

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3 April 2025 at Grimsargh Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm.

Present:- Councillor Peter Burton (Chairman); Councillor Trevor Haines (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer and Councillor Simon Rusling

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

114. (24/25) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell, Councillor David Hindle, Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver, Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam and also from the Police who could not attend due to operational duties.

115. (24/25) Declarations of Interest

None.

116. (24/25) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. (24/25) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2025/0373 | - | 34 Nook Glade, Grimsargh PR2 5JX
Front porch, car port with first floor side extension above to side, and two storey and first floor extension to rear, following demolition of detached garage within rear garden. |
| 06/2025/0210 | - | 47 Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh PR2 5RJ
Front and rear dormer extensions and render of property. |
| 06/2025/0115 | - | 240 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JS
Replacement raised roof to garage and conversion of garage to habitable room. |
| 06/2024/1171 | - | 345 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JT
First floor extension to rear. |

With regard to Planning Applications 06/2025/0373, 06/2025/0210 and 06/2024/1171 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2025/0115, it was noted that this property had in October 2024 received a Certificate of Lawful Use (Ref 06/2024/0952) for the property to be used as a care home for up to 3 children. In the Officers report it stated that there were "no extensions, external alterations or proposed changes to the existing internal layout or elevations/wider site, with no implementation of additional infrastructure proposed to facilitate the proposed use". The Parish Council were concerned that just a few months later there was an application to convert the garage into a habitable room, and questioned if the property was still going to be used for 3 children or if it was already increasing in size. The Parish Council agreed not to object to the Planning Application but to raise these concerns in their formal response to Preston City Council.

The Parish Council gave consideration to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the draft Central Lancashire Local Plan. This item had been deferred from the last meeting of the Parish Council as the closing date for comments was Monday 14th April (Midnight). The Parish Council were pleased that there were no further developments planned for Grimsargh and in particular they supported that the Areas of Separation between Grimsargh and Preston, and also Grimsargh and Longridge had been strengthened in the new draft Plan. This was particularly important as Grimsargh had seen a vast increase in development over the last few years. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the Consultation on the Plan supporting the Areas of Separation and welcoming the lack of further development in Grimsargh.

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

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2025/0373, 06/2025/0210 and 06/2024/1171, the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

ii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2025/0115, the Parish Council had concerns that there were proposed changes to the property after obtaining a Certificate of Lawful Use for the property to be used as a care home for up to 3 children. The Clerk was asked to raise the Parish Council's concerns as outlined above in the formal response to Preston City Council.

iii) That with regard to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the Central Local Plan, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the Consultation supporting the Areas of Separation and welcoming the lack of further development in Grimsargh.

118. (24/25) Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council discussed possible items for the June newsletter including an update on the Cricket Club, Heritage Corner (possible relating to the 80th Anniversary of VE day); update on the footway/hoggin path Village Green and

Handicraft update, the new Community Orchard and Field Day. These would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council with the final newsletter items to be signed off at the May meeting.

119. (24/25) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £164,956.81 in the Nat West bank as at 5 March 2025.

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

Preston City Council for Parish Council newsletter printing £547.75 and design £150 = total £697.75 + Christmas tree £2,470.56 = total £3,168.31. (Cheque no 1306).

Sue Whittam, Clerk's Salary 15 March 2025 £1,297.41. (Cheque no 1307).

JRB enterprises for bin bags – 2 invoices £260.52. (Cheque no 1308).

Mark Easom for cutting field £152.50. (Cheque no 1309).

Sally Gorton for Website administration and domain renewals £403.18. (Cheque 1310).

Grimsargh Cricket Club £15,000 from CiL. (Cheque no 1311).

HMRC Q4 - £941.98 (Cheque no 1312).

We had been advised that bank charges from 1 February to 28 February were £3.85. Direct debits Nest Pension Clerk, 11 Feb £67.71; ICO data fee £35, 19 February; Water plus for Nellie Carbis £20.14.

Resolved

The following invoices were approved for payment: -

- i) Sue Whittam, Clerk's salary to be confirmed when new financial year starts. £25 to be added for reimbursement for the Best Kept Village Competition fee.
- ii) Preston City Council, Greenspace contribution towards maintenance costs £3,190.
- iii) New Grimsargh sign £555.60 (LCC Highways), but location to be confirmed.

120. (24/25) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk reported that she had arranged for the Lengthsman's post to be advertised and interviews had been scheduled for 30 April 2025 at the Village Hall.

121. (24/25) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.