

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 November 2018 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
PC Felipe Garcia

83. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/ Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Terry Cryer (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Ian Liptrot; Councillor Keith Middlebrough; Councillor Neil Cartwright (Preston City Council) and Councillor Ron Woollam (Preston City Council). The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson also took the opportunity to comment on the fabulous results for Grimsargh in the Best Kept Village Competition 2018.

84. (18/19) Declarations of Interest

None.

85. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

86. (18/19) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PC Felipe Garcia to the meeting. PC Garcia informed the Parish Council that there had been eight recent crimes which were mainly vehicle interference, residential burglaries and damage. PC Garcia said it was important that people secured their property as most crimes committed in Grimsargh where opportunistic thieves targeting insecure property.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked PC Garcia if he was aware of a recent road traffic accident near the crematorium and that there were a number of problems with speeding/reckless drivers. PC Garcia was not aware of this recent incident.

PC Garcia also reported that the police would have access to a marked vehicle but it was not a 4 x 4. He also was aware that the meeting between the Parish Councils

and the Police would be held on Thursday 8 November at 4.30pm. The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman and the Clerk from each Parish Council had been invited to the meeting to discuss rural policing.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained to PC Garcia about the CCTV system that the Parish Council had installed in the village and hopefully by Spring the whole system would be up and running and available for the police to access if necessary.

It was also noted that the signage on Whittingham Lane relating to the temporary road closure was quite confusing and implied that the road could be accessed after 6pm at night. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson agreed to contact Mott MacDonald Bentley about the issues as they were carrying out the works on behalf of United Utilities.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked PC Garcia for attending and then reconvened the meeting

87. (18/19) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

- 06/2018/1099 - 63 Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh.
Single storey rear extension.
- 06/2018/1067 - 313 Preston Road Grimsargh PR2 5JZ
Two storey and single storey extensions to rear.
- 06/2018/1157 - Land adjacent 329 Preston Road, Grimsargh.
Outline planning application seeking approval for access from Preston Road for the erection of 30no dwellings and associated infrastructure.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1099 and Planning Application 06/2018/1067 the Parish Council had no comments to make on both these applications.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1157, the Parish Council agreed to support this application as it would provide much needed affordable homes and bungalows which were identified as being required by Grimsargh residents in their recent Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. In addition they also made a couple of points regarding this proposed Planning Application. In particular they cautioned against the use of speed bumps on this development as they did not think these would be necessary. Also as the site was adjacent to Grimsargh Wetlands which was owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Wetlands Trust, it was agreed to ensure that the Planning Department were aware that the Wetlands was a Biological Heritage Site (BHS) and therefore was an important place for a number of rare breed birds and Flora and Fauna. It was therefore extremely important that any development next to this site is managed in a way that would cause minimum impact to this important site.

The Parish Council also agreed to support the information contained in the Planning Statement provided by the applicant which stated that the homes would be designed to support local people with a connection to Grimsargh.

As reported at the last meeting it was noted that the Parish Council had received notification of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review. The Parish Council had no specific comments to make on this draft Plan but agreed to support the review and the suggested updates to the proposed Plan.

The Parish Council also gave consideration to the Call for Sites that had been discussed at our two previous meetings. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson informed the Parish Council that a further meeting had been held with Chris Blackburn, Head of Planning Policy and Christina Marginson who was now looking after Neighbourhood Planning since Tom Wiggans had moved on to join the Central Lancashire Planning Team. It was noted that Preston City Council were not in a position as yet to give an indicative number of how many homes were needed in Grimsargh and depending on how you looked at the village from either a Neighbourhood Planning or Call for Sites point of view there was a variance from either suggesting one or two sites or more than this. However, it was noted that when the Parish Council get to the stage of submitting their draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Inspector then it was possible that the Inspector may ask for further sites to be included and it was therefore prudent to suggest just one site at this stage.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained that a Planning Working Group had been held and a number of sites for development had been identified and likewise basing the information on our recent Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire, a number of sites for protection had also been identified. A copy of the suggested sites and the map showing sites for protection had been circulated to the Parish Council.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should submit Grimsargh House as the one site for potential development as the other main site identified by the Planning Working Group had been the site adjacent to 329 Preston Road which had been recently submitted to the Planning Department. Sites could not be included in the Call for Sites that had already been submitted to the Planning Department. It was noted that the Clerk would need to obtain a red edged plan from the Land Registry to accompany the form for the Call for Sites and this was agreed.

