

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray – Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

Mrs J Chessell S G Sellers
Mrs L McCann G T Swarbrick
B G Woodburn

Also present was Councillor T Davies and one member of the public.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations by Councillors of Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N F Ridding and Mrs P A Tucker.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR R W CHAPMAN

The Clerk formally reported the resignation of Councillor R W Chapman with immediate effect. The vacancy was currently being advertised and, if no-one comes forward for election, the Parish Council may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

133. RESOLVED:- a) That the resignation of Councillor R W Chapman be accepted; and
b) That the Parish Council place on record their thanks and appreciation of his work with the Parish Council and a letter would also be sent to Mr R W Chapman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2010

134. RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 4th February, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) The Clerk reported that Kingfisher Fitness advertising sign had now been removed from the verge at the east of the village.

c) The Clerk reported that 16 Nook Glade had now been sold and that work had started on cleaning up the outside of the property. The hedge had been cut and or tidying work had been carried out to the front garden.

d) The Clerk reported that Adrian Phillips, Deputy Director of Environmental Services had been invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk presented a report on behalf of PC Ian Zanelli. There had been one incident of damage at St Michael's Primary School and the offenders had been dealt with.

135. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

There were two planning applications for consideration:-

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| 006/2010/0068 | - | 8 Cedar Close
Grimsargh | - | Erection of dormer extensions to front and rear,
canopy to side and single storey extension to rear
of dwelling |
| 006/2010/0079 | - | Salisbury House Farm
Elston Lane
Grimsargh | - | Erection of agricultural building and construction
and formation of mound and hard standing. |

The Clerk presented brief details of the applications. There was some concern about the buildings proposed in application 0079 and there was a need to ensure that these were only for use in an active farm.

136. **RESOLVED:-** a) That no observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2010/0068; and
b) That no observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2010/0079 subject to an assurance that the proposed buildings would only be used in an active farming environment.

GRIMSARGH – LIMITS OF DEVELOPMENT

A plan was presented, together with an extract from the Preston Local Plan, 2004, detailing the limits of development for Grimsargh. It was clear that there were no undeveloped pockets of land within the limits which meant that there was little room for any further major development in Grimsargh.

137. **RESOLVED:-** That the report be received.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN GRIMSARGH

A report was presented from Mrs M McBride, Strategic Housing Manager, relating to Affordable Housing in Preston. She had indicated that there were currently no plans to provide Affordable Housing in the rural areas.

138. **RESOLVED:-** That the report be received.

REDROW - SECTION 106 APPLICATION AND GRIMSARGH VILLAGE GREEN – PLAY PROVISION

The Clerk reported that the legal procedures for the revised Section 106 Agreements were underway and Preston City Council would be asked to ensure that they were completed at an early date.

139. **RESOLVED:-** That the report be received.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

a) Community Engagement Working Group

A report from the last meeting of this Working Group was presented. Councillor Mrs P A Tucker had been working on the Parish Council website and she hoped to have it ready for inspection before the next meeting. There was, however, still a considerable amount of work to be done on it. Councillor Mrs Murray circulated an example of a suggested a Grimsargh "Logo" for use on the website. Further investigations about an historic Coat of Arms would be carried out with the Lancashire Record Office and an approach would also be made to David Hindle.

140. **RESOLVED:-** That the report be received.

b) Minutes Sub-Group

The report from the Minutes Sub-Group on the 21st January, 2010 was re-presented. It was agreed that an electronic copy of the minutes would be circulated in 7-10 days after each meeting, but the Clerk explained that this would not replace the hard copy circulated with the agenda. Revised numbering was agreed to be used from the start of the forthcoming Council year. The electronic copy of the minutes would be numbered in this way by way of example. A Progress/Refresher Table would be included in the minutes every 6 months and Councillors Mrs Murray and S G Sellers would check on the minutes to identify items to be included in that table.

141. RESOLVED:- That the issues arising from the Minutes Sub- Group, as now reported, be agreed and adopted for use by the Parish Council.

c) General

Councillor Mrs Murray commented on a number of issues that needed to be addressed for Best Practice, including Member Training, amongst others.

142. RESOLVED:- That the outstanding issues, now reported, in relation to Quality Parish Status, be noted and discussed further at the next meeting.

BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillor Mrs Tucker had circulated details of broadband speeds that were available in various parts of Grimsargh. The Clerk also reported on an email sent by Councillor Mrs Tucker asking for information on a range of issues relating to improved broadband speeds. Councillor Sellers then commented on "Wireless Broadband" in rural areas being offered at a cost, mainly for the farming community. Standing Orders were then suspended to allow Mr A Ellis the opportunity to inform the Parish Council of a number of points that might lead to an improved broadband service. Funding was a major obstacle. Standing orders were then re-instated.

143. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

PARISH PLAN

An updated list of recommendations of the Parish Plan detailing the matters that had been dealt with and which were outstanding, was presented. Issues raised included Neighbourhood Watch, Old Railway Walk and Fly-tipping, and provision for Youth. It was felt that Rosie Green might have information about the support that was available for Youth Provision.

144. RESOLVED: a) That the report be received; and
b) That Rosie Green be asked to supply any information she had about the support that was available for Youth Provision; and
c) That the outstanding Parish Plan recommendations be reviewed in 6 months time.

FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported on problems with the planning permission for Solar Lighting and expressed her thanks to George Mackin for his help with the Material Amendment Application to address these problems, which had now been submitted. Grant monies were in danger of being lost if the matters were not quickly finalised. There was also a need for a meeting with Preston regarding the car park. The Harris Charity had, however, extended its time limit for the grant monies to be

released to allow time for work to be carried out in the play area. Consultation with Mr M Kelly was now required about the equipment required in the play area and the timescale for it to be completed. Other issues included the possible drainage of the football pitch. Councillor Davies commented on new playground equipment that had been provided at Mill Lane, Preston that could be inspected.

145. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

PRESTON GUILD, 2012

The Clerk reported an email from Preston City Council about "Preston Guild Take-off". In view of the number of issues raised, Councillor Mrs Murray said she would copy the email to all Councillors and if any areas were identified as being suitable to Grimsargh, to notify the Clerk as soon as possible thereafter.

146. RESOLVED: That the report be received.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There was nothing to raise under this item.

THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

Councillors Sellers said that work had been carried out to clear dead trees, etc., in the woodland and they would also be meeting with the Lengthsman about other work that was required.

147. RESOLVED: That the report be received.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's time sheet for February, 2010 was presented for information. He would be asked to look at clearing some of the overgrowth at the western end of Old Railway Walk and he would continue to clear any beer, etc., cans on the Village Greens.

148. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

CLERK'S SALARY ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The Clerk presented details of his salary, expenses and allowances totalling £516. 61 for the period December, 2009 to February, 2010, inclusive.

149. RESOLVED:- That approval be given to the payment of the Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses totalling £516. 61 for the period December, 2009 to February, 2010, inclusive.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) | Adam Cooper | - | £517. 00 |
| | (Payment to Lengthsman – February, 2010 | | |
| | 44 hours @ £10. 00 per hour. | | |
| | Includes £ 77. 00 V.A.T. @17.5%) | | |

b)	Peter J Croft (Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses December, 2009 to February, 2010, inclusive)	-	£516. 61
c)	Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Annual Subscription, 2010/11)	-	£361. 12
d)	United Utilities Water PLC (Water charges for Millennium Woodland November, 2009 to February, 2010)	-	£12. 47
e)	Kalamazoo Secure Solutions Ltd (File Transfer Binder for Minute Book Inc £8. 74 V.A.T.)	-	£58. 69
f)	John Barton Printing (Printing Parish Council Newsletters Inc £34. 48 V.A.T.)	-	£231. 48
g)	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition (Entry Fee, 2010 B.K.V.C. Competition)	-	£15. 00

MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) Councillor Mrs L McCann

Reported that rubble had been illegally tipped adjacent to the parking area at the entrance to The Hills. This would be reported to Preston City Council for attention and removal.

b) Councillor G T Swarbrick

i) Reported that the base of the hedge to the east of Boundary Cottage was spreading onto the footway. Brambles were also spreading across the footway from the side of Boundary Cottage. The Lengthsman would be asked to clear the hedge and the brambles would be reported to the County Council for attention.

ii) Reported that the next Parish Council Consultative Forum was on the 26th March, 2010. Items had been requested, again with very short notice, and Councillor Davies would look into the reason for this short notice. The Clerk said that he had asked for an item on Broadband Access to be placed on the agenda.

iii) Councillor S G Sellers

Said that there were a substantial number of people walking with dogs on Elston Lane and in his view a dog bin would be well used. It was also felt that a bin near to The Hills was required. Councillor Davies reported that it was now permissible to deposit dog waste in normal litter bins rather than the special dog bins. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

iv) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

i) Commented about the number of cans, etc., on the Village Green. This had already been dealt with under the Lengthsman item.

ii) Reported that there was to be a Ranger led walk from Avenham Park on Saturday, 13th March, 2010.

Councillor T Davies

Informed the Parish Council that the bollards were to be erected near to the Post Office in April, 2010. He also informed the Parish Council that the alterations to the Market Square in Preston had now been approved and that could possibly mean that the Armistice Day Parade might need to be moved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was to be held on Thursday, 1st April, 2010 in the Village Hall. This would commence at 7.00 p.m. and would be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman
1st April, 2010