

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 1ST JULY, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray –Chairman

Councillors

Mrs J Chessell N F Ridding
A R Ellis S G Sellers
Mrs L McCann G T Swarbrick
Mrs P A Tucker

Also present was Councillor T Davies together with David Lemmings and Matt Todd.

46. (10/11) BMX/SKATEBOARD PARK PROPOSALS

Mr D Lemmings presented a report outlining a case for the construction of a BMX/Skateboard Park using part of the land to the rear of the Village Hall for the youths of Grimsargh. The site was in the centre of Grimsargh and was fully visible. He felt that a free-form, purpose built area would provide a safe meeting place for youths and would provide a facility that they required. He suggested that the facility could also be managed and maintained, with appropriate rules for use, by the youths. He also thought that it could also be a possible source of revenue. The proposal that he put to the Parish Council was:-

- To utilise about half of the land to the rear of the Village Hall for a BMX/Skateboard Rink
- To be accessed via the side of the Village Hall
- Use by youths to be on a Club Membership basis
- The facility to be maintained by the youths themselves
- The Rink would act as a “Village Youth Focal Point”

The issues that he felt needed to be addressed included funding (approx £40,000), policing, management, maintenance, possible lighting nuisance, and monitoring.

A discussion on the proposals then followed. It was known from previous experience that parental support was difficult to achieve. There were also concerns about the suggested site conflicting with the other planned uses for the land. Concerns about behaviour and issues with youths from other areas were raised. There were also other sites available locally, including Longridge, together with a major planned new site in Preston.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Mr Lemmings for the presentation and it was very pleasing to note the interest and approach from the youths leading up to the proposal.

The Parish Council then discussed the proposals as now presented although it was noted that the Parish Council did not have any funding and had no means of raising the necessary funding except through the precept and this might raise complaints from residents who had no interest or did not support the proposal. However, the general impression was that the proposal was an excellent idea, but there were misgivings about the proposed site and it was felt that other sites should be investigated, including the unofficial current site to the rear of the Church Car Park. In addition, the plan sites in Preston needed to be taken into consideration. Previous experience showed that there was little continuity of youths as they moved on when they got older or lost interest. There would also be a need for sustainable management which would be difficult to achieve if they moved on.

The issue of a suitable site was a major consideration and it was felt that an evaluation of the proposed site against other possible sites in Grimsargh was needed, followed by a survey of village

opinion. Other sites were then discussed including the rear of the Church Car Park, The Hills and the easterly field fronting the reservoirs.

RESOLVED:- a) That Mr Lemmings be formally thanked for raising the issue of a proposed BMX/Skatepark with the Parish Council; and

b) That discussions on the proposal and issues arising, as now reported, be continued at the next meeting of the Parish Council

47. (10/11) DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Murray declared a Personal Interest in item 7 (Land between The Hills and St Michael's Primary School) on the agenda for this meeting. There were no other declarations of interest by Councillors.

48. (10/11) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

49. (10/11) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd JUNE, 2010

Councillor Mrs Chessell said that, in relation to Item 38 (10/11), there was no uncertainty about Preston's involvement with their involvement with the Play Area insofar as they would be responsible for planning and paying for the scheme. The Clerk explained that the uncertainty related to the general approach to matters relating to the Play Area and the Village Green

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the aforementioned comment, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd June, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

50. (10/11) MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) The issues relating to Valpak had been referred to the County Council with a request that they endeavour to try to get Valpak to complete their development as quickly as possible.

b) The Registration of the Village Green had been referred to Preston City Council and they had informally indicated that they supported the proposal in principle, subject to further information which was being supplied by the Clerk.

c) The Chairman circulated completed Business Cards to each Councillor for their use.

d) The Clerk reported that Preston had agreed to supply some bedding plants to the Parish Council.

e) No reply had been received from Dr Rossall about the proposed Doctor's Surgery in Grimsargh.

f) The Clerk reported that he was in the process of completing the application to List the Grimsargh Vicarage and he also suggested that an application be submitted to list School House Farm which was currently being advertised for sale with development potential. This was agreed.

51. (10/11) POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk reported on six reported incidents in the area during the past month.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

52. (10/11) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

52(i) a) Planning Applications

The undermentioned planning applications were presented:-

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| 006/2010/0353 | - | 16 Nook Glade
Grimsargh | - | Erection of two storey extension to side and
single storey extension to rear of dwelling |
| 006/2010/0425 | - | Browns Mitsubishi
Grimsargh | - | Erection of Car Wash Canopy |

The Clerk presented details of the applications.

RESOLVED:- a) That no observations be offered in respect of planning application no. 006/2010/00353; and
b) That, subject to the car wash facility not being allowed for public use and the original conditions regarding offloading on-site being imposed, no other observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2010/0425.

52(ii) b) Land between The Hills and St Michael's Primary School

A report on a proposed Environmental Assessment of this land was presented for information. The report had been requested by a developer considering the erection of up to 200 houses. It was noted that the land did not require a full Environmental Assessment and it was further noted that the approach from the developer did not mean that a full planning application was to be submitted.

RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That a meeting of the Planning and Environment Sub-Committee be convened in the event of any further developments before the next Parish Council meeting.

53. (10/11) LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESTON HIGHWAYS BULLETIN

A copy of the LCC Preston Highways Bulletin showing highway works planned to be carried out in the Preston area in the following three months, was presented. It was agreed, subject to agreement by the County Council, to put the report on the Parish Council website. The report was seen as an excellent idea.

RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That the County Council be asked to reconsider the proposal for a pedestrian refuge on Longridge Road near to The Hills.

54. (10/11) GRIMSARGH PARISH PLAN

An updated report summarising the position with the recommendations of the Parish Plan was presented by the Chairman. It was felt that this report should be further updated to reflect the latest position with each recommendation.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Plan Summary Report be updated and circulated to Councillors in due course.

55. (10/11) PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Mrs Tucker presented a report on the last meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-Group (A copy of the report is contained in the Minute Book). Councillor Mrs Murray had now taken over responsibility for the administration of the website. Other matters discussed included information on notice boards about the availability of minutes, information about Parish Council meetings to be included in the "Village Voice" section of the Longridge News, a possible competition for village organisations to adopt a planter and an open gardens competition in Guild Year. Also items were being sought for the next Newsletter. It had also been agreed that an "Interactive Community Forum" should be established separate from the Parish website.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

56. (10/11) PRESTON GUILD

It was noted that the next meeting of the Guild Sub-Group would now be held on the 12th July, 2010. Preston City Council had offered to send a representative to a meeting to update the Council on Guild issues and the Guild Wheel Project.

RESOLVED:- That arrangements be made for representatives from Preston City Council to attend a meeting of the Guild Sub Group to give an update on Guild issues and the Guild Wheel project.

57. (10/11) BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillor A R Ellis reported that NWDA was due to be discontinued by the Government but that funding might now become available through a County Council mechanism. He reported that BT still seemed keen to get a package together for Grimsargh village in relation to Broadband. It was noted that Central Government Funding Rules now seemed to be aimed towards funding only the installations of "Fibre Optic Networks" although there was a need to know if the village was prepared to back such a proposal and cost. It might be necessary to convene a public meeting on that issue.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

58. (10/11) FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the Solar Lights were now in place and the Car Park was completed, although there were issues regarding the height of the mounding at the edges which appeared to create problems for grass cutting. There was still, however, a need for the boundary to be delineated, possibly by a low rail barrier. There had been issues with the Lighting Contractor about the need to know where services were located in the Green before he would commence installation work and she had obtained this information. The Wildflower Sign was complete and should be installed in mid-July. A "Trim Trail" had been designed for the Green and the proposal was currently with Preston for approval. A presentation given to Young at Heart raised £106. 00 and Field Day raised £179. 00. The Village Green had been entered in Britain in Bloom and a Village Green Clean Up would take place on the 18th July at 10.00. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Chessell for all the work that she and the FOGG Committee were doing for the benefit of the village

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

59. (10/11) COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There was nothing to report under this item

60. (10/11) NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was nothing to report on this item

61. (10/11) PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's timesheet for June, 2010 was presented. He would be asked to cut back the overgrown hedge by the bridge once the owners had been contacted.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

62. (10/11) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

a)	Adam Cooper (Payment to Lengthsman – June, 2010. 62 hours @ £11. 50 per hour. Includes £124. 77 V.A.T. @ 17.5%)	-	£837. 77
b)	Adam Cooper (Payment to Lengthsman – July, 2010. 60 hours @ £11. 50 per hour. Includes £120. 75 V.A.T. @ 17.5% Cheque to be withheld until August, 2010)	-	£810. 75
c)	Millennium Project Group (Grant to Project Group for Woodland Insurance and BTCV Membership)	-	£134. 79
d)	Lancashire County Training Partnership (Training Course Fees for Councillors Mrs E M Murray and Mrs P A Tucker)	-	£75. 00

63. (10/11) MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBER

a) Councillor N F Ridding

i) Expressed his appreciation for all the work put in to what was a very successful Field Day and it was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to the Field Day Committee thanking them for everything they had done to achieve this.

ii) Commented about the very poor grass cutting on Old Railway Walk, caused by inadequate levelling of the surface after the surface was upgraded in 2009. The matter would be referred to Preston City Council.

b) Councillor Mrs McCann

Commented that the access path to the Parish Council Store had still not been re-surfaced. The Clerk would now try to arrange for this work to be carried out.

c) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

i) Commented that neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman had been asked to walk in the Field Day Procession. The Clerk said that written invitations for the Chairman to walk in the Procession had never been received and it was assumed that the approach was made direct. This had not happened this year.

ii) Asked Councillors to submit ideas or reports for the next Newsletter to the September meeting.

d) Councillor G T Swarbrick

Informed the Parish Council that he regularly attended meetings with representatives of other Councils at County Hall, organised by the LALC, although the Preston Area Parishes did not have a formal representation. He considered the meeting to unnecessary and he felt that he should now step down from attending. This was agreed.

e) Councillor A R Ellis

Reported that the play equipment on the play area in the Pastures was in need of urgent repair and it was now felt to be dangerous. This would be reported to Preston as a matter of urgency

f) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

She suggested that for Guild Year, that the Field Day Committee should endeavour to try to get as many of the previous Field Day Rose Queens together to walk in the Field Day Procession or to be present at the Field Day in 2012.

g) The Chairman

Reported, for information, that Preston Consultative Committee was to be held on the 9th July, 2010. The Clerk confirmed that the requested Broadband item had not been included in the agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 50 p.m.

Chairman

2nd September, 2010