

Grimsargh Parish Council

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

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

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Ron Woollam - Preston City Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright - Preston City Council
2 members of the public

135. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

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

136. (18/19) Declarations of Interest

None.

137. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2019 be
approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

138. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public
participation and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two members of the public
had come along to the meeting to ask about planning permission for erecting stables
for the horses they keep in their garden. After discussion it was agreed that the City
Councillors would find out if the residents needed planning permission and would
liaise with them to sort out any issues.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell reported that FOGG had a new Committee member
and also that the centenary stone near the car park on the village green needed
some attention. The Clerk agreed to add this to the list of tasks for the attention of
the Lengthsman.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reported that she had contacted our PCSO but she had now changed roles and that we had a new PCSO, Julie Anyon in her place. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained that we had a few problems of vandalism and possibly substance misuse in the village and that PCSO Julie Anyon was now aware of these issues. It was also noted that there was no longer a facility to leave a telephone message at Broughton Police Station and that any issues should be reported via the 101 telephone number. An alternative was to report any non-urgent issues on line.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked everyone for attending then reconvened the meeting.

139. (18/19) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

06/2018/1243 - Land off Preston Road, Grimsargh
Reserved Matters application seeking approval for scale, appearance, layout and landscaping for 147no dwellings and associated infrastructure.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1243, it was noted that this latest consultation was due to the applicant amending in particular the house types and parking. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from one of the landowners who had pointed out issues regarding an additional balancing pond and also the public rights of way. It was also noted the traffic island on the original plans had now disappeared. The Parish Council recalled raising concerns about the original traffic island as it was situated close to houses that had no off-street parking. However, the Parish Council felt that the provision of a crossing was essential to enable pedestrians to cross the road safely. However, it was further noted that the proposed exit/entrance to this site was opposite the proposed exit/entrance to a site adjacent to 329 Preston Road that had been approved by Planning Committee on their meeting held on 5 March 2019. (Reference 06/2018/1157). The Parish Council agreed to comment regarding the traffic islands and lack of crossing as other issues were minor changes and would be addressed through planning conditions.

In addition the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson referred to a document produced by Lancashire County Council regarding primary school places in Grimsargh and said it was something that the Parish Council needed to be aware of and keep an eye on.

The Parish Council has also been informed regarding the Call for Sites – part 2, were asked to consider if they wish to submit any additional sites. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 5 April 2019. The Parish Council agreed to submit the land behind the Village Hall as an area for protection for recreation/leisure and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray agreed to provide the Clerk with a red edged plan. It was noted that the land was currently in the ownership of Preston City Council.

The Clerk reported that the submission on Call for Sites – Part 1 regarding the Areas of Separation had been rejected by the City Council. The Clerk further reported that she would arrange a meeting with Preston City Council to discuss this further involving both the Chairman and the Clerk.

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1243 the Parish Council agreed to comment on the lack of traffic islands/pedestrian crossings which had now been removed from the latest plans. It was noted that other minor changes could be addressed through planning conditions.

ii) That with regard to the Call for Sites – Part 2, the Parish Council agreed to submit the land behind the Village Hall as an additional area for protection.

140. (18/19) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that in addition to the items for the June newsletter already agreed an item on recycling facilities in the village would be added.

It was also agreed that information on the new Parish Councillors following the elections in May would also be added to the list of items.

141. (18/19) Parish Council Elections 2019

The Clerk reported that Parish Council elections would be held in May 2019 and that she had been invited to a briefing but unfortunately it was this evening at the same time at the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk had arranged a separate briefing with the Elections Officer and she would circulate information about the elections when she had attended the briefing.

142. (18/19) Welcome to new Residents Event

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray informed the Parish Council that an idea was to have a new resident's event to include the residents from the new developments and to encourage people to get involved with the community and volunteer. This would be joint event between the Village Hall and the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a flyer for the new properties in the village and a possible date was suggested of 12 May. Refreshments would be provided at the event and an informal sub-committee would be arranged to finalise the arrangements.

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to allocate £100 from CiL monies towards the new resident's event.

Resolved

That the Parish Council allocates up to £100 (from CiL monies) towards a joint new residents event at the Village Hall to be held in May.

143. (18/19) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £49,588.28 in the Nat West bank as at 5 February 2019.

It was also noted that we had paid Nest Pension contributions on 20 Dec and 24 Jan £30.76 per month (direct debit).

It was further noted that we had paid since the last meeting:-

Adam Cooper (14/01/19) for December £467.50 (Cheque no 954).

Noticeboards online installation for new board £540.00 (Cheque no 955).

Sue Whittam, Clerk 4,11,18,25 January £833.42 (Cheque no 956).

Resolved

The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

- i) Preston City Council – Christmas Tree £2,300 + VAT £460 = total £2,760 (Cheque no 957).
- ii) GVCA – Village Hall hire for Parish Council meetings £75. (Cheque no 958).
- iii) Adam Cooper Contactor – Jan £591.25 and Feb £481.25 = total £1,072.50. (Cheque no 959).
- iv) HMRC Q4 Tax and NI £1,114.89 (Cheque no 960).
- v) Sue Whittam, Clerk 4,11,18,25 Feb = £1,137.48 – tax, NI and Pension = total £833.22 + £33.88 postage = total £867.10. (Cheque no 961).

144. (18/19) Clerk's report - for information only

The Clerk gave an update on the proposed procurement for the drainage of the football pitch on the village green. It was also suggested that the Clerk contact Stephen Greenwood to see if he could help with the lease between the Parish Council and Preston City Council with regard to the football pitch on the village green or recommend a suitable solicitor who could help us.

145. (18/10) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. This would be followed by an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.