

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray – Chairman

Councillors

Mrs J Chessell            Mrs L McCann  
A R Ellis                    N F Ridding  
D J Hindle                 Mrs P A Tucker  
R G Woollam

Also present was Councillor T Davies and 2 members of the public

**129. (10/11) DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs E M Murray declared a non-personal interest in the item relating to the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

**130. (10/11) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G T Swarbrick.

**131. (10/11) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990**

a) Sites for Preston

The Sites for Preston were considered at the Rural Area Forum on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 and a number of sites relating to Grimsargh had been highlighted. They were fairly significant in terms of size for the village. The Clerk reported that Mr M Putsey, Principal Planning Officer at Preston would be coming to the January Parish Council to discuss Sites for Preston further.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak. They had attended the Area Forum and wished to hear the Parish Council's further views on the subject. Standing Orders were then re-instated.

It was felt that as much information as possible should be disseminated around Grimsargh to raise awareness and each and every person should make their views known to Preston regarding the proposals. Information would be posted on the Parish Council website and a Special Meeting was also to be provisionally arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

b) Church House Farm

The Clerk reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that a planning application was required in relation to the letting of the barn at Church House Farm. He had also advised that the use of the land at the Farm by vehicles was presently in accordance with the existing permission, but any increase would require a change in the conditions and this could only be achieved by a planning application to vary those current conditions.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

c) Footpath from Church to St Michael's School

It was reported that mixed information was being received about this footpath which had been linked to the Preston – Longridge Cycleway. There was a genuine road safety issue with the use of

the very narrow footway along Preston Road and it was felt that the footpath link should be taken up by the Parish Council in an attempt to make some much needed progress.

**RESOLVED:-** a) That Preston City Council be asked to support the construction of the much needed footpath link between the Church and St Michael's School with any further delay; and  
b) That the Parochial Church Council be informed of the Parish Council's approach to Preston to try to get a speedy solution to the provision of this footpath link.

### **132..(10/11) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> AND 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010**

**RESOLVED:-** That the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **133. (10/11) MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

- a) The Clerk indicated that the letter to Dr Rossall regarding the hedge had not been received by him. A reply to his email had been sent, together with a copy of the original letter.
- b) No reply had been received from Preston City Council the grass to the front of Rough Hey Trading Estate which still required cutting and the area tidying. A further approach would be sent to Preston's Estates Group.
- c) A request for information about the recent traffic study on Longridge Road had been sent to the County Council.
- d) The County Council would be asked for the latest timescales relating to the LCC Delegated Services Protocol.
- e) The Chairman said that the 6 monthly Review on items would now be held in January, 2011. She circulated a provisional list of items to be progressed.
- f) The Clerk reported that the Crib and Lights would be erected on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 and the Carol Service around the Crib would be on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 at 6.30 p.m.
- g) It was reported that a 20 foot Christmas tree outside Brown's had been donated by Alan Coar and would be collected by Brown's who would make a permanent base to allow siting a tree in future years. Councillor Woollam reported that the lights would cost approximately £99. 00. A suitable acknowledgement plaque would be put in place.
- h) It was noted that there was a typing reference to Alston Lane in the Newsletter which should have read Elston Lane.
- i) The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman was preparing a detailed price for a replacement bus shelter at Lindale Avenue. Preston City Council had also agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of a replacement shelter.

### **144. (10/11) POLICING ISSUES**

The Clerk reported that there had been 2 reported incidents, but no Anti-Social Behaviour incidents, in the area during November, 2010. There was also a report of an incident overnight on The Pastures which had led to an increased overnight police presence for several nights in November. Councillor Ridding reported that any person or business having CCTV which also showed part of the highway were asked to inform the police as any footage might be of interest in the future.

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

**145. (10/11) HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

Councillor Mrs Tucker reported on an Older Person's Event she had attended in September, 2010 and circulated a summary note which identified a number of issues relating to housing provision for the elderly. There was a discussion about potential sites in Grimsargh, including the Vicarage. There were a number of concerns and comments regarding the use of the Vicarage, but it was pointed out that this was only a possible, not a definite, site. The proposals included the establishment of a Trust to manage any Housing for the Elderly scheme.

RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs Tucker be asked to investigate the setting up of a Trust to handle Housing for the Elderly on the Grimsargh Vicarage site.

**146. (10/11) BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION, 2010**

Details of the judges' comments for the 2010 Competition were presented. These showed a marked improvement over previous years. The Cricket Ground, St Michael's Church and St Michael's Primary School were specially mentioned as being well cared for.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

**147. (10/11) SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Parish Council was asked to consider making a grant towards the cost of running the Christmas Party in 2010.

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £150.00 be made towards the cost of running the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party in 2010.

