

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of Grimsargh Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 April, 2013 at Grimsargh Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00 pm.

Present:- Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray (Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann; and Councillor David Nicholson.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council
2 members of the public

153. (12/13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andy Ellis (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council, PC Chris Banks and Reverend Halliwell.

154. (12/13) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and Councillor David Hindle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 - Conservation Area Questionnaire Results and discussion of next steps as both Councillors lived in the proposed Conservation area.

155. (12/13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 March, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

156. (12/13) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray adjourned the meeting for public participation and as the police were not present at tonight's meeting welcomed the two members of the public. Both members of the public had come along to listen to the debate on the proposed Conservation area and did not wish to speak.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then asked members of the Parish Council if they had any matters for information that they wished to report under this item. Councillor Peter Burton reported that the pinch gate had now been installed near The Hills and this was much appreciated. Councillor David Nicholson reported that it had been too cold for the pond clearing and planting organised by Redrow Residents Association and this would now take place at a later date.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell proposed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Ron Woollam for the work he had given to the Parish Council. She thought he had been badly treated at the last meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter to Ron Woollam thanking him for his work given to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also raised concerns about the new 20 MPH signs being placed on footpaths near to Lindale Avenue as they did not allow much room for wheelchairs to pass by on the footpath especially when near to existing walls/buildings.

The Chairman Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then reconvened the meeting.

157. (12/13) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

The Parish Council gave consideration to the following Planning Application:-

06/2013/0144 - 4 Ploughman's Court Grimsargh – Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling.

It was also noted that the Parish Council had received two e mails/letters of concerns about Planning Application 06/2013/0116 – 2 Roshaw Grimsargh – which was considered at our last meeting. The closing dates for comments on this Planning Application had now passed and the Parish Council had not made any adverse comments. Councillor David Nicholson commented that Parish Councillors should knock on doors close to proposed Planning Application to find out local opinion. It was noted that this was a good idea in theory but quite often the Planning Applications are only received close to the date of the Parish Council meeting and there was not always time to do this. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that local knowledge was important and it was up to each Parish Councillor to be familiar with their own part of the Parish.

Councillor David Nicholson said he would be willing to look at Planning Applications on behalf of the Parish Council and asked the Clerk if she would forward the e mails to him once they were received from Preston City Council. The Clerk agreed to this and also referred to the e mail alert system that he could subscribe to which gave notification of preferences such as weekly planning lists.

The Parish Council also gave consideration to the Consultation on Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: main modifications to the site allocation and development management policies local plan and policies map

It was noted that a copy of the e mail outlining the documents had been circulated to the Parish Council. Comments had to be submitted by 22 April 2013.

There were two points which were put forward by the Joint Authorities as minor proposed changes, but which the Inspector considered should be regarded as Main Modifications.

The two points were:

1. Changes to the name of the Plan in order to comply with the Local Planning Regulations 2012.

2. Changes to Policy M1. Therefore, the Joint Authorities were now consulting on these changes.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray also referred to a possible appeal by Hallam Land Management but the Parish Council would need to wait until official notification was received.

Resolved

1) That the Parish Council had no observation to make in respect of Planning Application 06/2013/0144.

2) That the Parish Council notes the comments made by residents in respect of Planning Application 06/2013/0116.

3) That, where possible Councillor David Nicholson should carry out research on Planning Applications that are due to be presented to the Parish Council for consultation.

4) That the consultation on Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: main modifications to the site allocation and development management policies local plan and policies map is noted by the Parish Council.

158. (12/13) Conservation Area Questionnaire Results and discussion of next steps

Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in this item and left the room for the discussion and resolution.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said there seemed to be deep division about these proposals and that respect for people's views didn't come across. She felt that some documents had been prepared to sway people's views. She also thought that people had a vested interest and that the Parish Council needed to consider the wider picture. Councillor David Nicholson said that Councillor Mrs Chessell was referring to the paper he presented to Parish Councillors at the last meeting – the intention was never to sway anyone's views but just to put forward options for the Parish Council to consider.

Councillor Lynda Cryer said that the proposal would not stop development. Councillor Peter Burton had been analysing the percentages and said the results could be interpreted in different ways.

