

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 April, 2015
following the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00 pm at Grimsargh
Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Peter Burton (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Dan Dewhurst; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.

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

136. (14/15) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council.

137. (14/15) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Peter Burton declared a personal interest in Item 10, Grant Application – Grimsargh Community Choir as he is a member of the choir. Councillor Keith Middlebrough declared an interest in the same item as his wife is a member of the choir.

138. (14/15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked for an amendment to the minutes on page 3 – minute 131 (14/15) to read:- “She said that she had *received four complaints and reported* about work not done by Adam including weeds on the roadside and in the gutters”.

Resolved

That, subject to the amendment above, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 March, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

139. (14/15) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2015/0218 | - | Land at Fell View Farm, Preston Road, Grimsargh.
Erection of solar PV farm (Phase 1). |
| 06/2015/0187 | - | 166 Preston Road Grimsargh. |

Erection of dormer extensions to front and rear of dwelling and pitched roof over existing flat roof side extension.

LCC/2015/0020 - Variation of Condition 9 of Planning Permission 06/07/0984 to allow plastics recycling to take place within the building on a 24 hours per day basis on Mondays to Fridays and between 06.00 – 22.00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays at 45 Gaskell House, Rough Hey Road.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the member of the public and Councillor Neil Cartwright to take part in the discussion on planning.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0218, it was noted that some members of the Parish Council had attended the public exhibition about the solar PV farm. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that she had no objection to the application but had some slight concerns about local wildlife and if it would have a detrimental effect on deer and other animals. The member of the public present said they had attended the exhibition and the plans did appear to be well thought out. There would be an 8ft high fence and the site would be monitored by a camera and central monitoring station.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0187, the Parish Council agreed that the proposed works would improve the look of the property and they had no objection.

With regard to Planning Application LCC/2015/0020 those members of the Parish Council who lived on The Hills estate were not aware of any current issues with regard to noise and odour. They welcomed the creation of additional jobs in the area but felt that the extended hours would be acceptable as long as the company were only recycling plastic as this would not create additional noise. However they would not wish to see aluminium or other types of materials to be recycled on site that could increase the noise levels.

The Parish Council also considered their response to the Preston Local Plan 2012-2026 – Inspector’s Draft Main Modifications (Examination Library Reference EL7.022) – consultation from Monday 2 March 2015 – Monday 13 April 2015. It was agreed that the draft response prepared by Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray should be circulated to the Parish Council by the Clerk. If anyone had any additional comments these should be forwarded to the Clerk who would add them to the list prepared by Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray. The Clerk would respond to the Main Modifications on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council noted that some suggested meeting dates had been given to Longridge Town Council. However Longridge Town Council had advised the Clerk that they were arranging a meeting with Lancashire County Council to discuss highways issues and they would contact the Clerk again with further dates which would be after the 20 April 2015.

The member of the public present thanked the Parish Council for their support against the Gladman Developments application and looked forward to us all working together to fight the planning appeal which was likely to be held in July.

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton reconvened the meeting.

Resolved

1) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0218, the Parish Council has no objection to the application but would ask that measures are in place to protect the local wildlife such as deer.

2) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0187, the Parish Council has no objection to this application and agreed that the proposed works would improve the appearance of the property.

3) That with regard to Planning Application LCC/2015/0020, the Parish Council has no objection to this application but would wish to see the extended hours for the recycling of plastics only and no other materials.

4) That with regard to the Preston Local Plan 2012-2026 – Inspector’s Draft Main Modifications (Examination Library Reference EL7.022) – consultation from Monday 2 March 2015 – Monday 13 April 2015, that the draft response prepared by Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray should be circulated to the Parish Council and that the Clerk should respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council incorporating the comments made by Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and any further comments made by members of the Parish Council.

140. (14/15) Report from the Community Safety Working Group

Councillor Dan Dewhurst gave an update to the Parish Council on CCTV. He explained that Steve Snape was hoping to come along to the meeting this evening to answer the list of questions but this had not been possible. The Code of Conduct as circulated to the Parish Council was a positive step forward and Councillor Dewhurst explained that the proposal was now for four cameras and four base stations that would link directly to Preston Police station. It was noted that residents would not have any access to the cameras/information at all. The police and the Parish Council would have an IP address and any faults could be detected by logging into the system.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked about the maintenance and cleaning of the cameras and equipment. Councillor Dan Dewhurst said maintenance etc would be around £220 per year. With regard to running costs it would be 2 amp maximum per year so this would only incur a minimal cost. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked if the cameras could be installed on lamp posts instead of people’s property and Councillor Dan Dewhurst said he was unsure if this could be done. Councillor Dan Dewhurst said that Goosnargh had a similar system that seemed to be working well.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said she would like to see the local businesses getting involved. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that the Community Safety

Working Group should contact County Councillor George Wilkins to ask for his advice on whether the cameras can be located on lamp posts and also County Councillor Wilkins was a good source of funding.

