Council Solar Farm monies. In addition the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should advise the applicants that if they were still struggling for funds to enable this project to go ahead they should contact the Parish Council to ask for a further contribution. The Parish Council recognised that this was an important project involving local schools. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also advised that the applicants should apply to the Educational Foundation of John Farrington and suggested that Mr M Fitzgibbon the Head Teacher of Alston Lane would be the most appropriate person to apply for this grant.

Resolved

That a grant of £1,000 is awarded to the November 11th 2018 Armistice the Great War Remembered Project and that if the project was still struggling for funds to enable the project to go ahead, that they could apply for a further grant from the Parish Council. In addition the Clerk would provide details of the Educational Foundation of John Farrington and encourage the applicant via Mr Fitzgibbon to apply for a grant to help with their project.

118. (17/18) Noticeboard for outside the Post Office

The Parish Council gave consideration to the replacement of their noticeboard outside the Post Office. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reminded the Parish Council that they had budgeted for the replacement board at an estimated cost of £2,000. A possible design was circulated to the Parish Council but it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the owner of the Post Office to discuss the most appropriate noticeboard for the site. The Parish Council agreed that an appropriate noticeboard should be purchased at a maximum cost of £2,000 to be funded from Parish Council CiL monies. This was unanimously agreed.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to pay to the replacement of an appropriate noticeboard outside the Post Office at a maximum cost of £2,000, to be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

119. (17/18) Grimsargh Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that a comprehensive report on the data capture and analysis of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire had now been received from RCU. It was noted that there were a few minor typos to be corrected but the next step would be for the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group to consider the report as soon as possible and to start working on the policies for the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

In addition to this it was also reported that the Neighbourhood Plan grant awarded to the Parish Council had now been extended until 31 March 2018. Originally the Parish Council had to spend the grant by 9 January 2018.

Resolved

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

120. (17/18) Eccleston Homes Ltd – land request

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray informed the Parish Council that she had been approached from Mark Fillingham who now worked for Eccleston Homes about ideally purchasing or leasing the land behind the new houses on Preston Road that they were building to extend the gardens of the new properties. A copy of the plan showing the land was circulated to the Parish Council. However, it was noted that any money received from the land would automatically return to United Utilities as the original owners of the land under the “claw back” clause in the agreement between the Parish Council and United Utilities. In addition to this the Parish Council agreed that to lease out land that was currently earmarked to the Wetlands Trust was not in the best interests of the Parish Council and would have a negative impact on the Parish Council in the village. It was therefore unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not sell or lease any of the Wetlands land to Eccleston Homes Ltd.

Resolved

That the Parish Council unanimously agrees not to sell or lease any of the Wetlands land to Eccleston Homes Ltd and that the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council should contact Mark Fillingham at Eccleston Homes Ltd and advise him of this.

121. (17/18) Parking/traffic issues – update

As discussed earlier in the meeting with PC Chris Banks – the flyer would be looked at again when the flyer from Woodplumpton Parish Council had been received. In addition to this the Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Lancashire County Council about highways issues in the village and that they were looking at what improvements could be made to the motorway junction at 31a to see what

could be done to alleviate the traffic issues in Grimsargh. Once an assessment was carried out then the County Council would consider this further.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

122. (17/18) Annual CiL report for 2017

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from Preston City Council regarding the Annual CiL report submitted from Grimsargh Parish Council and they had advised that the Parish Council could not claim the 5% administration fee for CiL monies. However, on contacting the Head of Planning Policy she had received information that there was no actual law that said the Parish Council could claim the 5% or indeed could not claim the 5%. The Clerk therefore advised the Parish Council that they would be able to claim the 5% administration fee if there was a justified reason to do so, for example being linked to the improvements for new development in the area such as the Lengthsman carrying out inspections and improvements to the Public Rights of Way. This was something that could be considered during the current financial year but for the last year it was advised by the Clerk that the 5% administration fee should be removed from the report (year ending 31 March 2017) and that in future years a justifiable reason for including the 5% should be included in the report. This was unanimously agreed.

Resolved

That with regard to the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2017 that this should be amended to remove the 5% administration fee. However, in future years that the use of the 5% administration fee should have a justifiable reason for doing so and should be included in the Annual CiL report.

123. (17/18) Bench on Village Green

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson referred to an email request from the family of the late Geoffrey and Jean Swarbrick for a bench to be placed on the Village Green in their memory at their expense. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell thought this was a lovely idea and felt that both Geoffrey and Jean had been an important part of Grimsargh and should be suitably remembered. It was suggested and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay for the bench out of their CiL monies and that the family should be asked to supply the plaque as they would wish to choose suitable words to remember them. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that all the current benches on the green were made of resin and it would be appropriate to purchase one that was similar in material and design. She agreed to find out where there the other benches were purchased from and also agreed to speak to Preston City Council to ensure that they were happy with the proposed bench. It was noted that the family had requested that the bench was located close to the mosaic and it was agreed that this would be the most appropriate place. The Clerk would contact the family of Geoffrey and Jean to inform them about this and the desire for the Parish Council to pay for the bench. It was further agreed that Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and the Chairman,

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson would look at sourcing the bench and providing a suitable location close to the mosaic.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to fund the cost (to be funded from CiL monies), of a resin bench for the Village Green in memory of Geoffrey and Jean Swarbrick and that Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson look at sourcing the bench, obtain permission from Preston City Council and provide a location for the bench close to the mosaic on the Village Green. In addition to this, the Clerk would contact the family and ask if they were happy to provide the plaque for inclusion on the bench.

124. (17/18) Lancashire County Council – budget consultation

The Parish Council gave consideration to the Lancashire County Council budget consultation. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 19 January 2018. The Parish Council agreed to support the budget and in particular relating to the S106 in relation to the public rights of way; the charging for pre-planning advice and the environmental advice.

Resolved

That the Clerk replies to the Lancashire County Council budget consultation in line with the above.

125. (17/18) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £231,509.03 in the Nat West bank as at 5 December 2017. It was noted that we were still awaiting the January 2018 bank statement.

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

- i) The Clerk, Sue Whittam, 4,11,18 & 25 December four weeks at £278.80 per week = £1,115.20 - tax and NI and employee pension contribution = £835.26 (note pension contribution for Clerk is £5.74 and Employer is £7.18). (Cheque no 886).
- ii) Adam Cooper Contractor – 51 hours @ £13.75 per hour = £701.25. (Cheque no 887).
- iii) Adam Cooper Contractor for materials for replacing bus shelter felt as previously agreed £164.68. (Cheque no 888).
- iv) Water Plus (UU) for water at Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland - £10.37 (direct debit).

Resolved

- 1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) RCU for Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire – 50% final payment (including VAT) £1,236 (from NP grant). (Cheque no 889).

ii) Direct Debit form to be signed for ICO membership renewal £35 per year – due 16 February 2018.

126. (17/18) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported that she had received information from Fairer Power Red Rose regarding saving money on energy bills. She had also received the invite to the County Civic Carol Service to be held at Blackburn Cathedral. As no one was available to attend, the Clerk said she would go to the event.

127. (17/18) Date of Next Meeting

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