

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 11th JUNE, 2009

Present:- Councillor N F Ridding –Chairman

Councillors

R W Chapman Mrs E M Murray
Mrs J Chessell G T Swarbrick
Mrs L McCann S G Sellers
Mrs P A Tucker

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B G Woodburn.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH MAY, 2009

The comment in the minutes that the “GVCA Constitution did not now allow for representation” should, in fact, read “the GVCA Constitution did not now require representation”

20. RESOLVED:- That, subject to the abovementioned point of clarification, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th May, 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) The Clerk reported that the pothole at the entrance to the Church car park had now been filled by the County Council.
- b) The Clerk reported that the Contractors, who constructed the cycleway along Old Railway Walk, were being recalled to remedy the problem with stones and also to level the spoil left on the grassed area.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

There were no planning applications for consideration. The application submitted by FOGG for solar Lighting had still not been determined and was being pursued.

RIBBLE VALLEY STRATEGIC HOUSING AND LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT

A number of emails from Councillor N Cartwright were presented together with details from Ribble valley Borough’s website and a copy of the Executive Summary of the abovementioned Assessment. The Parish Council had already its concerns about further development particularly in the Longridge area in view of the likely traffic implications. 12 sites had been identified in the Longridge area that could lead to approximately 600 additional dwellings in the Longridge area alone, plus others in Ribchester, Chipping and surrounding area. It was pointed out, however, that any sites identified would not automatically be given planning permission.

At the present time, the Assessment was looking at potential housing availability sites in its area. A similar exercise was carried out by the Central Lancashire Authorities (Preston, South Ribble and Chorley several months ago. It was also noted that the Parish Council had been assured that the request to reduce the number of properties on any single development from 200 before a Traffic

Impact Study was deemed necessary would be addressed when revised planning legislation was being considered, but this had not yet taken place.

Although this was only a Site Assessment at the present time, it was felt that further consultation should take place, including the Parish Council, before the Assessment became part of Ribble Valley Borough Council's Planning Policy.

21. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That Ribble Valley Borough Council be requested to add Grimsargh Parish Council to its list of consultees when the Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment was being moved forward into a Policy Document.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Clerk reported that Ms R Green asked Parish Councils to continue trying to identify projects relating to provision for young persons.

22. RESOLVED:- That Ms R Green be asked to illustrate the nature of the projects she was looking seeking in relation to youth provision.

PRESTON ROAD, B. 6243 - SPEEDING

The Clerk reported that, following the approval by the Ribble Valley Lancashire Locals to the reduction in the speed limit between Grimsargh and Longridge, the promised traffic study along this length of road, plus Longridge Road and Preston Road in Grimsargh, had now commenced. However, it was likely that it would take some time before the study was completed and any measures put in place. With the agreement of the Police, a SPID bracket had been erected at the east end of Preston Road on the approach to Elston Lane and the SPID would be utilised to try to reduce traffic speeds in this location. It was also noted that the Police had been carrying out speed and other checks near to St Michael's Church.

23. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

GRIMSARGH PARISH STORE

The clerk reported that a quotation of approximately £150.00 to tarmac the access to the Store had been received from Mr J Rambottom of Houghton. This compared favourably with the price of £500.00 asked by Mr Mason of Nook Cottage. The access was now in serious need of resurfacing, but Mr Mason was still carrying out building works and it was felt that this should be completed before any resurfacing was carried out.

Councillor Mrs Chessell had serious reservations about allowing Mr Mason to use the front section of the Store even though it had been suggested that it only be for the period of time that he lived next door. The nature of repairs was unknown, although it was pointed out that they could be significant, and it might be more appropriate to enter into a formal tenancy and for the Parish Council to arrange to carry out the repairs. The Clerk pointed out that the rear section was very full and it might be more appropriate to move the Field Day equipment into the front section and tidy the Parish Council's equipment in the rear section. It had already been agreed that an assessment of what was required and what should be disposed of after Field Day.

24. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That arrangements be made to tarmac the access to the Parish Store as soon as Mr M Mason had completed his building work; and

c) That a survey be carried out to the Parish Store to determine the amount of repair work required to bring it into an acceptable condition.

POLICING ISSUES

PC Ian Zanelli reported that there had been 5 reported incidents during May, plus 1 case of Anti-social behaviour. There had also been 2 reported cases of vandalism. He then reported that there had been a very poor attendance at the PACT meeting and it was intended, in the future, to hold them every two months and, in the intervening month, he would hold a PACT surgery at the police house. He also reported that there had been little response in relation to Neighbourhood watch apart from Longridge Road where it might be possible to start a scheme.

