

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3rd JUNE, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray –Chairman

Councillors

A R Ellis	S G Sellers
Mrs J Chessell	G T Swarbrick
Mrs L McCann	Mrs P A Tucker

Also present was Councillor T Davies.

27. (10/11) 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.

28. (10/11) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N F Ridding and B G Woodburn.

29. (10/11) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH MAY, 2010

It was noted that Councillor Ellis lived at 7 Nook Crescent (5 - 10/11) and it was felt that reference to funding (19 – 10/11) should be amended to show that Preston had provided funding towards the cost of the car park.

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the aforementioned amendments, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th May, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

30. (10/11) MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) The delay with the development at Valpak had been referred to the County Council, although it was felt that little could be done to try to get the work completed quickly as the planning permission had been implemented. It was felt that, with any other applications for significant development, a recommendation would be made asking for a clause to be inserted to ensure the development was completed without any undue delay.
- b) The Registration of the Village Green had been referred to Preston City Council to see if they would accept a Voluntary Registration in the first instance
- c) The Clerk reported that Longridge Household Waste Disposal Centre was not one of the sites due to be closed by the County Council. However, the opening hours were to be reduced by 1 hour each day.
- d) Councillors were reminded to complete and return the Banking Forms to the Clerk if they had not yet done so.
- e) The Chairman apologised for not distributing Business Cards to each Councillor, they were still being prepared but would be made available shortly.

f) The Clerk indicated that Preston had been asked to help with the Britain in Bloom Competition by supplying a number of bedding plants.

31. (10/11) POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk reported on two incidents during the past month in the area. Councillors were also asked to look out for strangers with clipboards but without Identification Cards visiting businesses in the area.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

32. (10/11) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

The undermentioned planning applications were presented:-

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| 006/2010/0298 | - | Stoneswood
Preston Road
Alston | - | Erection of agricultural building |
| 006/2010/0307 | - | 22 Ribblesdale Drive
Grimsargh | - | Erection of dormer extension to front and
first floor extension to rear of dwelling |

The Clerk presented details of the applications.

RESOLVED:- That no observations be offered in respect of planning applications 006/2010/0298 and 0307.

33. (10/11) INSURANCE – VILLAGE GREEN SIGNS AND WILLOW WEAVING

The Clerk reported that insurance for the two signs on the Village Green together with the Willow Weaving would cost an additional £64. 06 for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED:- That approval be given to the payment of the additional premium of £64. 06 to insure the two Information Signs and the Willow Weaving on the Village Green.

34. (10/11) PROPOSED DOCTOR'S SURGERY

A letter was presented asking the Parish Council to support a proposal to open a Doctor's Surgery in Grimsargh. It was noted that there had been a previous request for a Surgery, a Cottage Hospital, Pharmacy, etc., and the viability of the proposal was queried. In this case, it was felt that there was insufficient information available to make a balanced judgement on the proposal.

RESOLVED:- That the applicant be asked to provide additional information and make out a case to support his request for a Doctor's Surgery in Grimsargh to enable the matter to be considered further by the Parish Council.

35. (10/11) LISTED BUILDINGS

A copy of the Guidance Notes relating to the Listing of Buildings was presented. In the light of previous cases when buildings of interest had been demolished, it was felt that consideration should again be given to Listing the Vicarage in view of the pending retirement of the current Vicar.

RESOLVED:- That an application be made to English Heritage as soon as possible for the Grimsargh Vicarage to become registered as a Listed Building.

