

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7 October, 2021 held at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillor Mark Bell (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Terry Cryer; Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Ron Woollam – Preston City Council
PCSO Vicky Shackleton

51. (21/22) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Graham Jolliffe, Preston City Council; Councillor Harry Landless, Preston City Council and PCSO Julie Anyon.

As the Chairman, Councillor David Hindle was unable to attend this evening's meeting, Councillor Mark Bell Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

The Chairman, Councillor Mark Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

52. (21/22) Declarations of Interest

None.

53. (21/22) Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was noted that Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had attended the last meeting and the Clerk added her name to those present.

Resolved

That, taking into account the inclusion of Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell's attendance as above, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. (21/22) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mark Bell adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

PCSO Vicky Shackleton had come along to the meeting to give an update on crime in our area. Vicky explained that although she no longer covered the rural area she had come along to the meeting as PCSO Julie Anyon was not available. Vicky explained that the police were currently being restructured and were moving back to

the old system of Neighbourhood Policing. Vicky also informed the Parish Council that there had been 39 crimes during the period 1st September – 30th September 2021. These were 1 vehicle theft; 1 theft; 1 criminal damage; 4 assaults (all domestic related); 1 domestic incident; 1 malicious communication; 3 RTC; 4 highway disruptions; 5 concerns for safety; 1 public order and nuisance; 3 suspicious circumstances and 14 classed as other. There was a general discussion about crime and the Clerk said that an article on how to report crime would be included in the December newsletter.

It was also reported that a number of anti vaccination stickers had been placed on the bus shelter and on the Parish Council notice board near the shop. The Clerk confirmed that she had asked the Lengthsman to remove the stickers and any further stickers would also be removed.

The Chairman, Mark Bell thanked PCSO Vicky Shackleton for attending and then reconvened the meeting.

55. (21/22) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

- 06/2021/1277 - 13 Pendle Hill Close, Grimsargh PR2 5BG
Two storey side extension.
- 06/2021/1317 - 268 Longridge Road, Grimsargh PR2 5AQ
Single storey rear extension.
- 06/2021/1335 - Land off Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh
Variation of condition 1 (plan numbers) pursuant to planning permission 06/2017/1350 dated 10/09/2021 for 'Reserved matters application for 68no dwellings (namely layout, scale, landscaping and appearance) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2016/0258'. Amendment includes changes to house types.

With regard to Planning Applications 06/2021/1277 and 06/2021/1317, the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

With regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1335, the Clerk reported that she had contacted the Planning Officer to check that this revised application was to amend the house types only due to the site being sold by Wainhomes. It was noted that the Clerk had not received a response in time for the meeting, however, if there were any further amendments that could be of concern to the Parish Council then the Clerk would make the Parish Council aware. It was noted that it was difficult to follow amendments to Planning Applications and from looking at the plans it appeared that the amendments were to the house types only and that there was no impact on the public right of way. However, if this was not the case then the Clerk would update the Parish Council accordingly. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the amendments to the house types.

The Parish Council noted that Planning Application 06/2021/1114 for the installation of a mast on the footpath adjacent to 156 Preston Road, Grimsargh had been refused by Preston City Council.

The Parish Council further noted that Planning Application 06/2019/1109 for the Older Persons Village, Preston Road, Grimsargh and 06/2019/1110 for the 30-bedroom care facility, Preston Road, Grimsargh were both approved by the Planning Committee at their meeting held on 30 September 2021.

Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam also informed the Parish Council that Planning Application 06/2021/1076 for St Michael's Graveyard extension had been withdrawn due to the Environment Agency objecting until further information on the protection of groundwater had been received, and satisfied the Environment Agency's Groundwater Policies due to the proposed site being within source protection zone 3 and located on a principal aquifer.

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

Resolved

- i) That, with regard to Planning Applications 06/2021/1277 and 06/2021/1317, the Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.
- ii) That, with regard to Planning Application 06/2021/1335 if the application was to amend the house types only then the Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.
- iii) That, the update on other planning applications is received and noted.

56. (21/22) Report of the Community Safety Working Group

Councillor Terry Cryer gave a verbal update to the Parish Community on the meeting of the Community Safety Working Group held remotely on 28 September 2021. The meeting had been held to discuss what could be done to protect the Christmas Tree that had been vandalised for the last two years. Councillor Terry Cryer reported that the Community Safety Working Group had discussed a number of options. One of the options was for the tree to be removed to the corner of the Village Green and for an additional camera to be purchased so the tree could be captured on CCTV. This was dependent on the tree being moved from its current position to the corner and this would need permission from Preston City Council who owned the land. The Clerk reported that the Officer responsible for the Christmas Tree was currently on leave so she had been unable to get a response for this evening's meeting. However, moving the tree would be dependent on the power supply and if the tree could be powered from its potential new location. The Clerk had also contacted the Officer at Preston to ask if the electric substation on the Village Green could be caged to prevent anyone tampering with the electric connections.

As the next meeting of the Parish Council was in November and there needed to be something in place for when the tree arrived, it was agreed that in principle the Parish Council would pay for an additional CCTV camera at an estimated cost of

around £360, subject to the tree being moved to the corner location and with the agreement of Preston City Council. This would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

The Chairman, Councillor Mark Bell thanked Councillor Terry Cryer for the update and the potential solutions for this year's Christmas Tree.

Resolved

That, approval is given in principle to the purchase of an additional CCTV camera at an estimated cost of around £360, subject to the tree being moved to the corner location and with the agreement of Preston City Council. This would be funded from Parish Council CiL monies.

