

## Annual Report and Accounts 2017 - 2018

My third year as Chairman has been another very busy one. Fortunately we haven't lost any members so continue to field a full team, and in May we were very pleased to welcome Ron Woollam as our new City Councillor.

Disappointingly after our success in 2016, we didn't feature anywhere in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition last year – must do better!

In June the Grimsargh Wetlands Trust was established as a Charitable Trust. We have continued to offer advice and support through the early stages – thanks must go in particular to Councillor Murray for an enormous amount of hands on time – and they will fly on 4<sup>th</sup> July with their first AGM. The amount of remedial work already undertaken on The Wetlands, led by the Trustees with a regular group of volunteers, is already astounding.

In September we had another very enjoyable afternoon tea and presentation for our Best Planter competition, hosted at Little Town Dairy. Prizes were presented by our independent judge Michelle Unsworth of So Plants. The winner's trophy this year went to Nellie and Philip Cowell with second prize to Eileen Murray and third to Peter Croft. Our last unloved planter, on old Railway Walk, has now been adopted by the Ashmore family and has already been perked up no end. Thanks go to all those who put so much effort into keeping the planters around the village looking delightful. Once again, planning issues have featured during the year; many smaller applications, but one large one.

In February, despite our strong objections and representations made to the Planning Committee, Applethwaite Homes were given permission for an 'Older Persons Village' – a development of bungalows, apartments, a care home and GP surgery on a greenfield site next to the Nellie Carbis Garden.

We continue to wrangle with the complexities of Neighbourhood Planning. The results of our whole village questionnaire were analysed independently over Xmas and we were complimented both by the Analysts and by our planning consultant on the quality of the document; however, there remains a huge amount of work yet to do, both on the policy writing side and the Parish Action plan side, some of which has tentatively begun.

Work has also been done to make general improvements around the village using our small share of the Community Infrastructure Levy or money from the Solar Farm donation; new larger bins and a doggie bag dispenser along Old Railway Walk, which is well used.

Two grants have been awarded; to Grimsargh Preschool for four new playmats, which are well used, and to the Longridge Cluster schools as a contribution towards the cost of The Great War Remembrance Project.

We aim for continuous improvement in our communications with residents; we have our twice yearly newsletter, our Website is kept up to date, and our Facebook page has increased in following from 342 to 460 over this year, and is well used, as is the messenger facility. In September David Hindle and I appeared in a short film on Youtube made by United Utilities telling the story of the transfer of Grimsargh Wetlands to the community and more recently we also took part in a live Radio Lancashire interview on the same topic. In June we had our own float and marquee at Field Day to help spread the word about our Neighbourhood Plan.

We continue to be active in regular Preston Area Committee meetings and have attended LALC conferences and Annual general meetings – keeping us up to date with local and national issues.

Finally I would like to say a huge thankyou to all those without whose support our job would be so much more difficult. Our City Councillors Neil Cartwright and Ron Woollam, always there to offer help. The local policeman, PC Chris Banks, who

despite enormous pressure attends our meetings as often as he is able to share vital information. The members of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering group – both Councillors and residents – who continue to give up their time to progress this vital piece of work.

My fellow Councillors, always ready to step up to the mark, fight our corner, and help with last minute tasks; and last but by no means least, our Clerk Sue Whittam. Once again she has provided me personally and the Council with so much support and advice. We really are fortunate to have such a strong team.

Lindsay Philipson  
Chairman  
Grimsargh Parish Council  
April 2018.

## GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2017/18

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018

	(2017/18) £	(2016/17) £
Total Receipts	436,360.75	(318,901.94)
Total Payments	134,120.89	(43,051.77)
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	302,239.86	(275,850.17)
plus N.S.I. Interest	237.11	(34.23)
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	302,476.97	(275,884.40)
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### MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:-

Current A/c	100.00	(100.00)
Reserve A/c	221,408.30	(270,052.84)
N.S.I. Investment	80,968.67	(5,731.56)
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	302,476.97	(275,884.40)
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Signed ..... (Responsible Financial Officer)

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

Approved by Grimsargh Parish Council on the 10 May 2018

## **GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018**

	(2017/18)	(2016/17)
Balance carried forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2017	275,884.40	(41,138.23)
Plus Total Receipts	160,476.35	(277,763.71)
Plus N.S.I. Interest	237.11	(34.23)
Less Total Payments	134,120.89	(43,051.77)
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	302,476.97	(275,884.40)
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These funds are held as follows:-

Current A/c	100.00	(100.00)
Reserve A/c	221,408.30	(270,052.84)
N.S.I. Investment	80,968.67	(5,731.56)
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	302,476.97	(275,884.40)
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## **GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL**

### 1. Assets

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, the Parish Council held assets as set out below, to the estimated cost values as shown:-

Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland	Community Value
Former Electricity Sub-Station (Parish Council Store)	Community Value
Grimsgarth Wetlands	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
5 Dog Waste Bins and Mounting Posts	820.00
5 dual purpose bins (1 Redrow estate and 4 Old Railway Walk)	1,700.00
Nativity Crib	450.00
Nativity Crib Figures	2,165.07
Benches (2 Nellie Carbis and 1 Redrow estate)	995.00
CCTV	5,850.00
Defib and cabinet on Village Green (Cricket pavilion)	1,900.00
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TOTAL	£25,684.48
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Section 137 Payments

At the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, the Parish Council did not make any payments under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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

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