

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 October, 2015 held at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson (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

63. (15/16) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Burton.

64. (15/16) Declarations of Interest

None.

65. (15/16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, subject to the amendment of item 54 (15/16) to read Councillor Terry Cryer instead of Councillor Terry Cartwright the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66. (15/16) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson adjourned the meeting for public participation and as there were no members of the public present asked if the City Councillors had anything to raise with the Parish Council. Councillor Tom Davies said that he had reported the problems with the lighting on Old Railway Walk to the Parks Department at Preston City Council and he was waiting for a response.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that she was aware of a telephone survey that was supposedly from the police but she was unsure if this was correct or a scam. The Clerk agreed to email PC Banks to ask about this. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson said that she had put on Facebook the issue raised at the last meeting by PCSO David Reid about the lady pretending she had run out of petrol and had asked a number of people for money for help to get to the hospital. There had been a number of responses to the Facebook post where people had been scammed by the same lady and the Chairman had encouraged them to contact the police about this.

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

67. (15/16) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no Planning Applications for consideration at the meeting, however the Parish Council had received advance notification of a proposed base station installation at the White Bull Water Treatment Works, Preston Road, Grimsargh by Telefonica Uk Ltd and Vodafone Limited.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0690 (United Utilities Group PLC – Outline planning application for erection of 12no residential dwellings (access applied for only) for land at Preston Road, Grimsargh. It was noted that this was likely to go to the 5 November Planning Committee. The Parish Council discussed who should attend the Planning Committee and speak on behalf of the Parish Council in support of the application, and it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson should undertake this role.

Resolved

1) That with regard to the advance notification of a proposed base station installation at the White Bull Water Treatment Works, Preston Road, Grimsargh by Telefonica Uk Ltd and Vodafone Limited, the Parish Council had no comments to make.

2) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2015/0690 (United Utilities Group PLC – Outline planning application for erection of 12no residential dwellings (access applied for only) for land at Preston Road, Grimsargh. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson should attend the Planning Committee and speak in support of the application on behalf of the Parish Council.

68. (15/16) Report from the Community Safety Working Group

Councillor Terry Cryer gave the report from the Community Safety Working Group from their meeting held on 9 September 2015. Councillor Terry Cryer explained that as the new Parish Councillor he had reviewed all the information so far in relation to the CCTV project, and he had arranged to attend each possible location with Stephen Snape who was going to supply the CCTV equipment and speak to the property owners at the four locations to discuss their installation. Councillor Terry Cryer had been looking at the best way of taking the project forward and outlined possible options for the Parish Council including having a base station at the Village Hall. However, it was noted that the Village Hall was outside the control of the Parish Council and any equipment to be placed there would need the approval of the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Terry Cryer explained that the quote from Stephen Snape appeared to be very reasonable and he had quoted £1,850 plus VAT – Councillor Cryer was going to discuss the quote with Stephen Snape to ensure that the price included what was required by the Parish Council to operate an efficient CCTV system in the village. Councillor Terry Cryer would also consider the implications of the Data Protection Act in relation to the CCTV project and he hoped to have an update on the whole project for the December meeting of the Parish Council. Councillor Keith Middlebrough asked if it would be beneficial to increase the number of cameras in the village to five or six instead of four. After a brief discussion it was agreed that four would be a good start and we could always add on additional cameras if we thought it would be beneficial to the village.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson thanked Councillor Terry Cryer for his work so far and looked forward to receiving further information at the December meeting.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

69. (15/16) Parish Council Newsletter

The Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council the items she had received so far for the December newsletter and these were agreed. With regard to the introduction to the new Parish Councillor, Councillor Terry Cryer it was felt that his item should include his role as a magistrate, and Councillor Terry Cryer agreed to update his item to reflect this.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson gave a quick run through of all items and asked for any outstanding items to be forwarded to the Clerk as soon as possible. The newsletter would be produced by early November so it could be distributed in time for Christmas.

70. (15/16) Statement of Licensing Policy – Preston City Council

The Parish Council gave consideration to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy produced by Preston City Council. It was noted that comments on the Policy had to be submitted by 31 October 2015. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the draft Policy.

71. (15/16) Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

The Parish Council gave consideration to purchasing a wreath for Remembrance Sunday for our village war memorial. It was agreed that the Clerk should be authorised to purchase the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and that the Clerk should also contact Nellie Cowell to find out details of this year's Remembrance Sunday service and ask for suggestions on who should place the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved

That the Clerk is authorised to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Parish Council.

72. (15/16) Financial Matters, report from the auditor for the year end 31 March 2015 and banking

It was noted that we had an estimated £49,712.90 in the bank as at 1 September 2015.

Resolved

1) It was noted that since the last meeting the following invoices have been paid:-

Earth Anchors for bin bags and new dog bin as agreed £260.16 (Cheque no 745).
Cllr Keith Middlebrough reimbursement for Planter Trophy £57.00 (Cheque no 746).

2) The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

i) Adam Cooper – 82 hours @ £13 per hour = £1,066. (Cheque no 747).

ii) Adam Cooper – Lengthsman's materials – stain, wood, Perspex £89.64 + timber £24.90 = £114.54 (Cheque no 748).

iii) Cllr Lindsay Philipson – reimbursement for cake and prizes for Planter Competition - £17.05 (Cheque no 749).

iv) Sue Whittam – Clerk – 7, 14, 21, and 28 September = 4 weeks at £169.40 per week = £677.60 – tax & NI = £545.60 (Cheque no 750).

v) HMRC Q2 for tax & NI Clerk - £543.30 (Cheque no 751).

vi) BDO LLP Annual Audit Fee - £240 (Cheque no 752).

3) The Parish Council noted that the audit report had been received from BDO LLP and no matters came to the attention of the auditor that required any action by the Parish Council.

73. (15/16) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that John Gornall, Tree Surgeon had inspected the trees at Nellie Carbis Woodland and a number of trees needed either removing or some remedial works. An estimate for the tree works was expected shortly and due to the health and safety issues it was agreed that the works should be carried out as soon as possible.

With regard to the tree near to Cedar Close it was noted that John Gornall had also inspected this tree and was recommending that it was removed. An email had been sent to Martin Hindle at Preston City Council and the Parish Council was awaiting a reply.

74. (15/16) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 5 November 2015 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.