

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2010

Present:- Councillor N F Ridding –Chairman

Councillors

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

Also present was PC Ian Zanelli, PCSO Gemma Duxbury and Councillor T Davies.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Mrs J Chessell.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2009

100. RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) Councillor Mrs Murray said that New Generation Broadband would not make any difference to Internet Speeds if distance from the exchange was an issue.
- b) The Clerk reported that Rosie Green had been asked to obtain information about Britain in Bloom as reported to the last meeting.

POLICING ISSUES

PC Ian Zanelli reported on incidents that took place during December, 2009. There had been 1 attempted theft and 1 domestic assault. There had also an increase in the number of thefts of diesel fuel in the rural areas. He also reported that a new PCSO, David Reid, had been appointed to the area. Councillor Ridding mentioned incidents of snowballs being thrown at houses on Blackleach Avenue. PC Zanelli said he would investigate the matter. The next PACT meeting would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 in Grimsargh Club.

101. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

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

The Clerk reported that the planning application relating to the Redrow play areas and S.106 Agreement was going to the Planning Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. The recommendation to Committee was to approve the application, subject to a revised Section 106 Agreement that would eventually lead to the funding for the play area on Grimsargh Green.

Councillor Davies then asked why the Parish Council had agreed to the sale of public land to private individuals. The Clerk said that the land in question was not owned by the Parish Council and was currently private land in that it was still owned by Redrow. The sale of this land had previously been accepted by the Parish Council as a means of resolving long standing problems relating to the area.

102. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

##### a) Planning Applications

There was one application for consideration

006/2009/0860	Three Mile Cross Farm Longridge Road Grimsargh	-	Conversion of 2 no barns to Conference Facility, and kitchen 9 no en-suite bedsits with shared lounge and including car parking and modification of condition no.2 attached to permission 006/2005/0755 to extend permitted occupancy from 14 to 30 nights
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The Clerk presented brief details of the application. The 2 barns required more work that had been originally envisaged and the opportunity was therefore taken to apply to amend the internal layouts and also to extend the occupancy period to enable guests to stay for up to 30 days.

103. RESOLVED:- That no observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2009/0860.

##### b) Silver Birches, Whittingham Lane

The Clerk reported that application 006/2009/0088, Silver Birches, Whittingham Lane, had been approved in outline for 5 dwellings. The Planning Officer would be asked whether a reduction to 4 dwellings, as previously indicated, had been considered and, if so, the reason why it had not been approved.

104. RESOLVED:- That The Planning Officer be asked whether a reduction to 4 dwellings, as previously indicated, had been considered and, if so, the reason why it had not been approved..

##### c) Affordable Housing

Councillor Davies reported that the Scrutiny Committee would be considering a report about Affordable Housing in the Rural Areas and a site of 1.5 hectares for 30 dwellings had been identified in Grimsargh, but could not be made public because of contractual confidentiality. The Parish Council was concerned about this report having been previously given an assurance that there was to be no more major development in Grimsargh. Also, there had been no contact with the Parish Council prior to the report being submitted.

105. RESOLVED:- a) That further information be sought from Preston City Council in regard to the Scrutiny Committee report on Affordable Housing in Rural Areas; and

b) That Councillor Davies be asked to raise the Parish Council's concerns on this matter, as now reported, to the meeting of the Preston Council Scrutiny Committee.

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL "STREETSCENE" SERVICES PROTOCOL

A report was presented which outlined the process for Parish Councils to propose local delivery arrangements for the delivery of Lancashire County Council's Streetscene Services. It was felt that the Parish Council did not have the expertise for the majority of LCC services that were available. It also appeared that most of the areas of work dealt with by the LCC under this project in Grimsargh were too small to be effective, i.e. grass cutting which related only to small lengths of highway verge.

106. RESOLVED:- That the Lancashire County Council be informed that the Parish Council did not wish to take up any of the areas in the LCC Streetscene Delegated Services Protocol.

### QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

#### a) Community Engagement Sub-Group

A report from the Community Engagement Sub-Group was presented. (A copy of the report is contained in the Minute Book). The report included suggested Terms of Reference of the Sub Group, which were:-

1. To devise an outline Communication Strategy for approval by the Grimsargh Parish Council which will meet the criteria laid out in the 'Guide to becoming a Quality Council'
2. To make recommendations to Grimsargh Parish Council regarding ongoing Community Engagement (as recommended in the 'Guide to becoming a Quality Council').

