

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 July, 2015
held at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Keith Middlebrough and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council

33. (15/16) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer and Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council.

34. (15/16) Declarations of Interest

None.

35. (15/16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36. (15/16) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and took the opportunity to thank Councillor Keith Middlebrough and his team of helpers for the excellent Field Day. This was supported by everyone present and Councillor Neil Cartwright said it was an absolutely fabulous day and there was an excellent turn out and a great atmosphere.

There were no representatives from the police present but it was reported that there had been a burglary at the local hairdressers and also at hairdressers in Longridge and Ribchester.

It was also reported that Longridge Road had recently been resurfaced on the hottest day of the year and most of the surface had ended up on car tyres as the hot weather had prevented the road from hardening. An item had appeared in the Lancashire Evening Post and it was hoped that County Highways would resurface the road again in cooler weather.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray advised the Parish Council that a number of fake emails had been received addressed to all Parish Councillors and reminded

everyone that if in doubt they should not open the email and do not click on any attachments.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell raised the ongoing issue of parking on Lindale Avenue and also asked for the weed killing to be done on the road edges.

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

37. (15/16) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

06/2015/0486 - 169 Preston Road Grimsargh.
Erection of dormer extensions to front and rear of dwelling and pitched roof over existing flat roof side extension (amended scheme t planning application 06/2015/0187).

It was noted that we had received confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate that the appeal hearing in relation to land off Preston Road/Gladman Developments Ltd would start on 26 January 2016 and would be held at the Town Hall, Preston. It was further noted that the Clerk had contacted the Planning Inspectorate to confirm that the Parish Council wished to speak at the hearing. The Parish Council would decide on their representation at the appeal nearer the date of the appeal hearing.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray referred to the property on Preston Road that was possible undertaking a business as a snail farm without the necessary planning permissions. She explained to the Parish Council that various works had been carried out at the property including the hedges removed and a breeze block wall built and poly tunnels had appeared on the site. Councillor Neil Cartwright said he would speak to Chris Hayward at Preston City Council about this and the Clerk had also written an email about this issue. It was suggested that Dan Dewhurst may speak to the owner of the property about this as it was one of the properties that had agreed to have CCTV for the village. If Dan did not wish to do this then Councillor Keith Middlebrough said he would be happy to visit the property owner and ask him about the works he was carrying out. This was agreed as a good way forward.

It was also noted that the Preston Local Plan had been adopted today by Preston City Council and this was good news for Preston and also for the Gladman appeal.

Resolved

- 1) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0486 the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 2) That the report is received and noted.

38. (15/16) Report from the Community Engagement Working Group

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson presented the report from the Community Engagement Working Group from their meeting held on 15 June 2015. She referred to the recent Newsletter and the suggestion that a "who to contact" section should be included in the next newsletter that could include contacts such as the Police and Preston City Council Departments such as the Parks Department as examples. It was also suggested that the Farmers Market should appear in the Spotlight item.

With regard to the presentation to the Planter Competition Winner, it was agreed that this should be held at SO plants and the dates of 15 August or 5 September in the afternoon probably about 4pm would be the best time. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson agreed to arrange this and would let everyone know about the arrangements.

With regard to the website and the Councillor profiles it was agreed these would go live as soon as possible. The Clerk suggested that Adam and Colin should be included and agreed to obtain photographs of both of them to go on the website. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked if people could check their details as soon as possible and let her have any amendments.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

39. (15/16) Electoral Review of Lancashire

The Parish Council gave consideration to the consultation on the Electoral Review of Lancashire and it was noted that the closing date for comments on this consultation was 31 August 2015. It was reported that the consultation was suggesting that the number of elected Members on the County Council should remain the same.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond to the consultation and agree that the representation on the County Council should remain the same. The Parish Council was also happy with the current boundary arrangements for Grimsargh as we are a rural village and linked with other similar rural parishes as part of the Preston Rural Division of Lancashire County Council.

Resolved

That the Clerk responds to the consultation on the Electoral Review of Lancashire confirming that the Parish Council is happy with the current number of representatives on Lancashire County Council and is also happy with the current boundary as we are linked with other similar rural parishes as part of the Preston Rural Division of Lancashire County Council.

40. (15/16) Grimsargh Village Hall Newsletter

The Clerk reported that she had received an email asking if the Parish Council wished to submit an item for the Grimsargh Village Hall Newsletter. A photograph

was taken at the meeting and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson agreed to write a short item for inclusion in the newsletter.

