

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

Present:- Councillor N F Ridding –Chairman

Councillors

Mrs J Chessell G T Swarbrick
Mrs L McCann Mrs P A Tucker
B G Woodburn

Also present was 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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E M Murray and S G Sellers and from Councillor B G Woodburn who would be late.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk formally reported that the Parish Council was now in a position to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor R W Chapman. There had been no request for an election.

151. RESOLVED:- a) That a poster advertising the Parish Council vacancy be displayed in the Parish Council Notice boards; and
b) That the appointment of a co-opted member to the Parish Council be discussed at the next meeting.

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

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

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) Councillor Mrs Tucker expressed her thanks for the copy of the minutes sent electronically after the last meeting. These had been a great help, particularly as she had not been able to attend the last meeting, but some of the issues dealt with had been discussed at the PACT meeting.
- b) The Clerk clarified that the recommendations of the Minutes Sub-Group had all been adopted.
- c) Councillor Mrs Chessell said that the Village Green was now much tidier. Councillor Mrs Tucker said that she had spent several hours collecting cans, etc., some of which had been there for some time. The Lengthsman had also removed several bags of cans, etc., but he was limited by the amount of time he had available. It was noted that there was a similar problem on Old Railway Walk and it was agreed that the Lengthsman would be asked to spend extra time on the Green and Old Railway Walk to clear cans and litter.
- d) Councillor Mrs McCann reported that the builder's rubble that had been tipped on the car park at The Hills had now been removed by the City Council.

POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk reported that PC Ian Zanelli was unable to attend this meeting. The Clerk indicated that the next PACT meeting was to be held on Thursday, 22nd April, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Grimsargh Club. It was noted, however, that he had been missing from Young at Heart for some months and had also been not in a position to come to Parish Council meeting, although he did submit regular reports. However, he was always kept up to date with the issues raised by the Parish Council and the problem with drinking on the Village Green had already been reported to him.

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

FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the Material Amendment Application for the Solar Lighting had still not been approved, even though the 28 day consultation period had expired several days ago. The Clerk had spoken to the Planning Officer who indicated that it would be approved in the week following Easter. She then reported that work on the Car Park was, hopefully, to commence in April, 2010. However, Preston Council had, for some reason, planted two semi-mature trees in the car park area and these would need to be removed beforehand. She had also registered FOGG to take part in a "Guild Take Off" event. The Wildflower Sign was due to be ordered shortly and further willow weaving had been carried out by Tony Cookson, plus the planting of a number of snowdrops. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs Tucker for donating the willow and the snowdrops.

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

There was one planning application for consideration, although the Clerk reported that it might be withdrawn, but it was still better to give an opinion:-

006/2010/0150	-	Beech House	-	Erection of single storey extension to front, two
		339 Preston Road		storey extension to side and single storey
		Grimsargh		extension to rear of dwelling

The Clerk presented brief details of the applications. The existing dwelling was set well back from Preston Road and any changes to the front elevation would be unobtrusive.

155. **RESOLVED**:- That no observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2010/0150.

ROADSAFETY – PRESTON ROAD, B.6243

The Clerk reported that the traffic calming scheme between Grimsargh and Longridge had now been approved at the recent Ribble Valley Locals meeting. The necessary legal procedures to put the revised speed limit in place had now to be carried out before the changes could be implemented, but early indications were that the changes could be in place by mid-summer. There was then a brief discussion about phone calls from Mrs A Small to a number of Councillors and to the Clerk about the traffic issues that were contained in the Newsletter.

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

PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BINS

There was a discussion about the need for additional Dog Waste Bins at a number of locations in Grimsargh, including Elston Lane, The Hills, Village Green and on Old Railway Walk. The need for a Litter/Dog Bin in the Nellie Carbis Woodland was also discussed. Councillor Mrs Tucker said there was a substantial amount of dog fouling on Elston Lane, which was also well used by walkers. It was noted that it was now permissible to deposit dog waste in normal litter bins. Councillor Davies commented that Preston might also still have some dog waste bins available.