The Group also recommended:-

- i) the proposed use of the free web hosting service offered by Preston City Council; and
- ii) the initial content for the website; and
- iii) to identify and prioritise opportunities for improving community engagement in Grimsargh and to ensure that the Grimsargh community is fully aware of the work of the Parish Council.

107. RESOLVED:- That the report of the Community Engagement Sub-Group as now presented and the recommendations contained therein and summarised above be approved.

#### b) Minutes Sub-Group

Councillor R W Chapman reported that he would be convening a meeting of the Minutes Sub-Group within the near future.

#### c) Quality Parish Councils

Councillors were asked to ensure that the Quality Parish Councils booklet was circulated as quickly as possible in order that everybody had an opportunity to read it before any further discussions could take place.

### PARKING ON PRESTON ROAD

The Clerk report on the outcome of a meeting he had attended with Mr Paul Dunne (LCC), Councillor T Davies and Mr R A Harty to discuss parking proposals to the front of Grimsargh Post Office and the Grimsargh Club. Mr Dunne had suggested two bollards between the flower bed outside the Post Office and the edge of the footway/carriageway and a single bollard 450 cm from the edge of footway opposite the fence line between the Post Office and the Club. These proposals had been

accepted as being reasonable at the meeting and Mr Dunne agreed to arrange for the bollards to be erected in due course.

There was then a discussion about the correspondence with Councillor Davies that had been sent following the announcement he made in November, 2009 that bollards were to be installed in the

footway to the front of the Club. The Clerk explained the reasons why the letter had been sent to him. The general consensus was that the way Councillor Davies handled issues was felt to be inappropriate and that he should refer key issues to the Parish Council in the first instance

108. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### BROADBAND

Councillor Mrs Tucker reported that an article had been included in the next issue of the Goosnargh and Grimsargh Guide asking for users to notify her of their Broadband speeds – a similar article was being also prepared for the next Newsletter. The view was expressed that there would probably be no improvement in Broadband Speeds when the upgrade took place and it was unlikely that properties in Elston Lane would be able to access Broadband.

109. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### GRIMSARGH PARISH PLAN

110. RESOLVED:-It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a list of recommendations from the Parish Plan to help with discussion on this item at the next meeting.

#### FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Tucker briefly reported on the visit to the “Preston Friends of Parks” Groups at Avenham Park prior to Christmas, at the invitation of Preston City Council.

111. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### PRESTON GUILD

It was noted that Preston City Council had an Information Pack available relating to the Preston Guild, 2012.

112. RESOLVED:- That Preston Guild, 2012 be discussed further when the Preston City Council Information Pack was available.

#### NEWSLETTER

The Clerk presented a Draft Newsletter for information and comment. There was still some space available and Councillors were asked to pass submit any items to the Clerk that they felt should be included.

113. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There was no report on this item.

## THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was nothing to report in relation to the Millennium Woodland.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's time sheet for December, 2009 was presented for information. It was noted that the Lengthsman has used some of the hours during the period of snow and ice to clear, tidy and erect shelving in the Parish Council Store.

114. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) Adam Cooper   | - | £609.50 |
| (Payment to Lengthsman – December, 2009.<br>53 hours @ £10. 00 per hour. Includes £79. 50 V.A.T.)  |   |         |
| b) Peter J Croft   | - | £80. 34 |
| (Purchase of 12 foot Christmas Tree, Water Charges for<br>Millennium Woodland, Electrical parts for Crib and<br>Replacement Christmas Tree Lights. |   |         |

## MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

### a) Councillor S G Sellers

Commented on the Unauthorised Advertising Boards for the Kingfisher Fitness Centre at each end of the village. The Clerk said that he had asked for them to be removed.

### b) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

Reported on the unsightly condition of 16, Nook Glade which was empty and virtually derelict. The hedge was also overhanging the footway. The Clerk said that he had asked Preston City Council to take whatever action they could to tidy the property. It was also noted that the property was currently back on the market for sale.

### c) Councillor Mrs L McCann

Asked the Clerk if he had yet been able to send a letter of support to Mrs Stead on The Hills Estate who was trying to get Grimsargh added to their postal address. The Clerk said that this would be done within the next few days.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman  
4<sup>TH</sup> February, 2010