

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 October, 2019 at 7.30 pm,
at Grimsargh Village Hall.

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Terry Cryer (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mark Bell; Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Lynda Cryer; Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Ian Liptrot.

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

Sgt Daniel W
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63. (19/20) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and Councillor Ian Donnell and Councillor Harry Landless from Preston City Council. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

64. (19/20) Declarations of Interest

Councillor David Hindle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 – Grimsargh Wetlands as Chairman of Grimsargh Wetlands Trust.

65. (19/20) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66. (19/20) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said there had been a lot of concern about recent flooding issues especially close to St Michael's C of E Primary School and also on Whittingham Lane. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that Councillor Ron Woollam had taken up these issues with Lancashire County Council as it appeared that some of the drains were still blocked. The Parish Council agreed that flooding was a particular issue at the moment in Grimsargh and supported the emails sent by Councillor Ron Woollam.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson welcomed Sgt Dan Wood and PCSO Vicky Shackleton to the meeting. It was reported that for the period 1 – 30 September 2019 there had been 1 public order and nuisance crime, 3 burglaries, 1 harassment and 1 malicious communication (6 crimes). Sgt Wood explained that with regard to the burglaries that these involved residents leaving their house doors unlocked resulting in car keys and vehicles being stolen. The malicious

communication incidents usually related to social media being used to send personal insults and were more commonly between people who knew each other. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell referred to the recent “scam” incident that she had been subjected to regarding someone claiming they were from her bank. The police advised that Action Fraud, which was the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre should be contacted with any details of scams such as these. Councillor Terry Cryer said that Call Guardian was also useful to screen any unwanted callers.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked the Police for attending and said that we would arrange for a copy of our boundary map to be forwarded to PCSO Vicky Shackleton so they were aware of our Parish area.

Councillor Ron Woollam also reported that all the lighting was not working on Old Railway Walk and he had been assured that this would be repaired as soon as possible.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell suggested that an item should be included on the next Agenda to possibly set up a Working Group to look at what can be done for young people in the village. It was also suggested that an item on bike security and possibly a bike rack on the village green should be discussed at the next meeting.

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

67. (19/20) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no Planning Applications for discussion at the meeting. However, as reported at the last meeting, the Parish Council had received notice of a consultation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Integrated Assessment (IA) (Incorporating Sustainability Appraisal: Health Impact Assessment; and Equalities Impact Assessment) Scoping Report (Draft for consultation), August 2019. The Parish Council had deferred this at the last meeting to give an opportunity to read the document. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 7 October 2019, and in particular the Parish Council were asked to comment on Section 6 of the document.

There was general discussion about this and the Parish Council agreed that they welcomed the IA Framework and Objectives and in particular with regard to Section IA1, the Parish Council would like see included that where Parishes have Neighbourhood Plans, they would like to ensure that these were taken into account so that villages/areas are provided with the types of houses needed and identified in the plans.

With regard to IA9 - the Parish Council would also like to see included in that section, transport which is accessible to all and fairly priced.

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

Resolved

That with regard to the consultation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Integrated Assessment (IA) (Incorporating Sustainability Appraisal: Health Impact Assessment; and Equalities Impact Assessment) Scoping Report (Draft for consultation), August 2019, that the Parish Council welcomes the IA Framework and Objectives. In particular with regard to Section IA1, the Parish Council would like see included that where Parishes have Neighbourhood Plans, they would like to ensure that these were taken into account so that villages/areas are provided with the types of houses needed and identified in the plans.

With regard to IA9 - the Parish Council would also like to see included in that section, transport which is accessible to all and fairly priced.

68. (19/20) Grimsargh Wetlands

Councillor David Hindle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as Chairman of Grimsargh Wetlands Trust and left the meeting for this item.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reported that the meeting with United Utilities, representatives of the Wetlands Trust and the Parish Council had been postponed again due to the United Utilities representative being in hospital. There was no further date for the meeting as yet.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had contacted the Treasurer of Grimsargh Wetlands Trust regarding the finances and hopefully this issue had now been resolved. The Clerk also reported that a request had been received from Grimsargh Wetlands Trust for additional funding of £20,000. The Parish Council were aware that they had agreed to provide up to £70,000 of funding for the first three years since the establishment of the Trust, but currently the Trust had only requested and been given the original £20,000 in 2017 as they had done a fantastic job in securing grant funding to carry out projects on the Wetlands. They were now looking at carrying out Phase 2 of the Project and needed additional funding to cover these works. The Parish Council agreed that the Wetlands were an excellent asset to Grimsargh and wholeheartedly supported the fantastic work being undertaken by the Wetlands Trust. They agreed to approve the £20,000 to the Wetlands Trust, to be allocated from Parish Council CiL monies.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson also reported that she would arrange to revisit the Wetlands with Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and Jayne Woollam, the Secretary to the Wetlands Trust to look at the encroachment issues previously raised by the Parish Council.