36. (10/11) PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Mrs Tucker presented information about the use of the Parish Council website, which was now getting an increasing number of “hits”. The site had been publicised in the Longridge News, but there had been problems with the Goosnargh and Grimsargh Guide. Rosie Green said that she was investigating Social Contact via websites and Blogs for the rural areas and might be able to link with the Parish Council’s website. The Community Engagement Sub-Group would be meeting on the 14th June, 2010 and would also be looking at other forms of raising awareness in addition to the website.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

37. (10/11) BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillors Mrs P A Tucker and A R Ellis had attended a NWDA Conference of the 25th May, 2010 relating to Broadband availability. It was noted that the recent round of funding had been awarded and allocated, but additional funding would become available later in the year. However, it had also been noted that BT were still looking at allocating some funding for Broadband improvements in Grimsargh as part of the improvements to services for businesses in the Red Scar, Millennium Park areas.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

38. (10/11) FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the Wildflower Sign was complete and the stand was now being fabricated at Myerscough College. The Car Park construction had recently been completed, although the builder’s cage was to remain in situ until the grass started to grow through and to allow the site to stabilise. The solar lighting would, hopefully, be in place within the next week. The FOGG AGM was to be held in July.

FOGG had agreed to provide a “Trim-Trail” on the Village Green near to the Children’s Play Area hopefully later this year, although the project would need to be approved by the City Council beforehand. The Play Area would then become the major scheme to be carried out and that was dependent upon the S.106 funding becoming available. FOGG was uncertain about Preston’s involvement in the Play Area and what they proposed and this needed to be clarified as a matter of urgency.

The Village Green had been entered in Britain in Bloom and advice had been given by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. Rosie Green said that she would help publicise a Village Green Clean Up and could provide all equipment and materials. A date had yet to be agreed.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

39. (10/11) COMMUNITY PROJECTS

a) Britain In Bloom

Rosie Green said that a number of sites had been entered in Preston, including the Village Green and the Pond on the Redrow Estate. She had not been given any support, however, from the Redrow residents to clean and tidy the pond area.

b) Youth Event - Friday, 30th July, 2010

She asked the Parish Council for their backing for this event, which was one of several in the Preston area during the summer. It was supported by various agencies including Preston City Council, Police, Fire Service, etc. The event was planned to run from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. for 13 to 16 year old youths. Football, a Climbing Wall, Inflatable Goals, etc., amongst others would be available, plus a "Chill Out" Tent. Transport would also be provided to take the youths back home. If the event proved to be a success, it might be repeated in the future. The Parish Council gave it full backing and support to the event.

c) BMX Proposals

Rosie Green said that Preston City Council was intending to provide a major facility in Preston on a site accessible to all and any funding would be better focussed on that scheme rather than on small stand alone projects. The scheme had been devised following a City-wide consultation exercise. There had been concerns raised by the Parish Council to Mr Lemmings' proposals and he would be asked if, in the light of the Preston proposals, he still wished to come along to present his scheme to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

40. (10/11) PRESTON GUILD

Councillor Mrs Tucker said that Mondays or Tuesdays appeared to be the best days for meetings of the Guild Sub-Group. It was agreed that meetings would be held on the 5th July and the 7th September, 2010. Rosie Green said that she would also be able to assist with the planning of events relating to Preston Guild.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

41. (10/11) NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was nothing to report on this item

42. (10/11) PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's timesheet for May was presented. He would be asked to look at an overhanging tree outside the Village Hall and weeds on the Bridge.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

43. (10/11) CLERK'S SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The Clerk presented details of his salary, expenses and allowances totalling £567. 13 for the period March to May, 2010, inclusive.

RESOLVED:- That approval be given to the payment of the Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses totalling £567. 13 for the period March to May, 2010, inclusive.

44. (10/11) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

a)	Adam Cooper (Payment to Lengthsman – May, 2010 52 hours @ £11. 50 per hour. Includes £104. 65 V.A.T. @17.5%)	-	£702. 65
b)	Adam Cooper (Purchase of Weedkiller and Plant Food. Includes £12. 25 V.A.T. @17.5%)	-	£82. 25
c)	Peter J Croft (Clerk’s salary, allowances and expenses March to June, 2010, inclusive)	-	£567. 13
d)	Aon Ltd (Insurance of Village Green Signs, and Willow Arbor and Tunnel)	-	£64. 06

45. (10/11) MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBER

There was nothing raised under this item.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 00 p.m.

Chairman
1st July, 2010