PC Zanelli then updated the Parish Council about the Police House. There had been no progress regarding the provision of a Security Centre as originally envisaged and the downstairs was only suitable for meetings. It was felt that this should be pursued further by the Parish Council on behalf of PC Zanelli. Finally, PC Zanelli presented a report outlining the level of policing that would be in place at Grimsargh Field Day and during the evening.

25. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That a letter be sent to Ch. Insp. Ian Mills asking for an update on what is happening to the Grimsargh Police House

REDROW PLAY AREA PROVISION

Councillor Sellers asked about the land to the rear of the Village Hall and when it was to be reduced in height, having been raised in height by between 0.5 and 1.5 metres. He said that the Parish Council had previously agreed that the land would be reduced in height and this had been recorded in the minutes and also reported in a Newsletter. The Clerk commented that this was the wish of the Parish Council but it did not have the power to insist that the height was reduced, but this request had been passed to Preston City Council. Councillor Mrs Chessell said that she was also of the view that no agreement had been reached between Preston and Redrow to reduce the height.

It was then reported that Mr D Linley had indicated that Parks had indicated that they wished to adopt the areas not now used as play areas and also the football pitch at the rear of the Village Hall as a Junior Pitch. They were of the view that they were in an acceptable condition. However, it was commented that, previously, it had been indicated that the pitch was not acceptable and no work had been done to improve the surface since it had been constructed. A detailed estimate had been prepared by Parks for the payment needed from Redrow to mitigate for not providing on-site play provision in the sum of £158,390. 00. This would discharge all of Redrow's responsibilities relating to play and open space provision. Redrow had now been asked to submit the relevant planning application within one month of the 21st May, 2009. The amount identified by Parks was queried, particularly how it was made up and it was felt that a more detailed breakdown was required

26. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That Mr D Linley be asked to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to report on the various issues surrounding the football pitch at the rear of the Village Hall; and
c) That Mr M Kelly be asked to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to report in detail about the breakdown of the costings produced to determine the payment required from Redrow to discharge their responsibilities in relation to on-site play provision.

"FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN"

Councillor Mrs Chessell briefly continued the discussion in relation to the sum of money required from Redrow, as now reported, and how this would affect the sum of money to be allocated to the Village Green. FOGG was almost at a point when major schemes could be put into place and there was a need to know the funding that would be available. She noted that Mr M Kelly had been asked to come along to the Parish Council to explain the costings. She then reported that it was hoped to have a stall at Field Day to try to raise some further funds for FOGG.

27. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman's time sheet for May, 2009 was presented and accepted. The Council generally felt that the Lengthsman provided good value for money.

28. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

CLERK'S SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The Clerk presented details of his salary, expenses and allowances totalling £577. 34 for the period March to May, 2009, inclusive.

29. RESOLVED:- a) That approval be given to the payment of the Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses totalling £577. 34 for the period March to May, 2009, inclusive.

THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was nothing to report regarding the Millennium Woodland.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

30. RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

a)	Adam Cooper (Payment to Lengthsman – May, 2009. 50 hours @ £10. 00 per hour. Includes £75. 00 V.A.T.)	-	£575. 00
b)	Adam Cooper (Materials required to repair 2 bus shelters Includes £8. 25 V.A.T.)	-	£63. 25
c)	Peter J Croft (Clerk's salary, etc., for the period March to May, 2009, inclusive)	-	£96. 83
d)	United Utilities plc (Water Charges for the Millennium Woodland February to May, 2009, inclusive)	-	£12. 23

MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) Councillor G T Swarbrick

Commented that a number of hedgerows were becoming overgrown and, also, that a number of road signs required cleaning. The County Council would be asked to deal with these issues.

b) Councillor R W Chapman

Asked the Parish Council if it would allow him to attend a course for New Councillors at the LALC at Penwortham in July. There were two modules at a total cost of £50. 00. It was agreed that both Councillors R W Chapman and Mrs P A Tucker be authorised to attend the Training Courses at a total cost of £100. 00.

c) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

i) Commented about weeds around the telephone box and notice board. The Clerk reported these had recently been sprayed by the Lengthsman. He further commented that the Lengthsman had been weed spraying around most of the village, including Cedar Close, which since had the footways resurfaced. Mrs Chessell also commented about concerns about a large tree at the end of Cedar Close which had since had a Tree Preservation Order placed on it.

ii) Referred to litter picking carried out by the City Council. This often appeared to coincide with the Lengthsman carrying out a litter pick. She asked if there was a regular programme for litter picking by Preston. Mr M Lovatt would be asked to supply the information requested.

d) The Chairman

Reported that a Card had been received from the Nurses' League thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £100. 00 towards the cost of producing a fundraising calendar. Councillor Mrs Chessell said that over £1,000. 00 had been raised to date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the 9th July, 2009.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 15 p.m.

Chairman
9th July, 2009