

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 June, 2016
starting at 7.30pm held at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; 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
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council
2 members of the public

20. (16/17) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

There were no apologies for absence. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

21. (16/17) Declarations of Interest

None.

22. (16/17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. (16/17) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and as the police were not present welcomed two members of the public to the meeting. Mr Liptrott was interested in the vacancy in the Parish Council and Mr Leaver had come along to see if there was an update on the planning issues at the Wainhomes site off Ribblesdale Drive.

With regard to the Wainhomes site, the Clerk reported that she had visited Ribblesdale Drive earlier that evening and there had been an emergency call-out to LCC to deal with a hydraulic oil spill at the entry to the site. She also reported that the road was in a terrible state full of mud, stones and oil. Mr Leaver confirmed that the problems were still continuing and lorries were still leaving the site uncovered in spite of neighbours raising this with the Foreman at Wainhomes. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson confirmed that the local City Councillors, together with the Enforcement Officer at Preston City Council and herself were due to visit the

site again as a permanent Foreman should have now been appointed. This visit would take place shortly.

With regard to the recent application by Wainhomes for an additional 70 houses adjacent to the original site, the Chairman Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson reported that this was likely to go to the July or August meeting of the Planning Committee at Preston City Council.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked everyone for attending and then reconvened the meeting.

24. (16/17) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

The Parish Council considered the following Planning Applications:-

- 06/2016/0387 - Land off Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh – substitution of house types on plots 32 and 33.
- 06/2016/0386 - Land off Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh – substitution of house types on plots 18 and 19.

It was noted that Preston City Council had challenged the Inspector's decision to grant the appeal in relation to land at Preston Road Grimsargh for the outline planning permission for up to 150 dwellings – reference APP/N2345/W/15/3007033 by Gladman Developments Limited. The decision would now be considered by a Judge who would decide if the decision should be quashed or not – this process could take around six months. It was noted that the Judge would not be able to reverse or change the decision and therefore if it was quashed it was likely that another appeal would start probably around 12 months time.

With regard to the Wetlands, it was noted that Planning Application 06/2016/0234 which was a resubmission of Planning Application 06/2015/0690 would be going to Planning Committee on 9 June 2016, and the Officer has recommended approval. It was felt that the Planning Officer, Dean Clapworthy had prepared an excellent and comprehensive report. As agreed at the last meeting, the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson would be speaking at the Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

With regard to the latest Wainhomes Planning Application (06/2016/0258) for land off Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh, as reported earlier in the meeting it was likely to go to the July or August Planning Committee. The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson should speak on behalf of the Parish Council. There was a brief discussion about the deliverable supply of housing numbers and it was noted that this was a changing number due to the build out rates by developers. However, it was a constant concern. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she was concerned about the track near to her house and that this may be used for access. However, it was noted that a separate Planning Application would be needed if an alternative access was proposed.

Resolved

1) That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2016/0387 and 06/2016/0386, the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

2) With regard to the latest Wainhomes Planning Application (06/2016/0258) for land off Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh, the Parish Council agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson should speak at Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

25. (16/17) Local Heritage Lists

It was reported that Preston City Council were looking at setting up local heritage lists and information including the criteria for selection had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland may be a suitable addition to the list.

It was noted that recommendations for the list had to be submitted to Preston City Council by 30 September 2016. It was agreed that the Parish Council would put the information about local heritage lists on our Website and Facebook Page and ask for suggestions for inclusion on the list. The final decision would be made by Preston City Council and the Parish Council thought it was important that any recommendation made should have the approval of the owner for inclusion on the list.

The Parish Council would consider any suggestions for their local heritage list at their meeting scheduled for July or September depending on the information received via their Website and Facebook Page.

Resolved

That the Parish Council circulates the information on local heritage lists on our Website and Facebook Page and any recommendations for inclusion on the list are considered by the Parish Council at their meeting scheduled for July or September depending on the information received.

26. (16/17) Lancashire County Council Consultation on changes to where they provide services

It was reported that Lancashire County Council were proposing a number of changes to where they provide services such as welfare rights, children's services and youth offending teams. It was noted that comments on the consultation had to be received by 14 August 2016 and the Parish Council were asked to consider a response.

It was noted that although there were no services provided in Grimsargh, a number of residents accessed services at Longridge and Preston. There was currently

nothing in the village for young people to do and the nearest Youth and Community Centre in Longridge was one of the proposed cuts. It was felt that the Youth and Community Centre was an important part of the community and should be retained. It was also noted that there were proposed changes to the Preston East Children's Centre at Brookfield and it was felt that this should also be retained.

Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer highlighted her concerns about people struggling to fill in forms for grants and support and this was an important service that people needed help with.

Resolved

That the Clerk replies to the consultation by Lancashire County Council on where they provide services in line with the comments outlined above.

27. (16/17) Provision of Defibrillators – Update

It was noted that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson had spoken to the PTFA at St Michael's CE Primary School and they were extremely happy to contribute to a community defibrillator and they were also looking to train their year 5 children in the use of this. Grimsargh Cricket Club was also happy to be involved in this project and the village hall was going to discuss this at their forthcoming meeting. Councillor Keith Middlebrough said that Annie at Grimsargh Club also wished to be involved and it was agreed that this would be discussed further at our next meeting when hopefully full costings would be available.

28. (16/17) Financial Matters, approval of year end accounts for 31 March 2016 and Banking

It was noted that we had an estimated £84,968.65 in the bank as at 5 May 2016. It was noted that this did not include the precept which would be credited shortly.

Resolved

i) It was noted that since the last meeting we had paid the annual insurance policy for the Parish Council. A three year agreement had been negotiated with Zurich which included the CCTV and this was £527.99 (Cheque no 779).

ii) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

1) Clerk, Sue Whittam, Salary 1,8,15,22, and 29 May 2016 at £189 per week (5 weeks £945) – tax and NI = £729 (Cheque no 780).

2) HMRC Q1 Tax and NI - £546.52 (Cheque no 781).

3) Napthens for work undertaken on the Wetlands – including searches £2,334.96 (Cheque no 782).

4) TCV annual membership £38 (Cheque no 783).

5) Adam Cooper Lengthsman's hours for May 2016 – 59 hours @ £13 = total £767. (Cheque no 784). Outstanding amount for materials = £181.86 to be paid when new cheque book has been received.

6) AVJ for summer newsletter printing – £440.00 (Cheque no 785).

7) Outstanding invoice for reimbursement of plants £23.50 for Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson to be paid when new cheque book has been received.

It was noted that the water bill for Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland 16 Feb – 11 May 2016 was £9.93 (direct debit to be taken out on 9 June).

iii) The Parish Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) and this was signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.

iv) The Parish Council had received a copy of the accounts prepared by the Clerk and these were approved by the Parish Council. The Statement of Accounts (Section 2 of the Annual Return) was signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.

v) It was noted that the external audit would be held on 25 July 2016 and the internal audit would be carried out by Donna Kidd shortly.

29. (16/17) Clerk's Report – for information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

30. (16/17) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 7 July at 7.30 pm.