157. **RESOLVED:-** That Councillor T Davies be requested to investigate whether Preston City Council had any dog waste bins available that could be utilised in Grimsargh, as now reported.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

a) Community Engagement Working Group

Councillor Mrs P A Tucker had continued working on the Parish Council website and it was now almost ready to go live. The website was titled "grimsarghparishcouncil.org". Minutes, and other documents had been uploaded but further information was also needed, including additional photographs. A logo had been included but further information about a historic Coat of Arms prepared by Michael Banks was circulated. This came with a history of Grimsargh-with-Brockholes, but it was actually the Coat of Arms for the De Houghton family. Councillor Woodburn said that information from Mrs P Pattinson, who had researched Grimsargh some time ago, revealed that there was no official Coat of Arms. However, thanks were expressed to Michael Banks for the work he had carried out.

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

b) General

Councillor Mrs Murray, after consultation with Councillor S G Sellers, had produced a Progress/ Refresher Table, which was circulated for information. The Clerk detailed the current position with regard to the items listed in the table, as follows:-

Item	Meeting Date	Comment	Date Closed out & Resolution No
Salisbury House Farm – PI app 006/2010/0079	March '10	Check that erected buildings are being used for solely for active farming purposes	Passed to Preston with that recommendation – 5 March, 2010
Parish Plan	March '10	Periodic review to be held of outstanding matters	Review in Oct, '10
Potholes and road repairs	Feb '10	Raised in Matters Introduced by Members – suggestion that LCC be requested to provide a programme of work to repair numerous potholes – some arisen due to the winter conditions, some previously existing.	LCC react to reports. No programme exists. April, '10
Silver Birches – pl app 006/2009/0088	Jan '10	Concerns over whether plans have had the number of proposed dwellings reduced to 4 – as had previously been reported would be the recommendation by PCC Planning Department and had also been requested by GPC.	Planners requested reduction – not accepted by application. No power to press for reduction. April '10
Grimsargh postal address for residents of the Hills	Jan '10	Raised in Matters Introduced by Members – some Hills residents being penalised for insurance purposes.	Done – February, '10
Request for pedestrian refuge Longridge Road near the Hills	Dec '09	Request submitted to LCC – progress to be followed.	Ongoing – with LCC – in Small Improvement Programme

Land sold to Mr Calvert	Nov '09	Review of any fencing erected, in line with agreements	Ongoing – Redrow and PCC
Criteria for provision of speed cameras	Nov '09	Resolution 09/74 was for a request to be made to LCC out the criteria of provision of safety cameras and specifics about the cameras opposite the Plough and at Roman Way.	Info not given out about specific speed cameras
Update on Parish Plan Progress in Newsletter	Nov '09	It was agreed that an update on Parish Plan progress be included in the Newsletter.	Include in next Newsletter

159. **RESOLVED:-** That the Progress/Refresher Table now presented and updated, be approved and outstanding issues be monitored further.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Clerk presented a report prepared by a Mr D Lemmings proposing the establishment of a BMX track, possibly behind the Village Hall. There were some concerns about this site as it was close to a number of dwellings, but the view was expressed that the proposal should be explored further with a view to finding an acceptable site.

160. **RESOLVED:-** That Mr D Lemmings be invited to the June, 2010 meeting of the Parish Council to discuss further the proposals for a BMX/Skate Park in Grimsargh.

(Councillor Mrs Chessell left the meeting at this point)

BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillor Mrs Tucker updated the Parish Council on the progress she was making to try to get Broadband access improved in Grimsargh. She continued to be in contact with BT, Nigel Evans MP., amongst others, although there had been no response from Nigel Evans. Funding opportunities appeared to be available through the Rural Development Programme for England and NWDA. Further information was now being sought and hopefully, progress could be made sooner rather than later. References to the funding information were provided for all the Councillors convenience. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Tucker for her work on this topic.

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

PRESTON GUILD, 2012

Councillor Mrs Tucker felt that the time was now right to establish a Sub-Group to take Preston Guild, 2012 further forward. On previous occasions it was noted that the full Parish Council had met with interested persons from Village based organisations and this was felt to be a suitable way forward. Councillor Mrs McCann offered to mail a number of Community Groups in the first instance.