With regard to the sites for protection, it was agreed that the current Areas of Separation should be protected and in addition to this the Parish Council were proposing an additional Area of Separation between Grimsargh and Longridge.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson gave a brief update on the informal meeting held earlier with Story Homes to discuss their proposals for land off Preston Road, Grimsargh. It was noted that the Parish Council had asked Story Homes to consider providing bungalows as these were much needed in Grimsargh and also to look at the lack of pavements on the proposed site.

The Parish Council also noted that the Seddon Homes Planning Application had been deferred by the Preston City Council's Planning Committee and therefore would be considered in December.

There were no further planning issues for discussion.

Resolved

i) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1099 and Planning Application 06/2018/1067 the Parish Council had no comments to make on both these applications.

ii) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2018/1157, the Parish Council agreed to support this application as it would provide much needed affordable homes and bungalows which were identified as being required by Grimsargh residents in their recent Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. In addition they also made a couple of points regarding this proposed Planning Application. In particular they cautioned against the use of speed bumps on this development as they did not think these would be necessary. Also as the site was adjacent to Grimsargh Wetlands which was owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Wetlands Trust, it was agreed to ensure that the Planning Department were aware that the Wetlands was a Biological Heritage Site (BHS) and therefore was an important place for a number of rare breed birds and Flora and Fauna. It was therefore extremely important that any development next to this site is managed in a way that would cause minimum impact to this important site. The Parish Council also agreed to support the information contained in the Planning Statement provided by the applicant which stated that the homes would be designed to support local people with a connection to Grimsargh.

iii) That with regard to the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review, the Parish Council had no specific comments to make on this draft Plan but agreed to support the review and the suggested updates to the proposed Plan.

iv) That with regard to the Call for Sites Consultation, the Parish Council agreed to submit Grimsargh House as the one site for potential development as the other main site identified by the Planning Working Group had been the site adjacent to 329 Preston Road which had been recently submitted to the Planning Department. The Clerk was given approval to purchase a red edged plan from the Land Registry to submit with the Call for Sites form.

With regard to the sites for protection, it was agreed that the current Areas of Separation should be protected and in addition to this the Parish Council were proposing an additional Area of Separation between Grimsargh and Longridge.

v) That with regard to the meeting with Story Homes it was noted that the Parish Council had asked for bungalows to be included in the proposed development and also that pavements are provided throughout the site.

vi) It was noted that the Seddon Homes Planning Application had been deferred and would be considered by Preston City Council's Planning Committee at their meeting in December.

88. (18/19) Grimsargh Wetlands

It was noted that the public footpath on the Wetlands was now closed whilst the improvement works to the paths were carried out.

It was further noted that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray were going to look at the site with regard to the encroachment issues. This would be discussed at the December meeting of the Parish Council.

89. (18/19) Items for Expenditure

The Parish Council considered the following items of expenditure: -

Purchase of high vis vests and magnetic signs for side of Lengthsman's van. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of high vis vests would be £5.70 + VAT per vest. It was agreed to purchase 12 vests (6 large and 6 extra-large) with Grimsargh Parish Council printed in black. With regard to the magnetic signs for the side of the Lengthsman's van, the Clerk reported that she had received a quote from signs express and each sign would cost £80 each + VAT. These would include the wording Grimsargh Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that they would like the Parish Council logo included on the signs and therefore gave approval for the signs to be purchased even if they were slightly more expensive due to the inclusion of the logo. In addition to this the Parish Council agreed that four signs should be purchased for use on the Lengthsman's van and also his employee who also worked in the village undertaking work on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved

- i) That approval is given to the purchase of 12 high vis vests at a cost of £5.70 + VAT per vest.
- ii) That approval is given to the purchase of four magnetic signs to include the Parish Council logo for use by the Lengthsman's on his and his employees' vehicles.

