

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 December, 2015 held at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council
Andrew Dunn – Rotary Club of Longridge & Preston North
Jack Giddins – Rotary Club of Longridge & Preston North
PCSO Sarah Caterall
PCSO David Reid

88. (15/16) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Burton (Vice-Chairman); Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council and for lateness from the Clerk, Sue Whittam. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

89. (15/16) Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensation

Written requests for dispensation to consider the Annual Precept requirements for Grimsargh Parish Council were received from Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson; Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray. The requests were made under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and approval was given to cover the period 3 December 2015 to 31 March 2019.

90. (15/16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

91. (15/16) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PCSO David Reid and PCSO Sarah Caterall to the meeting. PCSO David Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been 27 incidents over the last month but a lot of these had been minor problems. There had been an issue behind Peacock Hill Close with a number of cars driving down a path which was not wide enough for vehicles. One car had become stuck and used fence

panels belonging to a local resident to help get the car out of the mud. It was noted that this land still belonged to Persimmon Homes, however, PCSO Reid asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do to help. There had also been a break in on Blackleach Avenue which had happened when the owners were away. There had been one assault on Ribblesdale Drive and the offender had been arrested.

PCSO David Reid also reported that the Clerk had contacted PC Chris Banks about a moped being used on Old Railway Walk. However, the Police stated that it was a scrambler and a one off issue as no further reports had been received.

PCSO David Reid also reported that a vehicle had been opened on Nook Glade but nothing had been taken and there was no sign of a forced entry. A suspect was in custody for a number of thefts from cars, garages and sheds and PCSO David Reid circulated a leaflet about the offender – Christopher David Shields who was now subject to a two year Criminal Behaviour Order and was banned from entering Grimsargh and the surrounding parishes.

With regard to the CCTV signage, PCSO David Reid was pleased to report that the signs would be paid for by the Police. This was appreciated by the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that she had received a complaint from a resident about the solar lighting on the Village Green and also the state of the car park and in particular people leaving tyre marks on the grass verges. PCSO David Reid said he had received a similar complaint from the same person. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that FoGG were looking at putting railings around the green and possibly bollards on the track/road side. PCSO David Reid said that the CCTV would help with problems such as this and the police would keep an eye on these issues.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked the Police for attending and asked if Councillor Neil Cartwright had any issues to raise with the Parish Council. Councillor Neil Cartwright said he was very disappointed with the decision by Preston City Council on the Wetlands Project and said it was a very bizarre decision as the off-site contribution to affordable housing would be very welcome in parts of Preston. Councillor Neil Cartwright also informed the Parish Council that there would be a public consultation on Broughton By-Pass on 12 December between 9.30 am – 12.30 pm at Broughton Club.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked Councillor Neil Cartwright for attending the meeting and then welcomed Mr Dunn and Mr Giddins from Rotary who had come along to discuss their grant application for the pathway for the rear of St Michael's School. Mr Giddins explained to the Parish Council that he was a grandfather of a child at the school and he had listened to other parents concerns about them crossing safely to school. He also explained that Longridge and Preston North Rotary had done a number of projects and had the hands on skills needed to complete the project. It was explained that there was a lot of clearing work to be done as part of the project and Mr Giddins explained the details of the project and a breakdown of the costs. With regard to lighting it was explained that there was

already a light on the south side but a solar light would be under the bridge section only.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked them both for coming and explained that the grant application would be considered later in the meeting and the Clerk would inform them of the outcome in due course.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson then reconvened the meeting.

92. (15/16) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

06/2015/0946 - 2 Peacock Hill Close, Grimsargh PR2 5BU
Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling.

Resolved

1) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0946 the Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

93. (15/16) Report from the Planning Sub-Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson presented the report from the Planning Sub-Committee from their meeting held on 25 November 2015. It was noted that the Parish Council had been informed that the Planning Appeal by Gladman Developments Ltd for land off Preston Road, Grimsargh would be held on 26 January 2016. The Planning Sub-Committee had agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson should speak at the appeal on behalf of the Parish Council. A copy of the report of the Planning Sub-Committee is presented in the Minute Book.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

94. (15/16) Grant Application – Rotary Club of Longridge & North Preston

The Parish Council gave consideration to the grant request from the Rotary Club of Longridge & North Preston to a contribution towards the provision of a footpath to link the Railway Walk to the rear entrance of St Michael's School to ensure that the children could get to school safely. It was noted that representatives from the Rotary Club had attended the meeting earlier in the evening to explain about the project to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council discussed the grant application and it was felt that the amount requested would be an exceptional amount to come out of the Parish Council's budget. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained that the Clerk had contacted Preston City Council to ask if this would be a suitable project for some

of our CiL monies to be used and a reply had been received from Mike Molyneux advising that this would be acceptable. It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council contributes £2,090 from our CiL monies towards the Rotary Project for a pathway to be built from Old Railway Walk to the rear of St Michael's School. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

Resolved

That the Parish Council contributes £2,090 from our CiL monies towards the Rotary Project for a pathway to be built from Old Railway Wall to the rear of St Michael's School.

