

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 July, 2021 held at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillor David Hindle (Chairman); Councillor Mark Bell (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam.

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

27. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Jolliffe, Preston City Council and Councillor Harry Landless, Preston City Council.

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.

28. (21/22) Declarations of Interest

None.

29. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. (21/22) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

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

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that there had been a number of "near misses" close to the Redrow roundabout and a local resident was keeping records of these to understand the severity of the issue.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam reminded the Parish Council about the Festival of Angels event being organised by St Michael's Church which would be held between 25/26 September 2021. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam said that she had asked all local groups to make an angel which could be displayed in windows or gardens and said that it would be great if the Parish Council or individual Parish Councillors could get involved with this event.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also informed the Parish Council that Grimsargh Wetlands Trust would be holding an open day on Saturday 21 August between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm to celebrate the fantastic support and improvements made to the site. All members of the Parish Council were invited to attend the open day which would include guided walks and the official opening of the new access points and screens.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also mentioned the entrance signs to the village which were looking a bit tarnished and also the seat in memory of former Councillor Tom Davies needed either staining or cleaning. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

It was also noted that there had been further incidents of youths on motorcycles speeding on Whittingham Lane which had been reported to the police, who hopefully would take action on this.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle then reconvened the meeting.

31. (21/22) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no Planning Applications for consideration at the meeting. However, it was noted that Planning Application 06/2021/0753 relating to land off Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh for variation of Condition 6 would be considered by Preston City Council Planning Committee on 8 July and was recommended for approval.

Likewise, Planning Application 06/2020/1382 (land adjacent to 329 Preston Road) to increase the number of affordable homes from 30 to 35 was also recommended for approval and would be considered at the same Planning Committee.

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

Resolved

That, the report is received and noted.

32. (21/22) Planters

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that the planter on the corner of the Village Green needed a new “planter parent” as Grimsargh Players had given this up. She added that together with Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam they had cut back some of the weeds in the planter and she suggested putting in a few perennials to reduce the amount of work needed. Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said she had put an advert on the Parish Council Facebook page to see if anyone wished to take over looking after the planter, and there had been some slight interest.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson asked the Parish Council about the Planter Competition which would be difficult to go ahead due to the ongoing lockdown and uncertainty regarding Covid. Although it was noted a number of “planter parents” had been looking after their planters in spite of the difficult times, and this was very much appreciated by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that instead of the Planter Competition they would award a £10.00 voucher to each “planter parent”

as a thank you and that hopefully the competition would be back up and running next year.

Resolved

i) That, approval is given to purchase a few perennials for the planter on the corner of the Village Green.

ii) That approval is given to award each “planter parent” a £10.00 voucher as a thank you for looking after their planters during these difficult times.

33. (21/22) Litter pickers

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been approached by Eileen Murray from the Village Hall Committee regarding a local resident who wanted to organise litter picks in the village in conjunction with the Farmers Market to highlight the issue of littering in the village. Eileen was asking if the Parish Council would consider paying for 10 litter pickers for use by residents. The Clerk reported that the cost of these would be around £10-£13 for each one. The Parish Council discussed this and thought this was an excellent idea. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to purchase 10 litter pickers at an estimated cost of between £10-£13 each from Parish Council CiL monies.

Resolved

That approval is given to the purchase of 10 litter pickers for use by local residents at a cost of between £10-£13 for each one. These would be funded by Parish Council CiL monies.

34. (21/22) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £117,842.76 in the Nat West bank as at 5 June 2021. It was further noted that this included the £42,000 precept.

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

Signs express for way markers (CiL) - £400.00. (Cheque no 1084).

Clerk's Salary 15/06/21 - £951.28 + reimbursement for two sets of paediatric defib pads costing £165.72 = total £1,117. (Cheque 1085).

JRB Enterprise for dog bin bags £119.46. (Cheque no 1086).

Donna Kidd internal audit fee £70.00. (Cheque no 1087).

HMRC Q1 Tax and NI £1,165.46. (Cheque no 1088).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Adam Cooper Lengthsman to be confirmed at the next meeting.

- ii) Awaiting invoice for newsletter.
- iii) Clerk's Salary 15/07/21 - £951.48.
- iv) Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reimbursement for plants and compost - £108.17
- v) Councillor Peter Burton reimbursement for postage for newsletters £13.44.

2) Report of the internal auditor

The Clerk reported that she had now received the report of the internal auditor and the following issues needed to be addressed: -

Receipt 1025 – Adam Cooper Paid £503.80 actual amount £500.80. Overpaid by £3.00.

Receipt 1029 – Adam Cooper Paid £1231.50 actual amount £1241.50 Underpaid by £10.00

Therefore, Adam was owed £7.00 and this would be added to his next invoice.

No receipts for expenses from Adam Cooper for: -

1046 Trailer Hire £100

1062 Trailer Hire £5.00

1066 Equipment £40, £24, £60, £10

It was noted that these needed to be supplied to confirm expenditure in future audits, and the Clerk confirmed that in future the Parish Council needed a copy of all receipts relating to equipment purchase and hire.

The internal auditor also queried why no evidence for Cheque 1063 - £66,700. The Clerk shared with the internal auditor the CIL monies breakdown of expenditure, and in future the annual CiL report will be shared for next year's audit.

Taking into consideration the points above the internal auditor stated that the accounts were a true and correct record.

35. (21/22) Clerk's report – for information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

36. (21/22) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 2 September at 7.30 pm to be held at Grimsargh Village Hall.