Resolved

- i) That approval is given to allocate £20,000 to Grimsargh Wetlands Trust to be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.
- ii) That the update on Grimsargh Wetlands Trust as now presented is received and noted.

Councillor David Hindle returned to the meeting.

69. (19/20) December Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson gave a quick update on the items for the December newsletter. The Clerk reported that she had received the item on Heritage Corner from Councillor David Hindle and reminded the Parish Council that the newsletter items would be signed off at the November meeting.

The following items were agreed for possible inclusion in the December newsletter: -

Scams – Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

CCTV (depending on progress) – Councillor Terry Cryer.

Carols around the Crib – The Clerk, Sue Whittam. It was suggested that this should be held on Friday 13 December at 6.15 pm. The Clerk would contact Reverend Salt and Canon Doyle to confirm the date and time.

Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson.

Planter Competition – The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson.

Dog Walking Group – Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

Grimsargh Neighbourhood Plan – The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson

New Councillor – Councillor Mark Bell.

Christmas Tree - The Chairman, Councillor Lindsay Philipson. It was suggested that the switch on of the tree should be on Saturday 30 November at 6.00 pm. The Clerk to check when the tree will be put in place.

Planning update – Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray/Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.

Spotlight on the Lengthsman (Adam and Colin).

New residents pack – The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.

WhatsApp for The Hills, if agreed at the meeting – Councillor Peter Burton.

70. (19/20) WhatsApp for The Hills

Councillor Peter Burton informed the Parish Council that he had asked for this item to be on the Agenda as he thought a WhatsApp for The Hills would be a good idea and an opportunity to network and share issues. However, it was noted that this would not be the responsibility of the Parish Council but a way for local residents to communicate with each other.

The Parish Council agreed that this was a great idea and Councillor Peter Burton would include this as an item in the December newsletter.

Resolved

That the Parish Council support the setting up of a WhatsApp chat for The Hills and that Councillor Peter Burton will write the newsletter item on this for the December newsletter.

71. (19/20) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £72,283.89 in the Nat West bank as at 5 September 2019.

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

Sue Whittam, Clerk 15/9/19 - £934.21. (Cheque no 992).

HMRC Q2 Tax & NI £1,205.89. (Cheque no 993).

Adam Cooper Lengthsman/Contractor –£798.25. (Cheque no 994).

Grimsargh Village Hall invoice £105. (Cheque no 995).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Adam Cooper Lengthsman/Contractor – £498.75 (Cheque no 996).

ii) Reimbursement to Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson for Planter Competition prizes and refreshments - £81.50. (Cheque no 997)

iii) PKF Littlejohn for external audit fee - £720 (intermediate audit). (Cheque no 998).

iv) Sue Whittam 15/10/19 - £934.01. (Cheque no 999).

2) External Audit report

The Clerk was pleased to report that although it was an intermediate audit – our accounts had been approved by the external auditor PKF Littlejohn and there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

72. (19/20) Clerk's report - for information only

The Clerk reported that she had been invited with the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson to a meeting with Longridge Town Council and local Parish Councils on Monday 7 October to look at how we could work closer together on issues relating to development and infrastructure.

The Clerk also reported on an update from KT Recycling that they were currently on shut-down, during which time they would be clearing the site to the minimum level. Once achieved, they would be able to make repairs to the concrete in areas where it was beginning to fail. KT Recycling would also take the time to overhaul all plant equipment on site.

It was also noted that KT Recycling had ceased maintenance operations at night. All routine works were now being carried out during normal operational hours (except in very exceptional circumstances). The Company hoped that this would eliminate the potential for any noise issues occurring for local residents coming from their site.

Once KT Recycling were in a position to accept waste on site again, this would be done at reduced levels – around 10 loads per day. The works they were carrying out at the moment would result in a quicker turnaround, so apart from wastes such as hard plastics (which they tried to avoid anyway), there should be little waste held on site at any time.

Finally, it was also noted that KT Recycling would be installing a more robust fire/heat detection system in the building.

The Clerk also reported that she had received notification of a Traffic Regulation Order for works being carried out to the road surface on The Hills starting on Friday 1 November until the works were completed.

73. (19/20) Date of Next Meeting

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