161. **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk prepare a letter for Councillor Mrs McCann inviting representatives from Community Groups to join with the Parish Council in planning Preston Guild, 2012 in Grimsargh.

THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

Councillor Woodburn said that tidying up work had been continuing in the Woodland. It was suggested that the Project Group consider erecting a sign to indicate that dogs should be kept on a lead whilst in the Woodland

162. **RESOLVED:** That the report be received.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's time sheet for March, 2010 was presented for information. He had also cleared a number of beer, etc., cans from the Village Greens. Cans, etc., were also evident along Old Railway Walk. In view of the problem with cans, etc., and the fact that there could be needles, etc., it was agreed to ask Preston City Council to clear the area and to monitor it in the future.

163. **RESOLVED:-** a) That the report be received.

b) That Preston City Council be asked to clear the area near to the Wildflower Meadow and Old Railway Walk of cans, etc., and to monitor these areas on a regular basis in the future.

AUTHORISATION OF PRECEPT, 2010/11

164. **RESOLVED:-** That the Clerk be authorised to submit the Official Precepting Form to the Preston City Council to enable the precept monies for 2010/11 totalling £16,000. 00 to be released to the Parish Council without delay.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) | Adam Cooper
(Payment to Lengthsman – March, 2010
50 hours @ £10. 00 per hour.
Includes £87. 50 V.A.T. @17.5%) | - | £587. 50 |
| b) | G.V.C.A.
(Charges for hire of Village Hall for Council
meetings from April, 2008 to March, 2009.
11 meetings @ £15. 00) | - | £165. 00 |

MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) The Chairman (for Councillor Mrs J Chessell)

i) Reported that the timetables/holders at the bus stops opposite the Village Hall and at 170 Preston Road had been damaged. These had already been reported.

ii) Commented about the new Recycling facility at Docklands and the Recycling site at Rough Hey. The site at Docklands was a Council operated facility where the majority of waste was now to be taken, whilst the site at Rough Hey (Valpak Recycling) was a private company. The expansion of this particular site had been stalled because of the economic downturn, but they had started some of the expansion work some time ago and this would protect their current planning permission.

iii) Read out a letter from R G Woollam which gave his support for the Parish Council's attempt to get the Village Green officially registered as a Village Green. Support had been asked for in the Newsletter.

b) Councillor Mrs L McCann

i) Reported that there were a number of potholes near to the junction of the The Hills with Longridge Road. The Clerk would report these to the County Council.

ii) Reported that there were parking problems on the footways on The Hills, particularly near to Longridge Road junction. PC Zanelli would be asked to deal with this problem.

c) Councillor B G Woodburn

i) Commented on the emailed objections from Mr Armstrong of Crofts Drive to the wording of part of the Newsletter. The use of the term "Ever since the arrival of Redrow" apparently caused him concern, but the reasoning for this concern was not understood. Councillor Swarbrick said that he had responded but felt that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Parish Council in the first instance.

ii) Referred to the Barn at Church House Farm as being advertised "To Let". The Clerk said that he had already referred that to the Planning Enforcement Officer and he had also asked him to look into the fact that Church House Farm was being advertised as the base for P and M Civils.

iii) Referred to flooding at the rear of The Hills. This land had still not been adopted by the City Council and Persimmon Homes (the landowners) would, therefore, be asked to try to remedy the problem

d) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

Referred to a report that the Waste Disposal Site at Longridge was to close and be redeveloped. This was the first time this had been mentioned and Councillor Woodburn said that he would check the report because the site was extremely well used.

Councillor T Davies

Commented that an obstruction had been placed across the old railway track at the rear of The Hills, thereby blocking the right of way. It was pointed out that the track at this point was private land and did not carry any public right of way. He also indicated that he would try to ensure that additional notice was given for the submission of items for inclusion on the agenda of the Preston Consultative Committee in future.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 13th May, 2010 in the Village Hall at 7. 30 p.m. in view of the elections being held the 6th May, 2010.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman
13th May, 2010