

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7 April, 2022 held at Grimsargh Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm.

Present:- Councillor David Hindle (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public

134. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

It was noted that Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson had resigned from the Parish Council as reported at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier this evening.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer and City Councillor Ron Woollam.

135. (21/22) Declarations of Interest

None.

136. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137. (21/22) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2022/0180 | - | 22 Yew Tree Avenue, Grimsargh PR2 5LA
Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and erection of detached garage. |
| 06/2022/0367 | - | Fell View Farm, 8 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5SD
Agricultural livestock building. |
| 06/2022/0236 | - | 83 Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh
Single storey extension, front and rear dormer extensions following demolition of existing garage. |
| 06/2022/0396 | - | 225 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JR
Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden |

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/0180, it was noted that this had been considered by the Parish Council at their March meeting. However, the Planning Officer was carrying out this additional consultation as changes had been made to the external finish of the proposed extension. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/0367, it was noted that this was for a livestock building to house the sheep during lambing and breeding season. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/0236, the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/0396, this was similar to other applications that had purchased land from United Utilities and was situated close to Grimsargh Wetlands. To maintain a consistent approach to all these applications, the Parish Council agreed to send the standard response to this application as provided for previous applications. The Parish Council did not object to this application but did have a number of comments to make as follows: -

The Parish Council was aware that parcels of land have been sold by the current landowner to residents on Preston Road. The additional land purchased by residents would be close to the Grimsargh Wetlands formerly reservoirs which is a Biological Heritage Site (BHS) and is owned by the Parish Council and maintained by Grimsargh Wetlands Trust. The Parish Council understands that as a condition of the sale the additional land is not permitted to be built on and in addition to this a clawback clause exists. It is important that the additional land that would become part of the residential curtilage is not allowed to be built on and also there should be no direct access via a gate or otherwise to Grimsargh Wetlands/BHS. The boundary to the site is a hedge and this would be on the other side of the resident's fence, we would ask due to the site being a BHS and the importance of rare nesting birds, flowers and fauna that the integrity of the hedge behind the house is protected. This is of paramount importance to the Parish Council and the Wetlands Trust.

The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that Planning Application 06/2022/0116 for 240 Preston Road and objected to by the Parish Council had been passed by the Planning Officer. The Parish Council were disappointed at this outcome.

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

Resolved

i) That, with regard to Planning Applications 06/2022/0180; 06/2022/0367 and 06/2022/0236 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

ii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2022/0396, The Parish Council did not object to this application but did have a number of comments to make as follows: -

The Parish Council was aware that parcels of land have been sold by the current landowner to residents on Preston Road. The additional land purchased by

residents would be close to the Grimsargh Wetlands formerly reservoirs which is a Biological Heritage Site (BHS) and is owned by the Parish Council and maintained by Grimsargh Wetlands Trust. The Parish Council understands that as a condition of the sale the additional land is not permitted to be built on and in addition to this a clawback clause exists. It is important that the additional land that would become part of the residential curtilage is not allowed to be built on and also there should be no direct access via a gate or otherwise to Grimsargh Wetlands/BHS. The boundary to the site is a hedge and this would be on the other side of the resident's fence, we would ask due to the site being a BHS and the importance of rare nesting birds, flowers and fauna that the integrity of the hedge behind the house is protected. This is of paramount importance to the Parish Council and the Wetlands Trust.

iii) It was noted that Planning Application 06/2022/0116 for 240 Preston Road and objected to by the Parish Council had been passed by the Planning Officer. The Parish Council were disappointed at this outcome.

138. (21/22) Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk reported that she had now received a quote from Zurich Municipal to cover the Platinum Jubilee event on 5th June 2022, the cost of which would be £160.00. As the annual insurance was due to expire on 1st June 2022 the Parish Council had agreed to renew the annual insurance with Zurich Municipal and the Clerk had obtained quotations for a one year, three year and five year agreement as follows: -

Standard annual renewal: £894.98

Premium with three year long-term agreement applied: £859.82

Premium with five year long-term agreement applied: £824.68

The Parish Council gave consideration to the event insurance and also to the annual insurance to ensure it was adequate for the Parish Council's needs, and agreed to pay the event insurance at £160 and to enter into a three year long term agreement at £859.82.

Resolved

That approval is given to pay the event insurance for the Parish Council's Jubilee event on 5th June at a cost of £160.00, and also for the annual insurance on a three year long term agreement at a cost of £859.82. The Parish Council agreed that the insurance was adequate for the Parish Council's needs.

139. (21/22) Platinum Jubilee Working Group

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell gave an update on the latest meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group held on 9 March 2022. A copy of the notes of the meeting had been circulated to the Parish Council and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell reported that she was currently obtaining costs for the display boards for the nostalgia articles and that a local company in Garstang produced these. It was noted that a marquee would be needed and the Clerk

confirmed that the Field Day Committee were checking the marquee to see if it was still useable and if so, they would set it up for the Parish Council to use on the day. The Clerk also reported that the Village Hall had been booked for the day and also the car park could be used for the horse boxes. The Clerk had contacted Preston City Council regarding the grass cutting and she was awaiting a response to see if the police could attend the event.

Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver circulated the draft artwork for a pin badge which would be given out to all the school children at the local schools. The Parish Council thought this was an excellent idea and it was unanimously agreed. Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver agreed to finalise the artwork with the Company.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam referred to the First Aid provision and the quote from Xcel Medical Solutions for £288 + VAT, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would go ahead with this provider.

Resolved

i) That, the report of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group is received and noted, and a copy of the notes from their meeting held on 9th March 2022 is presented in the Minute Book.

ii) That, approval is given to go ahead with the pin badge which would be given out to all the school children at the two local schools.

iii) That, approval is given to Xcel Medical Solutions to provide First Aid at the event at a cost of £288 + VAT.

140. (21/22) Parish Council Newsletter

The Clerk had circulated draft copies of the newsletter items and there were some fabulous articles written by Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam on some of the residents of Grimsargh who lived in the village in the 1950's. The Clerk reported that there were a couple of articles outstanding and once received she would send the draft articles to the designer/printer at Preston City Council print unit. The Clerk would book the distribution company so the newsletter could be circulated before the event in June.

The Parish Council unanimously approved the articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

Resolved

That approval is given to the draft articles for inclusion in the next Parish Council newsletter.

141. (21/22) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £140,759.57 in the Nat West bank as at 4 March 2022.

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

Reimbursement to Councillor Joyce Chessell for Ostler Charabanc – Platinum Jubilee deposit £85.00 2nd installment £114.00 total £199.00. (Cheque no 1124)

Adam Cooper Contractor January 2022, 52 hours @ £15 per hour = total £780.00 (Cheque no 1126).

Adam Cooper Contractor February 2022, 27 hours @ £15 per hour = total £405.00 (Cheque no 1126).

Preston City Council Christmas Tree £2,625.95 (Cheque no 1127).

Clerk's Salary 15/03/22 - £951.48 + £100 deposit for "Hop till you drop" steel band – total £1,051.48. Remaining £330 outstanding to Hop till you drop. (Cheque no 1128).

Final payment to Ostler Charabanc for Platinum Jubilee £586.00 – reimbursement to Clerk as had to be paid by BACS. (Cheque no 1129).

Preston City Council for newsletter July 2021 underpayment as they only charged for the design and not printing £391.86. (Cheque no 1130).

HMRC Q4 Tax and NI £1,165.46. (Cheque no 1131).

Grimsargh Village Hall for room hire £90 + Grant to Grimsargh Yarn Group (paying for room hire on behalf of the Group) £257.40. (Cheque no 1132).

It was further noted that we had also paid ICO data protection fee £35.00 (16 Feb); Water Plus Direct Debit for water for Nellie Carbis £11.84 (18 Feb).

Resolved

The following invoices were approved for payment: -

- i) Clerk Salary for new financial year to be confirmed at the next meeting. Clerk pay will be backdated to 1 April 2021 as confirmed by LALC (1.75%).
- ii) Adam Cooper Contractor – to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- iii) LALC Annual Membership £495.80.
- iv) insurance for event and annual as agreed earlier at the meeting.

142. (21/22) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Grimsargh Yarn Group had asked about Yarn bombing in the village. After discussion it was suggested that the Yarn Group may wish to get involved with Grimsargh Field Day and the flower pot project as an alternative.

The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson was happy to volunteer to look after the dog bin bags and store surplus bags at her house. This was much appreciated by the Parish Council and they were happy for her to continue to do this.

With regard to other responsibilities currently undertaken by Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson the Clerk reported that the Parish Council would need to nominate another Councillor to look after Facebook with the Clerk. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam volunteered to do this.

With regard to the planters, it was noted that there were currently six planters in the village looked after by the Parish Council. These were two on the Green top left, two on Old Railway Walk next to the bench, one opposite the Plough and one on Douglas Lane roundabout. It was noted that there was now a large prickly evergreen in the centre of each one, and all but the Douglas Lane one had dozens of mini daffodil bulbs in which shouldn't be disturbed unless it was to thin them out and use elsewhere. It was further noted that these just needed a few bedding plants in from May to the end of summer. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also volunteered to do this and claim back the cost of the plants etc from the Parish Council.

With regard to the residents' packs, Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also agreed to do these. The current procedure was once a month on Facebook the Parish Council asked if anyone was new to the village and would like a pack. This was to cover new residents to the village and not those who have moved around the village. Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also offered to do this as well.

The Clerk also reported that she had contacted planning regarding a little library in the bus shelter near the shop and apparently permission was not needed. She would ask the Lengthsman to build the little library.

143. (21/22) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.