41. (15/16) Feedback on LALC/NALC Conference held on 6 June 2015

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson gave a brief report on the LALC/NALC conference she had attended on 6 June 2015. A copy of her report had been circulated to the Parish Council but she highlighted the excellent presentation and demonstration on the defibrillators and felt that the provision of a defibrillator for the village should be something that the Parish Council should consider.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

42. (15/16) Update on Planter Trophy/Post Office Noticeboard

Councillor Keith Middlebrough informed the Parish Council that he did not have any pictures of possible noticeboards as yet but he had also found out that you could buy some very good recycled plastic noticeboards and these might be worth considering. He hoped to have further information at the September meeting.

With regard to the trophy for the Planter Competition, Councillor Keith Middlebrough felt that the shield type trophy would be more appropriate than the slate ones and he agreed to obtain this on behalf of the Parish Council and would be reimbursed at the next meeting.

43. (15/16) Purchase of replacement bin sacks for dog bins

The Clerk reported that she needed to order some new bin sacks for the dog bins and these would cost in the region of £150. This was agreed.

Resolved

That the Clerk is given approval to purchase bin sacks for the dog bins on behalf of the Parish Council at an estimated cost of £150 and this will be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

44. (15/16) Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Parish Council approved the following schedule of meeting dates for 2015-2017:-

Thursday 3 September 2015
Thursday 1 October 2015
Thursday 5 November 2015
Thursday 3 December 2015
Thursday 14 January 2016* (note change of date)
Thursday 4 February 2016
Thursday 3 March 2016

Thursday 7 April 2016
Thursday 5 May 2016
Thursday 2 June 2016
Thursday 7 July 2016
August – no meeting
Thursday 8 September 2016 *(note change of date)
Thursday 6 October 2016
Thursday 3 November 2016
Thursday 1 December 2016
Thursday 12 January 2017 *(note change of date)
Thursday 2 February 2017
Thursday 2 March 2017
Thursday 6 April 2017
Thursday 4 May 2017
Thursday 1 June 2017
Thursday 6 July 2017
Thursday 7 September 2017
Thursday 5 October 2017
Thursday 2 November 2017
Thursday 7 December 2017

45. (15/16) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we had an estimated £52,810.59 in the bank as at 1 June 2015. The Clerk also reported that we had received a payment of £4,395.30 from Preston City Council and this was for a CiL instalment towards the Whitefriars Development. The Clerk had asked the City Council for further information on how much CiL could be expected and the frequency of payments. It was agreed that an item should be placed on the next Parish Council agenda to look at how we should record the CiL monies and possibly set up a Working Group to deal with possible project ideas.

Resolved

1) It was noted that the following invoice had been paid:-

AVJ Design for newsletter printing £440. (Cheque no 731).

2) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) Preston City Council – uncontested election fee £100 (Cheque no 735).

ii) Adam Cooper – 63 hours @ £13 per hour = £819.00 + compost and post mix £40.00 = total £859.00 (Cheque no 736).

iii) Donna Kidd internal audit fee - £60 (Cheque no 737).

iv) Sue Whittam – Clerk – 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 June = 5 weeks at £169.40 per week = £847 – tax & NI = £644.36 (Cheque no 738).

v) Cllr Mrs Eileen Murray – reimbursement for two planters (as agreed at the last meeting) - £95 and compost/plants for planters - £36.65 = total £131.65 (Cheque no 739).

vi) HMRC tax and NI Clerk – Q1 £268.29 (Cheque no 740).

The Parish Council noted that the water bill for 11 Feb – 12 May 2015 for Nellie Carbis was £12.65 (direct debit).

3) The Parish Council authorised the Clerk to spend a up to £200 as necessary to purchase items such as bin bags or other items for the village and this would be reimbursed on production of the relevant receipts.

4) The Parish Council also authorised the signature of five blank cheques to cover the holiday period. (Cheque numbers 741-745).

46. (15/16) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported that she had received information about the LALC AGM in November and although representation at the AGM could be agreed at the September meeting, if we wished to put forward any resolutions then these had to be submitted by 31 August 2015. It was agreed that if any Councillor wished to put forward a resolution they should let the Clerk have the details by 25 August 2015 who would submit the information to LALC. This could then be ratified or withdrawn as appropriate at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

47. (15/16) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 3 September 2015 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.