

## **Grimsargh Parish Council - Annual Report and Accounts 2013**

### **Chairman's Report 2012/2013**

The year started out with us looking forward to our "Grimsargh Celebrates Preston Guild" events. The programmes (paid for by a grant from LCC via the Parish Champion County Councillor Mike Otter) were delivered and we received lovely positive feedback – and that was the mood that continued. The fortnight of events was agreed by all to be a fabulous success. The Parish Council cannot claim the bulk of the credit for that as it was thanks to the hard work of a good number of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals and groups. However, the concept together, with the modus operandi were devised by us. Having individuals or groups independently responsible for their events, but with a supportive, collaborative overseeing forum worked extremely well and brought out the very best of our Village Community. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had given detailed thanks to those concerned at the Strawberry Tea held last summer, but did re-iterate the sincere thanks to all who were involved in that wonderful feature of our year.

We had devised some new schemes – some came and went. The internet sessions and public surgeries proved to be somewhat less than popular. The new Grants Scheme had now given clarity on how groups can apply for a small grant from GPC and the criteria that are required to be met. It is a little surprising how few applications we have received – with just three grants being awarded: Grimsargh Toddlers, Over 60s party and the FoGG Guild 2012 Mosaic. We would welcome more grant applications and we ask that if local groups are interested in raising funds for a particular event to look at our website for the criteria and the simple grants form. The Suggestion Scheme had only brought in a handful of items, but it seemed sensible to carry on with that one, as those who have put in forms have received responses and the use may increase over time.

Another key "feature" of our year, indeed the past three years had been Planning, most particularly the Hallam proposal. We engaged actively with the planning system, working very hard and learning a great deal along the way about planning law and policy development. That specific planning application came – and went – refused. However we knew there was a good chance there would be an appeal and that too came – and went – dismissed. We received a good deal of positive feedback and thanks from the public for all our hard efforts – and I think that appreciation was well-deserved.

The Chairman stated that we continue to be supported very well by our local police team – some of whom also came and went! While we had a current spate of rural crimes affecting our area, we continued to enjoy living in a relatively safe and secure environment. Our thanks go to our police colleagues for all their hard work and we do appreciate the time they take to come to our meetings and keep us informed and engaged with their activities.

We formally absorbed the governance and management of the Nellie Carbis Woodland and hope to see some renewed vigour in the rejuvenation and sensitive development of that asset.

We have now become quite active in our involvement with the Preston Area Committee and Three Tier Forum. These have seen some definitive results in how major planning applications were evaluated with respect to infrastructure.

Conservation Area Status had proved to be a test for us all. I am not going to say much more here, as the outcome and next steps are still to be determined, but I believe we need to learn and develop from the experiences of the exercise and maybe review how we undertake this type of consultation in the future.

With the resignation of Ron Woollam we now have a vacancy which we can see as an opportunity – to bring in some new and different views, skills and experience.

Our lengthsman continues to keep the village looking neat & tidy, in so far as his duties allow and our planters are providing wonderful sways of colour during the spring and summer months thanks to the efforts of the volunteer gardeners. Although our ranking in the Best Kept Village was a significant surprise after last year's triumph, we can use that as an opportunity to get a group of good folk together to co-ordinate a programme of improvements and enhancements.

The Green receiving QEII Fields in Trust Status was a pleasing result and should give an increased level of confidence that area of land will be preserved for recreation in perpetuity. We hope that it warms up for the celebration event planned for May! We were also pleased that the Green received level 5 outstanding in North West Britain in Bloom Competition. This was a fantastic result and recognised the work that FoGG have put into the village green.

As usual the above only outlines the headlines of the activities we have been engaged in. There had been a myriad of other matters which we had reviewed, considered and made recommendations or put in place actions. Being a Parish Councillor can be hard work and I thank you all and, of course our Clerk, for what you have put in over the year.

Eileen Murray  
Chairman – Grimsargh Parish Council

# GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, 2012/13

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2013

	(2012/13) £	(2011/12) £
Total Receipts	37,312.38	(28,993.90)
Total Payments	15,683.82	(18,749.51)
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	21,628.56	(10,244.39)
plus N.S.B. Interest	29.82	(11.06)
plus Unpresented Cheques at Year End	-	(327.40)
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	21,658.38	(10,582.85)
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### MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:-

Current A/c	100.00	(100.00)
Reserve A/c	15,987.34	(4,941.63)
N.S.B. Investment	5,571.04	(5,541.22)
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	21,658.38	(10,582.85)
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Signed ..... (Responsible Financial Officer)

..... (Chairman of the Parish Council)

Approved by the Grimsargh Parish Council on the 6 June 2013

## **GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2013**

	(2012/13)	(2011/12)
Balance carried forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2012	10,553.03	(7,644.24)
Plus Total Receipts	26759.35	(21,349.66)
Plus N.S.B. Interest	29.82	(11.06)
Less Total Payments	15,683.82	(18,749.51)
Plus Unpresented Cheques	-	(327.40)
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	21,658.38	(10,582.85)
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These funds are held as follows:-

Current A/c	100.00	(100.00)
Reserve A/c	15,987.34	(4,941.63)
N.S.B. Investment	5,571.04	(5,541.22)
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### **V.A.T. STATEMENT**

V.A.T. Refund due 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2012	1,514.58	(1,520.94)
Plus V.A.T. paid during the year	1,169.93	(1,514.58)
Less V.A.T. received during the year	1,514.58	(1,520.94)
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	1,169.93	(1,514.58)
Less V.A.T. charged during the year	-	( -- )
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V.A.T. Debtor at the 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2013	1,169.93	(1,514.58)
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Signed ..... (Responsible Financial Officer)

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### Supporting Statement

The information contained in this statement is presented to support the Receipts and Payments Account of the Parish Council for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013:-

#### 1. Assets

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, the Parish Council held assets as set out below, to the estimated cost values as shown:-

The Old School Garden	Community Value
Former Electricity Sub-Station (Parish Council Store)	Community Value
5 Timber Bus Shelters (total value)	6,836.17
Parish Council Notice-Boards (Two)	1,240.11
Village Green Information Signs	1,109.38
Willow Weaving Structures	2,618.75
7 Dog Waste Bins and Mounting Posts	1,150.00
Nativity Crib	450.00
Nativity Crib Figures	2,165.07
Kalamazoo Minute Book and Binders (replacement value approx)	250.00
Nellie Carbis Bench	295.00
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TOTAL	£16,114.48
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#### Section 137 Payments

At the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, the Parish Council did not make any payments under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Signed ..... (Responsible Financial Officer)

..... (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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