

## **Grimsargh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4 June, 2026 at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall

**Present:** - Councillor Peter Burton (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Charlotte Hamer; Councillor Trevor Haines; Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Simon Rusling.

**In attendance:** - Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council  
Councillor Daniel Nuttall – Preston City Council  
County Councillor Maria Jones – Lancashire County Council  
6 members of the public.

### **15. (26/27) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health & Safety Announcements**

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.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Agustina Oliver, and PCSO Ellie Burke.

### **16. (26/27) Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **17. (26/27) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **18. (26/27) Adjournment for Public Participation**

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item. Councillor Daniel Nuttall introduced himself as the new Preston City Councillor for Preston Rural East.

The Clerk reported that the police were unable to attend the meeting, but PCSO Ellie Burke had sent through the crime statistics for the period 1 May 2026 – 1 June 2026. There had been no burglaries, one nuisance, one road traffic collision damage only on Preston Road (which destroyed the Parish Council's bus shelter), four suspicious circumstances and one vehicle crime.

There being no further matters raised, the Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton reconvened the meeting.

### **19. (26/27) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

There were no new planning applications for discussion at the meeting, and no further planning matters were raised.

### **20. (26/27) Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2026/2027**

It was noted that this item had been deferred from the last meeting. Councillor David Hindle said he was happy to put himself forward as Vice-Chairman for 2026/2027. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

#### **Resolved**

That Councillor David Hindle is appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2026/2027.

### **21. (26/27) Parish Council newsletter**

The Parish Council agreed the draft items for the summer newsletter. It was noted that a couple of items were outstanding, but these would be added shortly and sent to the designer/printer at Preston City Council.

#### **Resolved**

That the update on the Parish Council newsletter is received and noted.

### **22. (26/27) Parish Council Vacancies**

The Clerk reported that the vacancy arising from the resignation of Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer had been advertised, and that if no election was called by 5th June, the Parish Council could co-opt. The Clerk advised that both vacancies could be filled by co-option at the Parish Council's July meeting.

Councillor Trevor Haines advised that he would be resigning at the July meeting as he was moving out of the area. The Chairman, Councillor Peter Burton took the opportunity to thank Councillor Trevor Haines for his dedication and commitment to the Parish Council over the last few years.

#### **Resolved**

That the update on Parish Council vacancies is received and noted.

### **23. (26/27) Financial Matters and banking**

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £121,177.55 in the Nat West bank as at 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026. It was reported that we had received £12,004.15 in CiL monies from Preston City Council.

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

David Steele Contractor inv12 60 hours @ £19 per hour = £1140. (Cheque no 1371).

HMRC penalty £37.31 (Cheque no 1372)

Sue Whittam, Clerk's salary May 2026 £1385.54 + £140 ASDA vouchers for planter parents + £120 internal audit fee, paid via Clerk's personal bank account = £1645.54 (Cheque no 1373).

Grimsargh Wetlands Trust £4,000 for mower (CiL) (Cheque no 1374).

Zurich Municipal Insurance £1000.96. (Cheque no 1375).

We had paid Direct Debits - bank charges up to 30 April £4.50; Nest Pension for Clerk £67.71 on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Resolved**

The following invoices were approved for payment: -

- i) LALC annual subscription £578.48.
- ii) Sue Whittam, Clerk's salary June 2026 £1377.44
- iii) North West Design Collective for work on hoggin path £1,227.60 (CiL).
- iv) HMRC Q1 Tax and NI £1042.13.

### **24. (26/27) Clerk's report – for information only**

The Clerk reported that she had started the process of filing a claim with our insurance for our destroyed bus shelter. The replacement bus shelter had been ordered from Euroshel. The total cost was £5,930. It was noted that Lancashire County Council had removed and disposed of the destroyed bus shelter.

The Clerk also reported that there had been some issues with our website since it was transferred to the new system, and she would work through the pages over the next few months to get the information on it up to date.

It was noted that a complaint had been received, and this was being dealt with by the Monitoring Officer at Preston City Council in line with our procedures.

### **25. (26/27) Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled Meeting of the Parish Council, would be held on Thursday 2nd July at 7.30 pm at Grimsargh Village Hall.