There was a general discussion and the Parish Council were supportive of the idea of having CCTV in the village but the next stage was to contact the local residents identified by the Community Safety Working Group to see if they were willing to have CCTV installed on their properties. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell suggested having PC Banks or the PCSO to go with Councillor Dewhurst to speak to the residents concerned. It was agreed that the Community Safety Working Group should draft a simple letter to the identified residents explaining about the CCTV and asking if they would be willing to help. This would be followed up by a visit by Councillor Dan Dewhurst and the police to discuss this with the individuals involved. The letter would need to be given to the Clerk in advance so that any legal issues could be checked before delivery to the residents. An update would also be put in the newsletter.

Resolved

1) That the report is received and noted.

2) That a letter is drafted by the Community Safety Working Group for distribution to those residents identified for possible locations for CCTV. The letter should be approved by the Clerk before distribution. This would be followed by a visit to those residents by Councillor Dan Dewhurst and the police to explain about the CCTV and seek the residents' approval to the installation.

141. (14/15) Report from the Community Engagement Working Group

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton presented the report from the Community Engagement Working Group from their meeting held on 25 March 2015.

With regard to the Best Kept Village Trophy, the Community Engagement Working Group had recommended that Grimsargh St Michaels School should be approached to see if they would display the trophy and it may encourage the children to get involved in looking after their village.

With regard to the planter competition, the Community Engagement Working Group was recommending to the Parish Council that a trophy is purchased to be awarded to the winning planter on an annual basis and this is presented at the Handicraft Show. This would replace the Strawberry tea. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved

That a trophy is purchased to be awarded to the winning planter on an annual basis and this would be presented at the Handicraft Show held in the Village Hall.

142. (14/15) Parish Council Newsletter

The Community Engagement Working Group had suggested the following items for inclusion in the newsletter. These would be signed off at the May meeting. It was noted that Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had already forwarded her items to the Clerk.

Planning update – Peter/Eileen
Parking issues - Peter
Dog fouling - Lindsay
FoGG - Joyce
Best Kept Village - Lindsay
Field Day events and scarecrows - Keith
JWS Update - Peter
100 years war anniversary article – Sue/Keith
Dr Douglas Watt - Joyce
Planters - Lynda
Hub – Peter
Wetlands – Lindsay/Sue
CCTV – Dan

143. (14/15) Feedback from Parish Council Conference held on 21 March 2015

Councillor Keith Middlebrough gave a brief report on the Parish Council Conference he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council held in Burnley on 21 March 2015. He thought the conference had been interesting and there had been a discussion about community transport and the needs of rural communities. Councillor Keith Middlebrough said that he made it realise how lucky Grimsargh was to have a decent public transport system with easy access to local towns.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

144. (14/15) Consultation on Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan

It was noted that comments had to be made on the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan by 15 June, 2015. It was agreed to defer this item until the May meeting to give members of the Parish Council the opportunity to read the consultation online.

Resolved

That the Parish Council will consider their response to the Consultation on the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan at their next meeting to be held in May.

145. (14/15) Grant Application – Grimsargh Community Choir

(Councillor Peter Burton declared a personal interest in this item as he is a member of the choir. Councillor Keith Middlebrough also declared an interest in this item as his wife is a member of the choir. Both Councillor Peter Burton and Councillor Keith

Middlebrough left the room for the consideration of this item and took no part in the decision).

The Vice-Chairman Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer took the Chair for the consideration of this item. It was noted from the grant application that the Choir did not currently have a separate bank account or a constitution. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell proposed that the grant application is deferred until the Choir had a bank account and a constitution as it would be setting a precedent if a grant was awarded contrary to our grant application rules. The Parish Council agreed and asked the Clerk to advise the Choir that once the bank account and constitution had been set up then they should re-apply to the Parish Council and their application would be considered favourably as it was felt that the Choir were an important part of the community and they would wish to support their grant request.

Resolved

That Grimsargh Choir are asked to resubmit their grant application when they have set up their bank account and constitution and this will then be considered further by the Parish Council.

Councillor Peter Burton and Councillor Keith Middlebrough returned to the meeting.

146. (14/15) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we had an estimated £29,452.71 in the bank as at 27 February 2015. We were still awaiting the March statement.

Resolved

1) That, the following invoices be approved for payment:-

i) Sue Whittam – Clerk – 2, 9, 16 and 23 and 30 March = 5 weeks at £169.40 per week = £847.00 + postage/ink £62.65 = total £909.65 (Cheque no 722).

ii) Adam Cooper – March hours 50 @ £12.25 per hour = £612.50 + £24.00 timber for bus shelter = total £636.50 (Cheque no 723). To note that separate receipts will be obtained for future materials provided by the Lengthsman.

iii) Re issue of cheque 697 to Lancashire County Training Partnership for £150 as they did not present it within 6 months to the bank so it has been returned. This was for the Councillor training and they have apologised and asked for the cheque to be reissued. (Cheque no 724).

iv) signature of four cheques to cover expenditure including the Lengthsman and the Clerk's wages for April to be paid at beginning of May.

2) That Donna Kidd is approved as the internal auditor for the accounts for year end 31 March 2015 at a cost of £60.

147. (14/15) Clerk's Report – for information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

148. (14/15) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm.