

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9 January, 2020 at 7.30 pm,
at Grimsargh Village Hall.

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

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Paula Fitzgerald – Fitzgerald Planning & Design
PCSO Vicky Shackleton
8 members of the public present

105. (19/20) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Burton and Councillor Ian Liptrot and also from Councillor Ron Woollam, Councillor Ian Donnell and Councillor Harry Landless from Preston City Council. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

106. (19/20) Declarations of Interest

None.

107. (19/20) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 December 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

108. (19/20) Adjournment for Public Participation/Policing Issues and Planning

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PCSO Vicky Shackleton to the meeting. PCSO Vicky Shackleton gave an update on crime figures from 1 December 2019 – 31 December 2019. It was reported that there had been 11 crimes for December which were 1 burglary, 1 robbery, 5 vehicle crimes, 3 assaults and 1 domestic incident. With regard to the burglary this related to the pharmacy where money from the till was stolen and enquiries into this crime were still ongoing. The robbery related to the theft of a bike from a teenage male using force outside the Post Office and enquiries were still ongoing into this crime. Although there had been 5 vehicle crimes during this period, it was reported that a suspect had been apprehended and charged for these crimes. It was further noted that most of the vehicles that had been targeted were unlocked. With regard to the assaults one of the crimes related to an assault on a taxi driver by the passenger and the other

two crimes were family incidents of low-level violence. The domestic incident referred to a verbal argument.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson asked if anyone had anything to raise with the police regarding crimes or issues in the Parish. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray referred to a lady who was concerned about parking issues and The Chairman advised that she had already spoken to the lady and given her a number of the Parish Council parking flyers to use to help tackle this issue. One member of the public asked about Neighbourhood Watch and PCSO Shackleton took the contact details for the member of the public so she could pass them on to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the area.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked PCSO Vicky Shackleton for attending the meeting.

Two members of the public had come along to the meeting to discuss an ongoing issue with a broken fence close to their property on the Redrow Estate. The fence was owned by Preston City Council and the members of the public had raised this with Councillor Ron Woollam but were concerned that the matter had still not been resolved. The member of the public said that eggs had been thrown onto her property on mischief night and regularly dog mess was thrown into her garden as there was still a post for a dog bin near to her property but the bin had been removed. As Councillor Ron Woollam was unable to be at the Parish Council meeting the Clerk agreed to take up this matter with Preston City Council and contact the members of the public with an update.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson then introduced Paula Fitzgerald who was working with the Parish Council on our Neighbourhood Plan. Paula had come along this evening to go through the consultation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Issues and Options document and to discuss each site in or close to Grimsargh and its implications for the area. It was noted that information on the proposed sites had been put on the Parish Council website and could also be accessed on the Central Lancashire website at <https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/>

It was also noted that a number of drop-in events had been planned to enable people to find out more information on the proposed sites. The programme of dates and venues could also be accessed on the above website. The Parish Council had also provided a number of large plans so the location of any proposed sites could be shown. It was agreed to go through each individual site and discuss its implications if it was to be developed, and also look at areas for protection. Each site was referenced with a SHELAA number and it was noted that the Parish Council were not aware who had submitted each site except for the sites submitted by the Parish Council. Paula also advised that comments on the proposed sites had to be submitted by 14 February 2020. The Parish Council had asked about written comments for those people who did not have access to the internet and had been advised that online responses were the preferred way of responding. However, in exceptional circumstances residents could email their responses to CentralLancashirePlan@Chorley.gov.uk or posted to the Central Local Plan Team, Civic Offices, Unions Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP. It was

important that anyone responding in writing should include the SHELAA reference for each site beginning with "19P". It was also noted that there was a separate questionnaire for younger people to submit and the Parish Council would encourage younger people to get involved.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson also said that the Parish Council would put further information regarding the sites on our website to help local residents submit their comments to the consultation.

Site 19P001 – Land South of Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh PR2 5LZ

It was noted that this site had already been approved for development.

Site 19P017 – Land at Three Mile Cross Farm, Longridge Road, Grimsargh PR2 5SA

It was noted that this was included in the original call for sites in 2010 but was refused at that time. The Parish Council would try and find out why that site was refused. The site does lie in the current area of separation and there were also concerns about access. Concerns raised included traffic, area of separation and the projected lack of primary school places in the village.

Site 19P018 – Land at Church House Farm, Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5SD

This site was known as the Hallam site and there had been two planning applications, two appeals and one High Court challenge all resulting in a refusal for development on this site. The site was in the area of separation and would severely impact on it. There were concerns raised about the area of separation, traffic issues and view from the footpath which would destroy the iconic view of St Michael's Church if development was permitted here.

Site 19P022 – Land East of Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5LU

Concerns were raised about this site as it abuts the SSSI and would have a detrimental ecological impact. There was also the impact on the area of separation and issues with traffic. The projected lack of primary school places would relate to all possible potential sites in the village.

Site 19P029 – Grimsargh House, Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JP

This site had been put forward by the Parish Council as a small-scale development in the village which would replace a deserted and redundant care home. No concerns were raised by those present at the meeting, due to the development being small-scale.

Site 19P127 – Land South of Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh PR2 5SL

It was noted that approximately 25% of this site was in Houghton Parish and the Clerk would contact the Clerk to Houghton to find out their opinion on this site.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of open countryside, no pavements or lighting currently. The lack of public transport, traffic issues and the problems with drainage in the area were also issues. The site also had Savick Brook running through it and there would have to be an easement gap.

Site 19P264p – Land to rear of Grimsargh Village Hall, 231 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JR

Site 19P261p – 231 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5JR

It was noted that the land behind the Village Hall had two different site references for the same piece of land. This had been put forward for a site for protection and had been put forward by the Parish Council. It was agreed that this site should be protected from development and no concerns were raised.

Site 19P254 – Savick House, Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh PR2 5RP

Concerns were raised about building in gardens and that there should be a presumption that no new development should be in residential gardens. This site was also in an area of Open Countryside.

Other sites considered included sites that were close to Grimsargh; -

Site 19P082 – Land at Preston East PR2 5SH

Concerns were raised that this current agricultural land was proposed as employment/industrial land as it would increase traffic in Grimsargh. Highways England had recently stated that the Bluebell roundabout which was close to the village was at capacity – so there should be no additional employment land in the area due to the traffic issues.

Site 19P141 – Preston East Junction 31A M6 PR3 5LE

Concerns were raised about increasing the industrial units on this site and the comments regarding Highways England in particular relate to this land.

Site 19P142 – 11 Roman Road Farm, PR1 4NQ

Although this site is in Ribbleton it is close to Grimsargh. Concerns were raised about a possible large extension to this industrial unit and the impact of traffic in and around Grimsargh. As referred to above, Highways England had recently stated that the Bluebell roundabout which was close to the village was at capacity – so there should be no additional employment land in the area due to the traffic issues.

Site 19P128 – Land off Houghton Green Lane, Houghton PR2 5SQ

It was noted that this should read Houghton Green Lane and as this site was in Houghton it was felt that Houghton Parish Council should respond on this site.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked everyone for their positive contributions to the planning discussion and then reconvened the meeting.

109. (19/20) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

06/2019/1415 - Outbuilding to side – Chapel House Barn,
Elston Lane, Grimsargh, PR2 5LE

With regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1415 the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

The Parish Council reviewed the discussions held under public participation with regard to the Issues and Options consultation and the following was provisionally agreed subject to further information on a number of sites and that the final decision on all sites would be agreed at the Parish Council meeting in February. The Clerk would also look at the areas of separation and find out if the original areas of separation were still valid or if it was a completely new plan including all areas of separation. The Parish Council felt it was important to have an area of separation between Grimsargh and Longridge and had originally submitted a proposed area of separation that had not been included in the Issues and Options consultation. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray agreed to refresh our original map outlining the areas of separation so the Clerk could include this in our submission to the consultation.

All comments regarding the proposed sites were included in the item on public participation reference Minute 108 above. Based on the evidence and information provided by local residents the following was provisionally agreed and the final decisions would be agreed at the February meeting of the Parish Council: -

Site 19P001 – already approved so no further comments.

Site 19P017 – object to this site, pending further information on previous site history.

Site 19P018 – object.

Site 19P022 – object.

Site 19P029 – support.

Site 19P127 – object, further information needed from Haighton Parish Council.

Site 19P264p and Site 19P261p – same site two different references, support area of protection.

Site 19P254 – object.

Site 19P082 – object.

Site 19P141 – object.

Site 19P142 – object.

Site 19P128 – no comments as in Haighton Parish.

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

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2019/1415 the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

ii) That with regard to the Central Lancashire Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation, that the decisions relating to the sites in and close to Grimsargh as discussed under public participation and above, are provisionally agreed and will be discussed further at the February meeting of the Parish Council.

110. (19/20) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £37,033.97 in the Nat West bank as at 3 January 2020. It was further noted that the following invoices had been paid since the last meeting: -

B & D Print for newsletter £659.00 (Cheque no 1010).

Adam Cooper for November 2019 £555.75 and December 2019 £472 = total £1,027.75 (Cheque no 1011).

JRB for dog bin bags - £119.46 (Cheque no 1012).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Grimsargh Village Hall for room hire £105 (Cheque no 1013).

ii) Preston City Council for contribution to the football pitch drainage £5,339.60 (Cheque no 1014). From Parish Council CiL monies as previously agreed.

iii) Sue Whittam 15/01/20 - £934.01 (Cheque no 1015).

2) It was also noted that the Clerk had received information on this year's green space maintenance and there was no proposed increase to the maintenance and it would remain at £3,190 for 2020/2021.

111. (19/20) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.