**148. (10/11) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

There was nothing to raise on this item and the next meeting of the Sub-Group had still to be arranged.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

**149 (10/11) PRESTON GUILD**

It was reported that the next meeting of the Guild Sub-Group was to be arranged for the end of January or early February, 2011.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

**150. (10/11) FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN**

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the Preston had now agreed that the solar lights would be switched off 1 hour after sunset. Tony Cookson had scythed the Wildflower Garden and had also removed a number of empty lager cans. The Police had been informed. Section 106 funding was still with Redrow and work on the fencing of the football pitch to rear of the Village Hall had now started. She also reported that a "Friends" reception evening was to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2010. The Village Green had been classified as "Thriving" in the Britain in Bloom Competition, and a Certificate had now been received.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

**151. (10/11) COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

There was nothing to report on this item

**152. (10/11) THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND**

A report on the duties carried out by the Parish Council representatives on the Millennium Woodland Steering Committee was presented. This was mainly administrative work. Physical work in the Woodland had been carried out by the Lengthsman and Steve Hutson and David Leach. They would be asked if they were prepared to continue.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Sellers was delighted that the Parish Council wished to commemorate Sam Sellers and felt that a seat in a suitable location in the Woodland was an excellent idea.

RESOLVED:- a) That Steve Hutson and David Leach be asked if they were prepared to continue working in the Millennium Woodland; and  
b) That the Parish Council's representatives on the Millennium Woodland Steering Committee be considered at a later date; and  
c) That suitable seat be sourced to commemorate the late Sam Sellers, as now reported.

**153. (10/11) PARISH LENGTHSMAN**

The Lengthsman's timesheet for November, 2010 was presented. Councillor Mrs McCann expressed her appreciation to the Lengthsman for cutting back the overhanging willow tree on Longridge Road near to The Hills.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

**154. (10/11) CLERK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman reported that four candidates had been interviewed for the post of Parish Council Clerk and the interviewing panel was unanimous in recommending the appointment of Mrs Susan Whittam to the position. The recommended rate of pay was £10.00 per hour and the post was based on an average of 8 hours per week. A contract was now being prepared and it was hoped that Mrs Whittam would start in January, 2011 and operate in tandem with Peter Croft for 2 months.

RESOLVED:- That Mrs Susan Marie Whittam be appointed as the new Clerk to Grimsargh Parish Council at a rate of £10. 00 per hour based on an average of 8 hours per week, with effect from the beginning of January, 2011, or on a date to be mutually agreed.

**155. (10/11) CLERK'S SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES**

The Clerk presented details of his salary, expenses and allowances totalling £528. 30 for the period September to November, 2010, inclusive.

RESOLVED:- That approval be given to the payment of the Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses totalling £528. 30 for the period September to November, 2010, inclusive.

**156. (10/11) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

a) Adam Cooper (Payment to Lengthsman – November, 2010. 54 hours @ £11. 50 per hour. Includes £108. 67 V.A.T. @ 17.5%)	-	£729. 67
b) Peter J Croft (Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses September to November, 2010, inc.)	-	£528. 30
c) Preston City Council	-	£251. 49

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| d) Adam Cooper  | - | £105.75 |
| (Timber and fixings to repair sloping planter on Longridge Road. Inc. £15.75 V.A.T.)            |   |         |
| e) R G Woollam  | - | £99.98  |
| (Purchase of set of Christmas Tree Lights for the second village Christmas Tree outside Browns) |   |         |

#### **157. (10/11) MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBER**

a) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

Commented that, as the County Council would only be gritting Main and Secondary roads, the side roads and estate roads still required attention and some residents had complained that they were not being gritted. She queried whether salt/grit supplies could be provided for this purpose. The general view was that the cost of this would be prohibitive.

b) Councillor Mrs L McCann

Reported that there were a number of potholes in The Hills that required attention. It was noted that the County Council had an on-line reporting system available and she would report the problem using this system.

c) Councillor N F Ridding

Commented that some of the road markings on the bridge approaches were becoming worn. It was also noted that the parapet walls had been hit in a recent motor vehicle accident and required inspection. The County Council would be asked to look into these two issues.

d) Councillor A E Ellis

- i) Commented about the slippery Village Hall car park. The Chairman said that the Village Hall Committee had taken a decision not to grit the car park in winter.
- ii) Referred to an email regarding a proposed Pharmacy in Grimsargh. There were mixed feelings about the need for a Pharmacy and there was obviously a need to source suitable premises, which would probably require a change of use in planning terms and there were also major issues regarding parking. The general view was that a Pharmacy would not be well supported.

e) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

- i) Reported that the meeting with Mr T Joel (Guild Take-Off) had been re-arranged to 5.30 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.
- ii) Reported that the grass around the Sub-Station on Lindale Avenue required tidying. A previous householder used to look after this area. United Utilities would be asked to tidy the area.

e) Councillor D J Hindle

Expressed a view that we should all keep eyes open for the elderly, particularly in view of the current very cold weather conditions.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011