After a general discussion Councillor David Nicholson Moved that the results of the Conservation area questionnaire should be passed to Preston City Council for them to consider – this was Seconded by Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell. A show of hands resulted in three members for the motion and two members against and the

motion was carried. It was further agreed that the table of results should be placed on the Parish Council website with a note that the Parish Council had forwarded these to Preston City Council. In addition it was agreed that the questionnaires should be destroyed by the Clerk in 6 months time.

Resolved

- 1) That the results of the Conservation Area Questionnaire as presented to the Parish Council are forwarded to Preston City Council for their consideration.
- 2) That the table of results should be placed on the Parish Council website with a note that the Parish Council has forwarded these results to Preston City Council.
- 3) That the completed questionnaires are destroyed by the Clerk in six months time.

159. (12/13) Report of the Community Engagement Working Group

As Councillor Andy Ellis was unable to attend tonight's meeting this item was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

160. (12/13) Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland Working Group

The Terms of Reference for the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland Working Group were agreed as follows:-

Resolved

1. To establish and revise, as necessary, a schedule of maintenance works – what and when.
2. To ensure these works are carried out according to the schedule – using voluntary support where possible, but engaging paid services if required.
3. To propose “special projects” – with plans and costs to seek to obtain funding for such projects from grant sources – this may include from the Parish Council, but outside sources should be explored thoroughly.
4. To promote the use of the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland by residents, local schools and others, encouraging involvement in the upkeep and enhancement by residents.

161. (12/13) Lancashire County Council – Public Rights of Way

The Parish Council was asked to consider opting in to this year's local delivery of public rights of way. An e mail with further information had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was noted that the Parish Council would receive £200 from Lancashire County Council for opting into this scheme.

Resolved

That, the Parish Council agrees to opt in to this year's local delivery of public rights of way.

162. (12/13) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray reminded the Parish Councillors that items for the newsletter were needed within the next couple of weeks this was so that a draft could be presented to the May meeting of the Parish Council.

It was noted that Councillor David Hindle would be on holiday so the item on the wetlands would probably wait until a later edition of the newsletter. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had already submitted some items to the Clerk.

163. (12/13) Redrow Residents Association

Councillor David Nicholson raised the following items on behalf of the Redrow Residents Association:-

Missing gate from Carbis Avenue/Blackleach Avenue access.

Councillor David Nicholson explained that Lancashire County Council had taken this gate away for repair but had not placed it back. It appeared that no one seemed to know who took the gate away and what had happened to it. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

General Waste and Dog Waste Bins (lack of) on the estate.

Councillor David Nicholson reported that there was a lack of bins on the Redrow Estate. It was noted that Preston City Council were reluctant to put in any new bins due to cost. However it was suggested that Councillor Nicholson should identify a location for a bin and then the Parish Council would approach Preston City Council to see if they would support.

Indiscriminate parking issues on the estate

Councillor David Nicholson explained that this was causing issues on the estate and asked what could be done. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray suggested that offenders should be invited to the next Redrow Residents Association. It was felt that a letter to personal letter should be sent to the parking offenders and an article should be put in the next Parish Council newsletter – Councillor David Nicholson agreed to draft an article.

164. (12/13) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG) – for information only

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell gave an update to the Parish Council on the work of FoGG. She explained that the Dick Kerr Ladies Football evening had been very successful with around £100 profit being made on the evening. This would be used towards the event on 12 May. A quote had been received for the drainage on the

green and this was around £27,000, Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell was looking how the improvements could be funded.

A meeting would be held with Matt Kelly on 25 April when various issues would be discussed including the bins. It was noted that the village green had entered the Britain in Bloom Competition again for this year.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

165. (12/13) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £16,965.93 in the bank as at 1 March 2013. We were still awaiting the April statement.

Resolved

1) That, the following invoices be approved for payment:-

- Sue Whittam – Clerk –4 March, 11 March, 18 March and 25 March = 4 weeks at £92 per week = £368 (cheque no 630).
- Adam Cooper – March 30 hours at £11.50 per hour = £345.00 + VAT @ 20% = £69.00 Total £414.00. (Cheque no 631).

166. (12/13) Clerk's Report – for information only

It was noted that the statutory notice advising of a vacancy on the Parish Council was now on our noticeboards – this first notice is provided by Preston City Council. If an election is not called then we the Parish Council would be looking to co-opt onto the Parish Council at our July meeting. This is subject to those interested coming along to the May/June meetings to find out about the work of the Parish Council.

167. (12/13) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 9 May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.