

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on Thursday 4 February, 2021
at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillor David Hindle (Chairman); Councillor Mark Bell (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; 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

61. (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.

62. (20/21) Apologies for Absence

None.

63. (20/21) Declarations of Interest

None.

64. (20/21) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the remote Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 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).

65. (20/21) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that concerns had been expressed via social media about the fence which had been erected close to the school under the bridge and preventing anyone cutting through. It was noted that the fence was actually on Church land so was the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. The Chairman, Councillor David Hindle agreed to raise this issue with the Parochial Church Council.

Councillor Ron Woollam informed the Parish Council that he was in contact with County Councillor Keith Iddon regarding the ongoing flood issues in Grimsargh. It was likely that the drains close to the school would need a full cleaning and desilt which would mean that temporary traffic control would need to be in place in order for this to be carried out safely. It was noted that the works would be scheduled to

be undertaken by Lancashire County Council, but there was no date as yet for carrying out the work. Concerns were also expressed regarding the pot holes on Preston Road and it was noted that these could be reported on line directly to Lancashire County Council. It was felt that Preston Road would need resurfacing at some stage as it was in a dreadful state of repair.

There was nothing further to report under this item, so the Chairman, Councillor David Hindle then reconvened the meeting.

66. (20/21) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

- 06/2019/1109 - Land to the west of Preston Road, Grimsargh. Reserved Matters application (namely scale, appearance, layout and landscaping) for an older person's village for residents aged 55 and over comprising 60no bedroom care home, 60no apartments, 20no bungalows, surgery, associated landscaping and open space pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2017/0676.

- 06/2019/1110 - Land to the west of Preston Road, Grimsargh. 30no bedroom care home facility (C2) with associated car park, access and landscaping.

- 06/2021/0174 - Land at Preston East, between Bluebell Way and Cow Hill Preston. Request for screening and scoping opinion pursuant to Regulation 6 and 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England) Regulations 2017 for a proposed development of an employment park comprising up to 80,000 sqm industrial and/or logistics building(s) (Class B2) and ancillary buildings with associated car parking, service roads and yards, HGV parking, gate houses and infrastructure, following demolition of livery buildings.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1109, the Clerk reported that this application was previously considered by the Parish Council in November 2019. However, the applicant had now made some changes to the proposed site and Preston City Council were consulting on this amended scheme. The Parish Council had originally been concerned about the proposed height of the homes and looking at the amended scheme those concerns were still valid. The Parish Council felt that the homes should be a maximum of 2.5 storeys high and not 3.5 storeys which was not in keeping with Grimsargh. It was also noted that as per the last application, it was difficult to understand the height of the care home as this did not appear to be marked on the plans. The Parish Council had concerns that the size and scale could be overbearing.

The Parish Council were also aware of comments made by local residents regarding proposed plots 2 and 3. On the original plans both those plots were at an angle to existing residents. The revised plans showed those plots directly backing onto the existing residents, and it appeared that the garden for plot 3 had also increased its width. The Parish Council supported the comments made by local residents and it was agreed that the Parish Council would also ask for the angle of plots 2 and 3 to be looked at again, especially as the proposed site sits higher than existing gardens and would therefore impact on existing resident's amenity and privacy. The repositioning of plots 2 and 3 would only be a minor change for the developers but would make a huge difference to the existing residents on Preston Road.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1110, as per the above Planning Application, the Parish Council originally responded to this application in November 2019 and at that time raised their concerns about parking and the visual impact on existing residents. The Parish Council were aware from the latest application that there did now appear to be sufficient car parking and they supported the pedestrian connectivity from Preston Road through to the care home. Again, the Parish Council still had concerns about the height of the care home as it was not clear from the plans how tall it was. However, it was noted that the care home had been slightly moved on the latest plan which looked better than being placed at an angle.

The Parish Council had one slight concern about this application relating to its border with the Parish Council land known as the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland. This was an important natural woodland but it was noted from the applicant that they intended to prune some trees bordering our land and some of these could be actually on our land. The Parish Council would wish to be consulted before any tree works take place on this area bordering the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/0174, the Parish Council did have some concerns regarding the possible height of the buildings, traffic and transport. The Parish Council were aware that the roads become gridlocked at peak times of travel and also if there was an accident on the nearby M6. The Parish Council would wish these issues to be looked at if a full application is submitted for this site. It was also noted that this application was in Houghton Parish but they did not appear to have been consulted.

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

Resolved

i) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1109, this application had previously considered by the Parish Council in November 2019. The Parish Council had originally been concerned about the proposed height of the homes and looking at the amended scheme those concerns were still valid. The Parish Council felt that the homes should be a maximum of 2.5 storeys high and not 3.5 storeys which was not in keeping with Grimsargh. It was also noted that as per the last application, it was difficult to understand the height of the care home as this did not appear to be marked on the plans. The Parish Council had concerns that the size and scale could be overbearing.

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67. (20/21) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £133,083.83 in the Nat West bank as at 5 January 2021.

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

Sue Whittam, Clerk 15 January 2021 – new rate of £14.90 per hour backdated to April 2020 as agreed - £1,291.33 + back pay £657 = £1,948.33 – tax and NI = £1,397.44. (Cheque no 1061).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Eileen Murray for website domain renewal £19.19 – please note that Sally Gorton will be taking on this role going forward.

ii) Adam Cooper, Contractor January 2021, 35 hours at £14.25 per hour + £15.00 for trailer to remove crib = total £513.75.

- iii) Sue Whittam Clerk 15 February 2021 £950.88.
- iv) Awaiting invoice from Preston City Council for December newsletter.
- v) Awaiting invoice from Preston City Council for Christmas Tree.

The Parish Council had been informed at their last meeting that the Village Hall Committee had been successful with their new roof bid to LEF and the match funding had been paid. The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee would need the full contribution from the Parish Council totalling £70,000. Eileen Murray had circulated to the Parish Council in August 2020 a full report on the Village Hall roof including the tenders and final cost which was £130,129.20. The Parish Council had previously agreed to fund up to £70,000 towards the new roof from Parish Council CiL monies. The Clerk advised that the Village Hall Committee were proceeding with the works and it was likely that a cheque for our final contribution of £66,700 would be needed before the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to pay this cheque before the next meeting if requested from the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council contribution to the Green Space maintenance for 2021/2022 would remain the same at £3,190.

- 2) The Parish Council agreed to appoint Donna Kidd as the Internal Auditor at a cost of £70.

68. (20/21) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk reported that Alan Cox from Lancashire County Council would be visiting Grimsargh next week to look at possible SPiD locations.

The Clerk also reported that Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School had responded to the email regarding help from the Parish Council and did not need anything at the moment, but confirmed they would be in touch if circumstances changed. There had been no response from Alston Lane Catholic Primary School.

The Clerk also gave an update on the Cricket Club lease and advised that further discussions were needed on the terms of conditions before a final lease could be agreed.

The Clerk also confirmed that an election had not been requested to fill the two vacancies, so the Parish Council could now co-opt and the notice would be displayed shortly. As agreed, anyone interested in the vacancies would be asked to attend the March and April meetings of the Parish Council with a view to co-opting in May 2021.

The Parish Council had also been informed by Lancashire County Council regarding the extension to the temporary closure of footpaths 6-6 FP1 and 6-6FP23 until 7 February 2022.

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

69. (20/21) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 4 March 2021 at 7.30 pm and this would be a remote meeting.