

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on Thursday 1 April, 2021 following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30 pm.

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

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

85. (20/21) Sound Check, Muting, Voting and Chairman's welcome to attendees

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle welcomed everyone to this month's remote Parish Council meeting.

86. (20/21) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Burton.

87. (20/21) Declarations of Interest

None

88. (20/21) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the remote Parish Council Meeting held on 4 March 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the next face to face Council meeting in accordance with LGA 1972 sch. 12 Part VI para 41 (1).

89. (20/21) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2021/0347 | - | 11 Nook Glade Grimsargh PR2 5JX
Front porch, two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. |
| 06/2021/0382 | - | Park House Farm, Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh
Variation of condition no 1 (Approved plans) attached to reserved matters application 06/2019/0925 (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 06/2016/0719 for 34no dwellings. |
| 06/2020/1382 | - | Land adjacent to 329 Preston Road, Grimsargh |

Amendment to plans including updated tree survey, landscaping and biodiversity proposals.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/0347, and Planning Application 06/2021/0382 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2020/1382, the Clerk reported that it was not clear from the information on Preston City Council website what the amendments were. However, the Clerk had spoken to the neighbouring landowner to check if he had any concerns and he did not. The Clerk would try and find out further information on this application and if there was any cause for concern, she would email the Parish Council for their comments.

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

Resolved

i) That, with regard to Planning Applications 06/2021/0347 and 06/2021/0382, the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

ii) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2020/1382 the Parish Council had currently no comments to make. However, if the amendments did raise any issues the Clerk would contact the Parish Council by email for their comments.

90. (20/21) Issues raised by Parish Councillors

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell raised the issue of SPiDs to find out if there had been an update from Lancashire County Council who were going to look at the Parish Council's suggested sites in the village. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Highways Engineer dealing with this issue and he had advised that he would try and respond to the Parish Council in time for this meeting. However, subsequently he had confirmed by email that although he had visited Grimsargh, he still had to finalise his report and therefore it would be the next meeting before we had any further information.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell raised the issue of fruit trees in Grimsargh and explained that originally, she thought fruit trees were being offered by Grow Preston but it appeared that this was not the case. However, she said it should be something that the Parish Council should consider in the future together with allotments as there appeared to be an interest and demand for these.

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle raised the issue regarding the public right of way and the re-routing of the footpath due to the damaged Tunbrook Wood footbridge and associated subsidence. Councillor Ron Woollam informed the Parish Council that he had contacted County Councillor Keith Iddon regarding this and awaited his response.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson raised the issue of the planters and said that now Eileen had left the Parish Council some help was needed with the two planters near the village green and the two on Old Railway Walk. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Lengthsman to look at these.

91. (20/21) Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council gave consideration to items for the next Parish Council newsletter to be published in June. The following items were suggested: -

Publicity for Village Hall and other local businesses – we are open after lockdown item. (Councillor Peter Burton).

Best Kept Village. (Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson).

Focus/spotlight on Cricket Club/Myerscough Football Team. (Sue in conjunction with the Clubs).

Heritage item on Grimsargh – the origin of Grimsargh. (Councillor David Hindle).

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson agreed to take a photo of the Viking warriors to go with the article.

Neighbourhood Plan update. (Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson/Sue).

Planning update. (Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson/Sue).

Wetlands Trust item – including information on their new website. (Wetlands Trust).

Item on Festival of Angels (Jayne Woollam).

Item on Boylton, Houghton and Farrington Trust (City Councillor Ron Woollam).

92. (20/21) LALC Training Survey

It was noted that LALC were currently consulting on their training provision and a copy of the survey had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved

That the Clerk complete the LALC Training Survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

93. (20/21) Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk confirmed that the Best Kept Village Competition would be held this year after being postponed last year due to covid restrictions. The Parish Council agreed to enter this year's Best Kept Village Competition at a cost of £30.00.

Resolved

That the Parish Council enters this year's Best Kept Village Competition at a cost of £30.00.

94. (20/21) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £58,437.75 in the Nat West bank as at 5 March 2021.

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

Adam Cooper, Contractor February 2021, 31 hours at £14.25 per hour = £441.75 + £134 timber for Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland = total £575.75. (Cheque 1066)

Eileen Murray for website domain renewal £19.19 (Cheque no 1067).

Farley's Solicitors for Grimsargh Green Football Pitch Licence - £600.00. (Cheque no 1068).

JRB Enterprise for dog bin bags two outstanding invoices of £119.46 = total £238.92. (Cheque no 1069).

Grimsargh Wetlands £15,000 (CiL) (Cheque no 1070).

Sue Whittam, Clerk 15 March 2021 - £950.88. (Cheque 1071).

Preston City Council Christmas Tree - £1,979.16 (Cheque no 1072).

Direct Debits: - Nest Pension, Clerk £48.88 – direct debit 9 Feb and 5 March. ICO for data protection fee – direct debit £35.00. Water Plus for Nellie Carbis water £11.46 – direct debit.

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Sue Whittam April Salary to be confirmed at next meeting + expenses 6 months zoom fees @ £14.39 per month = £86.34 + new sign for Nellie Carbis (uneven ground) £58.03 + postage/stationery/ink £65.74 = total expenses £210.11 to be added to salary cheque for April.

ii) Adam Cooper, Contractor March 2021 to be confirmed at the next meeting.

iii) Best Kept Village entrance fee £30.

iv) LALC Annual subscription £480.

95. (20/21) Clerk's report – for information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

96. (20/21) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 13 May 2021 at 7.30 pm. It was further noted that this meeting was likely to be held in person due to the Government not renewing the Coronavirus Regulations relating to remote meetings. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should look to book the large room at the Village Hall to enable safe social distancing and that if this room was not available

for the Parish Council meetings, then the Clerk should change the date of the forthcoming meetings as the larger room was needed to accommodate the Parish Council and members of the public. The Clerk would confirm the arrangements in due course.

Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

97. (20/21) Grimsargh Cricket Club Lease (Para 3)

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the continuing negotiations regarding the lease relating to the Cricket Club and Preston City Council. It was noted that the Solicitors fees involved with the Lease may have increased due to the protracted negotiations and the Parish Council had agreed to cover these costs. The Clerk explained that Preston City Council were seeking a larger contribution for the lease of the site and various options were discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would underwrite the cost of the lease including any annual payments or lump sum to a maximum of £6,250 and that this would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies. The Cricket Club would also be advised to apply for a grant from the Boylton, Houghton and Farrington Trust which if successful would reduce the costs to the Parish Council.

Resolved

(i) That, approval is given to fund the cost of the Cricket Club Lease including any annual payments or lump sum to a maximum of £6,250 to be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

(ii) That, the Cricket Club is advised to apply for a grant from the Boylton, Houghton and Farrington Trust which if successful would reduce the costs to the Parish Council.

98. (20/21) United Utilities Land Sale (Para 3)

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on a possible land sale by auction of land owned by United Utilities adjacent to Grimsargh Wetlands. It was agreed that the Parish Council would initially express an interest in this land and that this would be discussed further once details of the sale were known.

Resolved

That, the Clerk is authorised to express an interest in the land owned by United Utilities adjacent to Grimsargh Wetlands and that this would be discussed further once details of the sale were known.