

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2 September, 2021 held at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

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

37. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark Bell (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and PCSO Julie Anyon.

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.

38. (21/22) Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5 Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 relating to Planning Application 06/2021/1076 Grimsargh Vicarage, Graveyard Extension, as he was a member of the Parochial Church Council. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the same item as she was also a member of the Parochial Church Council and had submitted the Planning Application to Preston City Council on behalf of the Church.

39. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that she had thought that she had given her apologies for the last meeting. It was agreed to add Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell's apologies to the minutes.

Resolved

That, taking into account the inclusion of Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell's apologies as above, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. (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 Jayne Woollam raised the issue of the Parish Council planters and asked if the Lengthsman could “dead head” all the plants in our planters on a regular basis. The Clerk said she would speak to the Lengthsman about this.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also mentioned the concessionary footpath close to the Wetlands. As the path was on private land, the Chairman, Councillor David Hindle agreed to contact the landowner and advise that a sign was needed to ensure that people used the designated public rights of way over the land.

Councillor Graham Jolliffe from Preston City Council informed the Parish Council that next year was the Queens Platinum Jubilee and that Preston City Council would be involved with the Queens Green Canopy which was a project to celebrate the Queens anniversary and to promote tree planting across the Country. Councillor Jolliffe was encouraging the Parish Council and local community groups to become involved in this project.

Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer said that she was concerned about the overgrown bushes and trees near the crematorium. She had tried to find out who had responsibility for cutting back the shrubbery but both Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council had said it was not their responsibility. Councillor Ron Woollam said he would look into this and try and get the shrubbery cut.

It was noted that a local resident was keeping records of “near misses” close to Redrow roundabout and these were increasing. This was something the Parish Council may have to look at in conjunction with Highways as it was dangerous.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle then reconvened the meeting.

41. (21/22) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2021/0937 | - | The Old School House, 103 Preston Road, Grimsargh
Single storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory. New front door. Alterations to the existing vehicular access and alterations to the front boundary. |
| 06/2021/1114 | - | Footpath adjacent 156 Preston Road, Grimsargh
Prior notification for installation of 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. |
| 06/2021/1110 | - | Land to the rear of Grimsargh Vicarage 46 Preston Road
4 no detached dwellings, access road and parking with gated entrance. |
| 06/2021/0670 | - | 339 Preston Road, Grimsargh
Reserved matters application (namely access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to |

outline planning permission 06/2018/0244 for 4 no dwellings and associated works.

- 06/2021/1124 - 339 Preston Road, Grimsargh
Outline planning application for 4 no dwellings and associated works (access applied for only) (pursuant to 06/2018/0244 to seek removal of condition 8. (Licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 53 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010).
- 06/2021/1076 - Grimsargh Vicarage, 46 Preston Road, Grimsargh
Graveyard extension.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/0937 the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1114, it was reported that the Parish Council had received a number of objections to this application. In addition to this the Parish Council noted that over 220 residents were unhappy with the proposed location of the mast which was close to residential houses. Taking into account all the information, the Parish Council agreed to object to the location of the proposed mast due to its proximity to residents' houses and its central location in the middle of the village. The Parish Council were not against masts in principle but did feel strongly that a more suitable location should be found.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1110, it was noted that this was an almost identical application to the one that was approved in 2016 (ref 06/2016/0704) and was due to expire. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Applications 06/2021/1124 and 06/2021/0670, these applications related to the same site. The Parish Council commented that the plan for 06/2021/1110 showed five dwellings on the site layout block plan and not four as applied for.

With regard to 06/2021/1124 to seek removal of condition 8. (Licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 53 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010), the Parish Council were concerned that the removal of this condition should not have any detrimental effect on wildlife.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam left the meeting while the Parish Council considered Planning Application 06/2021/1076. It was noted that this application was to extend the graveyard at St Michael's Church as the graveyard was full. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

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

Resolved

- i) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2021/0937 the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.
- ii) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1114, it was reported that the Parish Council had received a number of objections to this application. In addition to this the Parish Council noted that over 220 residents were unhappy with the proposed location of the mast which was close to residential houses. Taking into account all the information, the Parish Council agreed to object to the location of the proposed mast due to its proximity to residents' houses and its central location in the middle of the village. The Parish Council were not against masts in principle but did feel strongly that a more suitable location should be found.
- iii) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1110, it was noted that this was an almost identical application to the one that was approved in 2016 (ref 06/2016/0704) and was due to expire. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.
- iv) That, with regard to Planning Applications 06/2021/1124 and 06/2021/0670, these applications related to the same site. The Parish Council commented that the plan for 06/2021/1110 showed five dwellings on the site layout block plan and not four as applied for.
- With regard to 06/2021/1124 to seek removal of condition 8. (Licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 53 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010), the Parish Council were concerned that the removal of this condition should not have any detrimental effect on wildlife.
- v) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1076. It was noted that this application was to extend the graveyard at St Michael's Church as the graveyard was full. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam returned to the meeting.

42. (21/22) Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2021/22

The Clerk reported that Lancashire County Council were undertaking the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme again this year and they had asked Parish Councils to "opt into" the Scheme as in previous years. As the Parish Council did not meet in August and the closing date to opt in was 31 August 2021, the Clerk had provisionally opted into the scheme subject to the Parish Council's approval. The Parish Council would receive £500 towards public rights of way work.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to opt into the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for 2021/22.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to opt into the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for 2021/22.

43. (21/22) LALC AGM

The Parish Council gave consideration to attending the remote LALC AGM to be held on Saturday 20th November at 10.00 am. No one present at the meeting wished to attend but the Clerk said that if any Parish Councillor decided they wanted to attend then to contact her and she would arrange for the link to be sent to them.

Resolved

That, any Parish Councillor wishing to attend the remote LALC AGM on 20th November at 10.00 am should contact the Clerk and she would arrange for the link to the meeting to be sent to them.

44. (21/22) SPiDs – update

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell informed the Parish Council that she had met in June with Mr Cox from Lancashire County Council to look at the location of the proposed SPiDs. John Baron a local resident had also attended. After discussion with Mr Cox, it was felt that the SPiD immediately before the children's playground should be moved so that it was not distracting to the residents living directly opposite it. It was also apparent that a fourth SPiD may be needed to capture vehicles coming into the village from Haighton Green Lane which would result in two SPiDs on Whittingham Lane. The Clerk confirmed that she was awaiting further information from Mr Cox regarding finalising the proposed locations but had not received this information for consideration at this meeting. The Parish Council agreed in principle to the purchase of an additional SPiD, so the funding would be for four SPiDs in total, subject to the locations being agreed with Lancashire County Council. All four SPiDs would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

Resolved

That, the Parish Council agrees in principle to the purchase of an additional SPiD, so the funding would be for four SPiDs in total, subject to the locations being agreed with Lancashire County Council. All four SPiDs would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

45. (21/22) Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that Preston City Council had contacted the Parish Council asking for confirmation of our requirements for a Christmas Tree this year and also advising that we would need to purchase six strings of replacement lights due to the damage caused to the lights last year. Preston City Council were also advising that additional security measures were needed to protect the tree from vandalism.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a tree and the additional lights for this year. With regard to the additional security, it was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Preston City Council to explore options as the Parish Council would not wish to see overbearing security fencing. Councillor Peter Burton asked if a “cage” could be put around the electricity supply to prevent damage to the box and tampering with the plugs. The Clerk would speak to David Tomlinson at Preston City Council and report back to the Parish Council.

The Clerk also asked the Parish Council about the date for switching on the lights and also if the Carols around the Crib would be taking place. The Parish Council would agree the dates at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved

That, approval is given for the purchase of the Christmas tree and replacement lights and that the Clerk is asked to discuss the security arrangements for the tree with Preston City Council and report back to the Parish Council.

46. (21/22) Grimsargh Green Mosaic

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell informed the Parish Council that she had been exploring options of replacing the mosaic on the Village Green as it was beginning to deteriorate with bits now missing. The local school Children from both Grimsargh St Michaels School and Alston Roman Catholic School had been designing a replacement and copies of their lovely artwork was shown to the Parish Council. The replacement design was proposed to be in galvanised steel, and a provisional quote had been obtained from Raven Fabrications. A picture of the current mosaic would be placed on the back of the wall as it was important to remember the work carried out by previous pupils in 2012 to celebrate the Preston Guild. This work would be undertaken by Signs Express.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell outlined the provisional costs for this project and she was seeking funding from the Parish Council. The estimated cost of the whole project was £4,500. The Parish Council thought this was an excellent idea and totally supported the project. The Clerk asked if the plaque to commemorate the opening of the mosaic by former Alderman Swarbrick would be maintained, as his family would like the plaque if it was not going to remain on the Village Green. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she was hoping to keep the plaque on the wall with the picture of the mosaic.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to fund the total cost of the project from Parish Council CiL monies, including if the cost of the project was higher than the £4,500 estimated cost.

Resolved

That, the Parish Council agrees to fund the total cost of the stainless-steel artwork and the picture of the current mosaic at an estimated cost of £4,500 from Parish Council CiL monies.

47. (21/22) December Newsletter

The Parish Council gave consideration to items for the December newsletter. The following items were suggested: -

Heritage Corner – The Chairman, David Hindle.
Friday morning Coffee Club – Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam to ask the organisers.
The Angel Event – Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam to provide pictures from the September event.
Remembrance Sunday.
Christmas Events.
Field Day.
Grimsargh Wetlands.

It was noted that this would also be discussed at the October meeting of the Parish Council and that items would be approved at the November meeting.

48. (21/22) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £113,752.49 in the Nat West bank as at 5 August 2021. It was further noted that this included the VAT reimbursement of £2,109.60. The Clerk asked if Councillor Peter Burton could look at the financial spreadsheet and set up the new spreadsheet for 2021/2022. Councillor Peter Burton agreed to do this.

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

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson – for plants £108.17 as agreed at the last meeting. (Cheque no 1089).

Councillor Peter Burton for newsletter postage as agreed at the last meeting £13.44. (Cheque no 1090).

Clerk's Salary 15/07/21 £951.48. (Cheque no 1091).

Adam Cooper, Contractor May 38 hours @ £15 per hour = £570.00 + £7.00 underpaid from previous year (internal audit findings) + £27 for April's invoice as Adam had not charged the new rate of £15 per hour + £450 for painting of bus shelters, benches and planters including paint £1,054. Adam Cooper, Contractor June 2021 61 hours @ £15 per hour = £915.00 + new water pump £239 = £1,154. Total for both invoices £2,208. (Cheque no 1092).

Clerk's Salary 15/08/21 - £951.28 + reimbursement for 10 litter picks costing £119.00 = total £1,070.28. (Cheque no 1093).

John Gornall for tree works on Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland £100.00. (Cheque no 1094).

JRB Enterprise for dog bin bags £119.46. (Cheque no 1095).

GVCA for room hire large hall May, June, July £90.00. (Cheque no 1096).

The Parish Council had also paid NEST pension £48.88 Direct Debit 8 July 2021.

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Adam Cooper, Contractor – August 2021 46 hours @£15 per hour = total £690.

ii) Awaiting invoice for newsletter.

iii) Clerk's Salary 15/09/21 - £951.48.

iv) Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reimbursement for vouchers for planter parents £70.00.

49. (21/22) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would be receiving a further CiL contribution in October and that the Parish Council needed to consider further projects to be funded from CiL. The Clerk said that Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson had suggested a possible skateboard project and this was something that would be welcomed by teenage children in the village.

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

50. (21/22) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 7 October at 7.30 pm to be held at Grimsargh Village Hall.