90. (18/19) Football Pitch Licence – Grimsargh Village Green (update)

The Clerk gave an update to the Parish Council on the questions raised regarding the draft football pitch licence for Grimsargh Village Green. A copy of the email relating to the questions raised by the Parish Council and the answers given by Preston City Council is presented in the Minute Book.

It was noted that there were still a number of legal questions that needed answering. The Parish Council had also agreed to engage a Solicitor to deal with the Licence on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said she had spoken to the Cricket Team and they did not currently have a Solicitor as yet to deal with their lease when it is renewed in 2019. The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that Broughton Parish Council had engaged a Solicitor for a similar lease for a park in Broughton and she would find out further details from the Chairman of Broughton Parish Council.

Resolved

That the update on the draft Football Pitch Licence for Grimsargh Village Green is noted.

91. (18/19) Christmas Arrangements 2018

It was noted that Carols around the Crib would be held on Friday 7 December at 6.30pm. The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Keith Middlebrough who unfortunately could not be present at tonight's meeting to ask if all was in hand with regard to the arrangements with the club for the event. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that Mrs Sellars was happy to make the mince pies, and this was appreciated by the Parish Council.

With regard to the Christmas tree it was agreed to have the switch on of the lights on Saturday 1 December at 5pm. It was suggested that Father Christmas (Councillor Keith Middlebrough) should switch on the lights together with the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson. In the event that Councillor Keith Middlebrough could not attend then Councillor Neil Cartwright would be asked instead.

Resolved

That the Christmas arrangements as outlined above are received and noted.

92. (18/19) Newsletter – update

The Parish Council approved the draft items for the December newsletter that the Clerk had circulated with the Agenda. It was noted that there were a couple of items outstanding but the Clerk would ensure that the draft newsletter was sent to the printers as soon as possible, so it would be printed and distributed in advance of Carols around the Crib.

93. (18/19) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £56,523.94 in the Nat West bank as at 3 October 2018. It was further noted that we should receive a CiL payment of £5,853.90 for the Eccleston Homes development to be credited to our bank account on 25 October 2018.

It was also noted that since the last meeting we had paid Nest Pension contribution on 28 September £30.76 (direct debit).

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) Clerk Sue Whittam salary – 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 October five weeks at £284.37 per week = £1421.85 – tax, NI and pension contribution = £1026.67 + wreath for Remembrance Sunday £20 and dog bags £139.20 = total £1,185.87. (Cheque no 919).

ii) Adam Cooper Contactor – 40 hours @ £13.75 per hour = £550 + renewal of Waste Carriers Licence as previously agreed £105 and fixings for bins and tree stakes £15 = total £645 (please note after checking the invoice the Clerk noticed that the invoice was incorrectly sub totalled and the total amount should be £670). The outstanding £25 will be added to next months payment. (Cheque no 920).

iii) Sally Gorton for website administration and domain renewal – £120.44. (Cheque no 921).

iv) £16.40 owing to R Ball for the engraving of the trophy for Young Photographer of the year, as there were two receipts presented one for the trophy £16 already paid and one for engraving still outstanding. (Cheque no 922).

94. (18/19) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported that as it was Parish Council elections in 2019, she was advising that the May meeting should be held on 16 May 2019 and this was agreed.

The Clerk also reported that Jennifer Forshaw from KT Recycling would be attending the January meeting of the Parish Council.

95. (18/19) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 6 December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.