

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3 November, 2022 held at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:- Councillor Peter Burton (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Trevor Haines; Councillor Simon Rusling and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council

76. (22/23) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Hindle (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver and Councillor Steve Whittam from Preston City Council. The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

77. (22/23) Declarations of Interest

None.

78. (22/23) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. (22/23) Adjournment for Public Participation

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton adjourned the meeting for public participation and as there were no members of the public present asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam asked if the planters could have some extra compost and soil added to them after Christmas, in particular the Cricket Club one on the Village Green and the one looked after by Brenda Croft outside the Village Hall.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also gave an update on the Avian flu outbreak and advised that the number of dead birds were decreasing, but the Wetlands Trust were keeping an eye on the situation and complying with the guidance issued by DEFRA.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell informed the Parish Council that she had attended a Road Safety Partnership Webinar and that she had made some brief notes. The Clerk agreed to circulate these to the Parish Council.

The Clerk read out an update from Councillor Stephen Whittam, Preston City Council who had confirmed that he attended a meeting with Catherine Creeton from Preston City Council to look at the village green as requested via FOGG. Unfortunately, no one from FOGG was able to attend the meeting, however, Catherine Creeton was looking at what works could be done and the green and would also look at possible funding streams.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked if the Clerk could contact the Planning Officer at Preston City Council to clarify the works that would be undertaken by Seddon Homes to improve the footpaths on the village green.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also informed the Parish Council that there had been a meeting of the Road Safety Group and that another meeting would be held shortly. The Working Group was going to look through the data and then ask for a meeting with a representative from Lancashire County Council to discuss the findings and then look at what could be done.

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton then reconvened the meeting.

80. (22/23) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

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| 06/2022/1224 | - | Land to the rear of Grimsargh Vicarage
46 Preston Road, Grimsargh PR2 5SD
4no detached dwellings, access road and parking with
gated entrance (pursuant to 06/2021/1110 to seek
variation of condition no.1 approved plans). |
| 06/2022/1156 | - | 45 The Pastures, Grimsargh PR2 5JW
Two storey rear extension following demolition of
conservatory. |

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/1224 the Clerk reported that the amendment to the plans were to add a single storey extension to the back of each property. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2022/1156, the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

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

Resolved

That with regard to Planning Applications 06/2022/1224 and 06/2022/1156 the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

81. (22/23) Christmas Events Working Group

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam informed the Parish Council that the Christmas Events Working Group had met to discuss this year's events and they were currently exploring funding for the selection boxes for children and to cover the cost of refreshments. It was noted that the switch on of the Christmas tree lights and the carols around the crib would be held at the same time on Friday 2 December. This would be promoted via our Facebook Page and also information about the event had been circulated to the local primary schools via their school newsletters.

In the event that funding could not be secured, the Parish Council agreed to fund the cost of refreshments and selection boxes for the children.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell took the opportunity to mention the coronation of King Charles III which would be held in May next year. The Parish Council would need to decide if they were organising an event for the coronation, bearing in mind that the Parish Council elections would also be held in May. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she would write a small item for the newsletter to see if residents wanted to hold a village wide event.

Resolved

- i) That, the report of the Christmas Events Working Group is received and noted.
- ii) That, approval is given to fund the selection boxes for the children and the refreshments for the Christmas events if other funding is not secured.

82. (22/23) Annual CiL report

The Clerk presented the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2022. It was noted that the report once approved would be published on the Parish Council website.

The Clerk also updated the Parish Council on the current CiL monies including expenditure spent and committed for major projects in the village.

The Parish Council unanimously approved the Annual CiL report and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

Resolved

That, approval is given to the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2022 and a copy is presented in the Minute Book.

83. (22/23) Bus Shelters

The Clerk had circulated some information on potential new bus shelters for the village and reported that she had arranged to meet a representative from Euroshel on Wednesday 9th November at 10 am. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she would try and attend the meeting and the Clerk confirmed that she was happy for other Parish Councillors to join them. A brief discussion on possible questions to the supplier included, discounted cost for the replacement of all five Parish Council bus shelters, to ask if planning permission was needed and how vandal proof the shelters would be. It was noted that the supplier was offering free installation if the bus shelters were ordered before 31 December 2022.

Once the meeting had been held then the Parish Council would be able to make their final decision at their December meeting.

Resolved

That, the update on the bus shelters is received and noted; and that this would be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting in December.

84. (22/23) Lancashire County Council - Moving Traffic Consultation

The Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council details of a Moving Traffic Consultation that was being carried out by Lancashire County Council. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 27 November 2022.

The Parish Council had no comments to make on the consultation, but it was noted that individual Parish Councillors could comment on the consultation if they so wished.

Resolved

That, the Parish Council has no comments to make on the Moving Traffic Consultation, but individual Parish Councillors could comment on the consultation if they so wished.

85. (22/23) Land behind the Village Hall – feasibility study update

The Clerk reported that following PSD Agronomy's visit to the site, they were asking for clarification on what type of MUGA would the Parish Council wish to see in advance of preparing a detailed study and report.

After discussion the Parish Council agreed that five aside football and basketball would be the most suitable sports for a possible MUGA. The Clerk would pass this information onto PSD Agronomy.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees that five aside football and basketball would be the most suitable sports for a possible MUGA and that this information is passed onto PSD Agronomy who are preparing a detailed study and report on behalf of the Parish Council.

86. (22/23) Newsletter

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that most of the items had now been received and these had been circulated to the Parish Council. The outstanding items on Remembrance Sunday, Road Safety Working Group and the coronation of King Charles III would be added when received.

The Clerk would arrange for the distributor to deliver the newsletter as previously agreed.

87. (22/23) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £184,154.14 in the Nat West bank as at 5 October 2022. We had received notification that the £800 for the Public Rights of Way Scheme and Biodiversity Small Grants Scheme would be credited to our account shortly. We had also received £49,371.59 for CiL, which would appear on our next bank statement.

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

LANPAC Membership £60.00 (Cheque no 1170).
Preston City Council Greenspaces £3,190 (Cheque no 1171).
HMRC Q2 Tax and NI - £499.27 (Cheque no 1172).
Adam Cooper July - £750 (Cheque no 1173).
Adam Cooper Augusts - £600.00 (Cheque no 1174).
Clerk's Salary October - £1,203.11 (Cheque no 1175).
Altham Parish Council for data collection - £580 (Cheque no 1176).

It was noted that bank charges for the period 3 September – 30 September were £5.25. It was further noted that the Parish Council had also paid NEST pension (Clerk) £48.88 on 6 September 2022.

Resolved

1) The following invoices were approved for payment: -

- i) Clerk's Salary 15 November 2022 - £1,206.64 + £19.99 for Remembrance Wreath = total £1,226.63.
- ii) Adam Cooper Contractor – to be confirmed at the next meeting.

88. (22/23) Clerk's report – for information only

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Cricket Club were unable to complete their works on the cricket square until after next season, due to the availability of the contractor. The Parish Council agreed to let the Cricket Club have the money for the cricket square (£10,500) once the works were being undertaken next year. The money for the nets (£20,00) would be provided once the lease had been signed.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been approached for some CCTV footage and that Councillor Terry Cryer would look at this when he returned from holiday.

89. (22/23) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.