57. (21/22) SPiDS Update

The Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council an updated report from Lancashire County Council (LCC) following the site visit by Alan Cox, the Community Safety Officer at LCC. The Parish Council considered the report and a copy is presented in the Minute Book. The Parish Council agreed that they now preferred site 1A instead of proposed site 1B close to The Hills due to the problems with overgrowing trees, that could potentially prevent the solar SPiD from working properly. The Parish Council agreed with their original recommendation regarding a proposed SPiD at the Longridge end of the village.

With regard to the position of SPiDs on Whittingham Lane, the Parish Council had previously agreed to support two SPiDs for this area. However, after discussion it was agreed that it would be beneficial for one of the SPiDs to be located closer to Haighton Green Lane which came under Haighton Parish Council. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk to Haighton Parish Council to see if they wished to fund and support a SPiD in their area. Depending on the response from Haighton Parish Council then this would be discussed further. The Parish Council also agreed to location 3C on Whittingham Lane. However, in view of the discussions with Haighton Parish Council, the final locations would be agreed when the Parish Council had received a response from Haighton.

It was noted that once the locations had been agreed they would be subject to approval by the Highways Engineer at LCC.

Resolved

- i) That, the Parish Council agrees to the locations of the Parish Council SPiDs as outlined above.
- ii) That, with regard to the proposed locations on Whittingham Lane, that the Clerk consults with Haighton Parish Council to see if they wished to fund and support a SPiD in their area.

58. (21/22) Christmas Arrangements 2021

The Parish Council agreed the Christmas events for 2021 as follows: -

Saturday 27 November – Christmas Tree lights switch on at 6.30pm.
Friday 10 December – Carols around the Crib at 6.30pm.

Resolved

That approval is given to the Christmas events as outlined above.

59. (21/22) Parish Council dates of meetings 2022

The Parish Council considered the draft dates of meetings for 2022 and these were agreed as follows: -

Thursday 13 January 2022 *(note change of date)

Thursday 3 February 2022

Thursday 3 March 2022

Thursday 7 April 2022

Thursday 12 May 2022 *(note change of date due to Elections)

Thursday 2 June 2022

Thursday 7 July 2022

Thursday 1 September 2022

Thursday 6 October 2022

Thursday 3 November 2022

Thursday 1 December 2022

All meetings would be held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Resolved

That approval is given to the dates of the Parish Council meetings for 2022 as outlined above.

60. (21/22) Parish and Town Council Conference

The Parish Council gave consideration to attending the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference to be held on Saturday 13 November between 9.45 am – 2.00 pm at County Hall, Preston. It was also noted that delegates could join remotely if they wished. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk confirmed that she would book her place on the Conference and also a car parking space.

Resolved

That approval is given for Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell to attend the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference on Saturday 13 November at County Hall, Preston.

61. (21/22) December Newsletter

The Parish Council gave consideration to items for the December newsletter. The following items were suggested: -

Heritage Corner – The Chairman, David Hindle.
Friday morning Coffee Club – Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam to ask the organisers.
The Angel Event – Councillor Mrs Jayne Woollam to provide pictures from the September event.
Remembrance Sunday – Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson.
Christmas Events - Sue
Field Day - Keith
Grimsargh Wetlands. (Item already received).
Badminton Club.
Police information - Sue
Vacancies on the Parish Council - Sue

It was noted that the final items would need approval at the November meeting. It was further suggested that the Parish Council should obtain costs for delivering the newsletter.

62. (21/22) CiL Projects

Councillor Peter Burton had asked for CiL projects to be put on the agenda to start a discussion on further projects that the Parish Council could support using CiL. It was noted that although the Parish Council had a number of smaller projects in mind for using our CiL monies there still needed to be a few larger projects due to the amount of CiL money that would be received. A general discussion followed and a number of ideas including the purchase of land either from Preston City Council or others; possible outdoor gym and/or possible skateboard park. The Clerk agreed to make some initial enquiries and would report back to the Parish Council in January.

63. (21/22) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £112,522.32 in the Nat West bank as at 3 September 2021.

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

Adam Cooper for July (47.4 hours) = £712.50 and August (46 hours) = £690, total £1,402.50 (Cheque no 1097).

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson for vouchers for planter parents £70.00 (Cheque no 1098).

Barriers Direct for new bike racks for Wetlands and Village Hall £511.92 (Cheque no 1099). (Note CiL monies).

Clerk's Salary 15/09/21 £951.48. (Cheque no 1100).

Preston City Council for printing of June newsletter £106.25. (Cheque no 1101).

Raven Fabrications – first instalment for new galvanized artwork on Village Green £1,000. (Cheque no 1102).

HMRC Tax and NI for Clerk Q2 £1,165.46. (Cheque no 1103).

PKF Littlejohn LLP for external audit £480. (Cheque no 1104).

It was further noted that we had also paid NEST pension £48.88 Direct Debit 6 August 2021 and Water Plus for Nellie Carbis £12.00 Direct Debit 18 August 2021.

Resolved

1) The following invoices were agreed for payment: -

i) Adam Cooper Lengthsman to be confirmed at the next meeting.

ii) Clerk's Salary 15/10/21 - £951.48 + £17.99 for Remembrance Sunday wreath = total £969.47.

2) Report from the External Auditor

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had now received the completion of audit certificate and there were no matters raised by the External Auditor.

64. (21/22) Clerk's report – for information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

65. (21/22) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 4 November at 7.30 pm to be held at Grimsargh Village Hall.