95. (15/16) Report from the Projects Working Group

A verbal report was presented from the Projects Working Group from their recent meeting. It was reported that it was difficult to come up with a total comprehensive group of categories for projects but the type of things that could be considered included Health and Safety; Education; Leisure Activities and aesthetics – but all projects would have to provide a benefit to the village of Grimsargh. One idea was to write to all businesses in the village and also put an item in the next newsletter inviting people to put forward new ideas for projects. These could then be discussed in detail at a public meeting in the village hall. This seemed a sensible way forward and would be discussed in more detail by the Projects Working Group.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked the Group for their work so far.

Resolved

That the verbal report from the Projects Working Group is received and noted.

96. (15/16) Update on the CCTV Project

Councillor Terry Cryer gave an update on the CCTV Project. He informed the Parish Council that he had checked if Planning Permission was required for the installation of CCTV in the village and it was not needed. He also explained that the original quote from Stephen Snape was for each camera and not a total cost so the actual amount would be around £8,000 for four units. However, Councillor Terry Cryer suggested that three cameras would probably be enough for the village and if necessary we could always purchase additional cameras if we thought that part of the village needed additional coverage. There was a discussion about the locations of the cameras and this information would be kept confidential. It was noted that there would be a separate IP address and separate password for the CCTV in the village.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase three cameras/units for CCTV in the village at an approximate cost of £5,850. Councillor Terry Cryer would contact Stephen Snape to progress the project.

Resolved

That approval is given for three CCTV cameras/units to be purchased for the village at an approximate cost of £5,850 and that Councillor Terry Cryer proceeds with this project on behalf of the Parish Council.

97. (15/16) Budget Report and precept requirements for 2016/2017

The Parish Council gave consideration to the draft budget which had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was noted that an additional amount for the planter maintenance should be added to the budget at a cost of £300.

After discussion it was proposed that the precept for 2016/2017 should be increased to £27,500, an increase of £700 – this was unanimously agreed.

Resolved

That the Parish Council gave consideration to their annual precept requirements for 2016/2017, taking into account the budget as presented above and agreed to increase the precept to £27,500.

98. (15/16) Longridge Town Council Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council gave consideration to the consultation by Longridge Town Council on their draft Neighbourhood Plan. All agreed that it was a good document with a lot of useful background information. The Parish Council wholly supported the document but would like to see the area of separation between Grimsargh and Longridge being more defined and strengthened to prevent unwanted development on both borders. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward these comments to the Clerk to Longridge Town Council and if any Councillor had additional comments to make on the document then these should be forwarded to the Clerk by 8 December 2015.

Resolved

That the Parish Council supports the draft Neighbourhood Plan produced by Longridge Town Council but asks if the area of separation between Grimsargh and Longridge could be more defined and strengthened in the document to prevent unwanted development in both Longridge and Grimsargh.

99. (15/16) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we had an estimated £45,317.86 in the bank as at 30 October 2015. It was further noted that the following invoice had been paid:-

AVJ for December newsletter £440.00 (cheque number 756 as signed at the last meeting).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

- i) Adam Cooper – 54 hours at £13 per hour = £702.00 (Cheque no 757).
- ii) Adam Cooper – materials, screws/nails - £42.00, timber for new bus shelter - £301.73, timber for repairs to Pastures bus shelter - £41.27 total for materials £385 (Cheque no 758).
- iii) Sue Whittam – Clerk –2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 November = 5 weeks at £169.40 per week = £847 – tax & NI = £662.36 + reimbursement for wreath £18.49 + shredder as agreed at the last meeting £39.95 = total £720.80 (Cheque no 759).
- iv) Q3 Tax and NI Clerk - £469.75 (Cheque no 760)
- v) It was further noted that Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had obtained the copies of the Order of Service for the Carols around the Crib free of charge, so there was no cost to the Parish Council.
- vi) It was agreed that four cheques should be signed to pay for tree work on Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland (John Gornall); Adam Cooper's and the Clerk's December salaries and a spare to cover the Christmas period.

100. (15/16) Electoral Review of Lancashire – Draft Recommendations

The Parish Council gave consideration to the draft recommendations for the Electoral Review of Lancashire and did not have any further comments to make on this consultation.

101. (15/16) Parish Based Bus Scheme Consultation – LCC

The Parish Council gave consideration to the consultation by Lancashire County Council on the Parish Based Bus Scheme. The Parish Council had not had the opportunity to see if there was a need for this within Grimsargh and it was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the consultation to say that although we were not in a position to commit to the scheme at the moment we would still wish to be kept informed of this scheme should we wish to participate at a future date.

102. (15/16) Report from LALC AGM – for information only

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson had circulated a report that she had prepared following her recent attendance on behalf of the Parish Council at the LALC AGM in November.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

103. (15/16) Clerk's Report – for information only

It was noted with sadness that David Leech had recently died. David had been a strong and committed supporter over a number of years of the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Hutson to ask if

David's family would be supportive of a bench and plaque being placed in the garden to commemorate the work and dedication given by David. This would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

104. (15/16) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.