

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2018 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Terry Cryer (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council
PC Paul Geldard
1 member of the public.

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52. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Ian Liptrot and Councillor Keith Middlebrough. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

53. (18/19) Declarations of Interest

None.

54. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PC Paul Geldard to the meeting.

PC Paul Geldard gave an update to the Parish Council on latest crimes in the area. He said that there had been a total of six crimes in August which had mainly been criminal damage. There had been 27 calls to service for this period compared with 29 last year. Overall crime was low in the rural areas.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked if the police had managed to secure a liveried vehicle and PC Geldard reported that they still did not have a dedicated vehicle. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the police about this but had not received a reply. The Clerk would chase a response.

With regard to the meeting with the Police and the Chairman/Clerks of Parish Councils, PC Geldard said that this still had to be arranged.

PC Geldard said that he would also produce some laminated cards so that people knew how to contact the police.

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

56. (18/19) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

- 06/2018/0711 - Land south of Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh
Outline application for up to 70 dwellings with associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except for access.
- 06/2018/0810 - Lindale House, 13 Lindale Avenue, Grimsargh
1 no outbuilding to provide 1no car parking space.
- 06/2018/0921 - Elston Grange, Elston Lane, Grimsargh
3 no dwellings and associated works (access applied for only).

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0711 the Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to the Planning Application on reasons of lack of sustainability and connectivity.

The Parish Council also asked the Clerk to make it clear to the Planning Department that the Parish Council had not given positive feedback to the applicant as stated in their Planning Statement section 3.2.1. The Parish Council had agreed to meet with the applicant's agents/representatives to discuss their proposals. This meeting took place on Thursday 5 July after they had submitted their Planning Application and the discussion also included feedback from their online survey. The Parish Council could not give any opinion on the application at that meeting as it was not a constituted Parish Council meeting.

Although the Parish Council were aware that this application was for outline only, they had a number of concerns. There was a lack of footways/footpaths throughout the development. In Grimsargh it was noted that we currently had two areas that had no footpaths namely The Hills and also Salisbury Avenue on the Redrow Estate. Both of these had caused issues for pedestrians as the lack of footpaths meant that pedestrians had to walk in the road and it was an issue especially for those who were less abled and those who were pushing prams etc - this was highlighted in our recent Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire when concern about these issues were raised with the Parish Council. The Parish Council therefore felt very strongly that there should be 2 metre wide footpaths with lighting and this was also mentioned by Lancashire County Council in their response to the Planning Application. These footpaths should be throughout the development and also

continued onto Cow Hill and Whittingham Lane to not only provide connectivity but to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

The Parish Council also had concern about traffic and congestion in Grimsargh. Although Lancashire County Council did not object to the application, the increase in traffic was becoming a very serious issue. A number of developments had recently been approved not only in Grimsargh but in the adjoining area in Longridge. Currently Grimsargh was gridlocked during key parts of the day and the traffic backs up from Skew Bridge to Red Scar and also through the village from Longridge to Preston. The Parish Council had major concerns that if there was an emergency in the area then those vital services would not be able to get through the traffic.

Although the plan provided with the outline application was only indicative at this stage, the Parish Council as mentioned earlier had recently carried out a detailed consultation as part of their proposed Neighbourhood Plan. There was overwhelming support for smaller affordable homes and bungalows and little support for large 4/5 bedrooomed executive homes. The indicative plan supported larger homes that were not needed in Grimsargh.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0810, the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0921, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application because it was a small scale development on a brownfield site.

The Clerk also reported that we had received information from Preston City Council regarding the review of the Local Plan and the Call for Sites. It was noted that all sites must be submitted no later than 11.59pm on Friday 9 November 2018 and the Parish Council was asked to consider submitting suitable sites for inclusion. The Parish Council agreed to include the Call for Sites information on their Neighbourhood Planning page and also link this to the FB page and website. This would enable residents to comment and put forward any possible future development sites in Grimsargh. It was also agreed to go through the maps that accompanied the Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire to see what sites had been identified as part of that process.

It was further agreed that the Call for Sites would also be discussed at the October and November meetings of the Parish Council.

The Clerk also reported that a weekly list giving an update on sites submitted was being produced by Preston City Council. However, it had been confirmed that this list would not be available for the public and was for internal use only.

The Parish Council noted our response to the Statement of Community Involvement which had been discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. In our response we had asked that Parish Councils were included in consultations as well as area specific groups such as the Preston Area Committee (PAC). We also asked for links/liaison with neighbouring authorities such as Ribble Valley Borough Council as

it was important that we were working together and ensuring that policies/developments including transport, infrastructure and housing were looked at on a sub-regional basis. The Clerk reported that only 10 responses were received to the consultation and an updated version would also go out for consultation.

The Clerk reported that a reporter from the Lancashire Evening Post had been in touch regarding the proposals by Story Homes for the land off Preston Road, Grimsargh. The press release from Story Homes had stated that they were consulting with key Stakeholders regarding their proposals in advance of submitting a Planning Application. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not be contacted at all by Story Homes and this was disappointing. Both City Councillors for Grimsargh, Councillor Neil Cartwright and Councillor Ron Woollam had also not received any communication about this from Story Homes. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should contact Story Homes to express our disappointment in the lack of consultation with the Parish Council and to ask for a representative from Story Homes to attend a briefing session with the Parish Council and City Councillors only at 6pm on Thursday 4 October, 2018.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson also informed the Parish Council that residents in Goosnargh were holding a public meeting on Saturday to protest about over development in their village.

There were no further planning issues for discussion.

Resolved

- i) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0711 for land south of Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, that the Parish Council object to this Planning Application for reasons of lack of sustainability and connectivity as outlined above.
- ii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0810 that the Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.
- iii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/0921 that the Parish Council agreed to support this application because it was a small scale development on a brownfield site.
- iv) That with regard to the review of the Local Plan and the Call for Sites, that the Parish Council include this information on their Neighbourhood Planning page and link this to our FB page and website. In addition to this the maps that were included in the Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire would be looked at to see what sites had been identified as part of that process. The Parish Council would also discuss this issue again at their meetings in October and November.
- v) The Parish Council noted their response to the consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.
- vi) That with regard to Story Homes and their proposals for land off Preston Road, Grimsargh, that the Clerk contacts Story Homes to express disappointment about the lack of consultation with the Parish Council and to ask for a representative from

Story Homes to attend a meeting with the Parish Council and City Councillors only on Thursday 4 October at 6pm.

57. (18/19) Grimsargh Wetlands - update

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson was pleased to report that the Wetlands Trust had been successful in their bid to the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) and had been awarded a total of £50,000 which included a bonus amount for their project. This was good news and indicated the hard work that had gone into pulling the bid together.

The Clerk reported that the works on the Wetlands were due to commence on 17 September and she would forward a copy of the Temporary Footpath Closure Order to the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson so this could be included on our FB page and website so residents would be aware that the public footpath would be closed for up to six months.

With regard to the properties encroaching onto the Wetlands, the Chairman Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that we had still not received the information from the Wetlands Trust about how many properties this involved. It was agreed that the Clerk should formally contact the Wetlands Trust to obtain this information and then it could be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved

- i) That the Clerk contacts the Secretary to the Wetlands Trust to obtain the information regarding the properties encroaching onto the Wetlands so this can be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii) That the update on the Wetlands Trust is received and noted.

58. (18/19) Items for Expenditure

The Parish Council considered the following items of expenditure: -

- i) The purchase of a Christmas Tree/solar powered lights (estimated cost £450). It was agreed that the Clerk should first seek permission from Preston City Council for the tree to be placed on the village green, and that final costings and details should be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- ii) The purchase of a "Tommy" to commemorate the Anniversary of the end of WWI at a cost of £750. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek permission from Lancashire County Council for this before purchasing the "Tommy". It was intended that the "Tommy" would be placed next to the Parish Council war memorial. This item would be funded from CiL monies.
- iii) The purchase of a bus shelter for outside the Plough. It was agreed that this item should be deferred until the next meeting as the Parish Council still needed confirmation from the brewery that this could go ahead.

Resolved

- i) That with regard to the purchase of a Christmas Tree/solar powered lights, that the Clerk should seek permission from Preston City Council for the tree to be placed on the village green, and that the final costings and details should be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- ii) That with regard to the purchase of a “Tommy” to commemorate the Anniversary of the end of WWI at a cost of £750. That the Clerk should seek permission from Lancashire County Council for the “Tommy” to be placed next to the Parish Council war memorial. This item would be funded from CiL monies.
- iii) That with regard to the purchase of a bus shelter for outside the Plough that this item is deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

59. (18/19) Newsletter

The Parish Council agreed to include the following items in the December newsletter: -

Spotlight on Grimsargh Badminton Club – Richard and Badminton Group to write this item.

Neighbourhood Planning Update – Lindsay.

Remembrance Sunday – Lindsay.

Field Day Ball – Keith.

Grants – Sue.

Christmas Tree – Sue.

Best Kept Village – Lindsay.

Planters – Lindsay.

Young Photographer/trophy and link to Flower, Produce & Handicraft Show.

Planning/new developments – Eileen/Lindsay.

Introduction to the High Sheriff – Mr Attard (High Sheriff).

Carols around the Crib – (The suggested date for this was Friday 7 December 2018 subject to the availability of the Vicar) - Sue.

It was also agreed not to have a voucher in the newsletter for the Carols around the Crib refreshments but everyone would be welcome to go into the Club for refreshments and that these should be paid for by the Parish Council.

60. (18/19) General Data Protection Regulations – Privacy Notice

The Clerk circulated a draft privacy notice in line with the General Data Protection Regulations which would be placed on our website. This was unanimously agreed and a copy of the privacy notice is presented in the Minute Book.

Resolved

That the draft privacy notice as now presented is approved by the Parish Council and will be placed on our website. In addition to this a copy is also presented in the Minute Book.

61. (18/19) Planter Competition winners

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson was pleased to report that Nellie and Philip Cowell were the winners of the planter competition, for the beautiful war memorial. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray was second and the Garden Club was awarded third place. With regard to the FB page competition the war memorial came first in that as well.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reported that the awards ceremony and prize giving would be held on 30 September at 3.00pm and reminded those members of the Parish Council who wished to attend to let her know so they could be included in the catering requirements.

62. (18/19) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £63,731.26 in the Nat West bank as at 3 August 2018. We were still awaiting the September bank statement. This included the £250 from LCC for Public Rights of Way Service Delivery Scheme.

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

Adam Cooper for new doors on Parish Council store - £1,300. (cheque no 908).

Contribution to Lancashire Environmental Fund (match funding as part of Wetlands Trust grant) - £3,300. (cheque no 909).

S Whittam Clerk salary – 2,9,16,23 & 30 July = 5 weeks at £284.37 per week = £1,421.85 – tax, insurance and pension contribution = £1026.67.

Adam Cooper July salary 57 hours @ £13.75 per hour = £883.75 and August salary 48 hours @ £13.75 per hour = £660. Total £1,543.75 (cheque no 911).

It was further noted that we had paid the water bill for Nellie Carbis on 1 August £7.10 direct debit.

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) Clerk Sue Whittam salary – 6,13,20 and 27 August 2018 four weeks at £284.37 per week = £1,137.48 – tax, NI and pension contribution = £833.22 + dog dispenser bags £101.40 total £934.62. (cheque 912).

ii) HMRC Q2 payment for Tax and NI £1,114.89. (cheque 913).

iii) Reimbursement for Young Photographer trophy £16.00 to Ruth Ball (cheque no 914).

63. (18/19) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

- i) To note that a meeting had been arranged with the Environment Agency to discuss KT Recycling and would be held on Tuesday 11 September at 11.00 am at the Village Hall.
- ii) To note that the new bench in memory of the late Alderman Geoff Swarbrick and Mrs Swarbrick had now been installed on the village green.
- iii) An email had been received from United Utilities regarding some planned work in the Cow Hill/Whittingham Lane area and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell agreed to meet with United Utilities to discuss this.
- iv) The Clerk reported that we had received an invite to the Awards Ceremony for the Best Kept Village Competition and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that she would already be attending as she was a judge for other areas. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- v) The Clerk reported that with regard to the maintenance of the proposed football pitch on the village green she had contacted Preston City Council and received confirmation that CiL monies could be used for the maintenance.

64. (18/19) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 4 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.