

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009

Present:- Councillor N F Ridding –Chairman

Councillors

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

Also present were Councillors T Davies and N Cartwright, Ms Rosie Green, Community Involvement Worker, Preston City Council and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S G Sellers.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2009

Councillor Mrs Chessell commented on the clarity and accuracy of the minutes and felt that the minute relating to the Redrow item was incorrect because, in her view, it was not capable of interpretation in more than one way and asked for evidence to support the minute. Councillor Mrs Murray said that she was of the opinion that it could be interpreted several ways and she had said as such at the meeting. Mrs Chessell also felt that the discussion about Recording Council Proceedings was inaccurate as a decision that the electronic recording of proceedings was unnecessary was not taken. Councillor Woodburn, who originally raised the subject, said that he was of the view that the proposal was not supported and this was backed by Councillor Mrs E M Murray.

This led to a discussion about the form of the Minutes and the way in which notes were taken whilst giving information or advice at the same time and whether this was the best way to record meetings, or whether there should be a Minutes Secretary to record proceedings. Councillor Mrs Chessell felt that the minutes should also indicate the actions agreed, etc. The Clerk reminded the Council that minutes were intended as an official record of Council decisions and that was their official purpose. Councillor Chapman said that he would raise the subject of minutes at the Councillors Training Course that he would be attending in October. After due discussion, it was felt that the Parish Council should discuss an item on "Review of the Minutes" at a future meeting.

41. RESOLVED:- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman; and  
b) That an item on "Review of the Minutes" should be discussed at a future meeting of the Parish Council, as now reported.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) The Clerk reported that the Mr Mason had been asked to clear the access to the Council Store in order that the Contractor could arrange to tarmac the access, as previously agreed.

b) Councillor Mrs Tucker said that she had written to BT and to Nigel Evans, MP, about Broadband Speeds but had not yet received any reply. The Clerk said that he had also written but had not received any replies.

c) The Clerk reported that undergrowth beneath hedges was probably the responsibility of the County Council, unless it was actually part of the hedge itself. Generally, it was dealt with by agreement between the LCC and the landowner.

d) Councillor Mrs L McCann reported that Persimmon Homes Ltd had carried out the necessary grass cutting work that was required at The Hills.

e) It was reported that letters of thanks had been sent to Mrs C Callon (Field Day) and Mr A Cowell (Farmers Market).

f) Councillor Mrs Chessell commented that the bin next to the bus stop at 170 Preston Road had been replaced, but it had been placed in the original position. The Clerk had already asked for it to be moved on to the verge adjacent to the shelter.

g) The Clerk reported that the completion of the road works at Red Scar had been delayed due to a large gas main being discovered that was not on Transco's plans and this had to be diverted. In addition, a traffic island had been moved because of difficulties being experienced by large vehicles exiting the Trading Estate. The problems with lighting were being dealt with.

#### REDROW PLAY AREA PROVISION

The Clerk presented apologies from Mr D Linley and Mr M Kelly, who was ill. Mr Kelly had all the information about costings relating to the play areas and the provision for the Village Green. Mr Linley did not have the full details of that information. Councillor Mrs Chessell felt that this was a poor excuse as he had been investigating these issues for some time and should be aware of all the figures, etc. Mr Linley had also indicated that the issues relating to height of the land to the rear of the Village Hall had not been abandoned and he was investigating possible solutions but was unable to present any further information on those options at this time.

There was then a discussion about the possible sale of 10 metres of land to the neighbouring landowner and concern was expressed that, if such a sale went ahead, it would not be possible to provide a football pitch on the land. Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that she received an assurance that the City Council would not dispose of this land. This view was confirmed by Councillor N Cartwright, who felt that the issue was about privacy and he felt that the landowner was hoping to reach some accommodation about fencing or barrier. The sale of any land was not, however, a planning matter and they would only become involved after any sale had been completed as it was probable that planning permission would be required to change the use of the land.

42. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and  
b) That a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the Redrow planning proposals and issues relating to play area provision in Grimsargh.

#### PLAY PROVISION IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF PRESTON

A copy of a report, prepared by Mr M Kelly, about play provision in the rural communities of Preston was presented for information. This report had been considered by the Parish Joint Consultative Committee. It was clear, from the report, that rural areas were disadvantaged when funding was being allocated as the majority of money went to the central areas.

43. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### EXPLORING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PROVISION IN NORTHERN/RURAL PRESTON

Ms Rosie Green presented a report, for information, on the Workshop held in Preston on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 which explored Youth Provision in Preston, identified hotspots and what was actually happening on the ground and identified priorities and considered the way forward. It was noted that the Transitions discos were highlighted for young persons in Grimsargh, although the number of Grimsargh persons attending was felt to be small. The Transition discos were also a source of regular

complaints regarding noise and behaviour of those attending and the operating procedures were also questionable. The future of Transitions discos was currently uncertain.

44. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS - CITIZENZONE

It was noted that the Citizenzone Information Vehicle visited Grimsargh Village Green on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, but only 2 persons attended. The next local visit would be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009 at Haighton Manor.

45. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the FOGG AGM had been held in August, 2009 and 4 Committee members were present. She then reported that Preston City Council wished to oversee the construction of the car park and three quotations had been supplied to them. She had been advised that Preston would pay the invoices for the work and the VAT. This was of great benefit to FOGG. It was noted, from the report presented earlier, that Urban Areas appeared to be given priority for funding over the Rural Areas. She also reported that the Solar Lighting Application had now been approved.

46. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### POLICING ISSUES

PC Ian Zanelli had submitted a report detailing incidents that had been reported during July and August, 2009. There had also been 2 auto-crimes, 2 burglaries, 1 criminal damage, 4 thefts, 6 violent crimes and 7 incidents of Rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour. He also reported that some of the above were, allegedly, related to the Transition evenings that took place in the Village Hall. Councillors Mrs Murray was concerned about the alleged links with Transition and would be meeting with PC Zanelli to discuss the evidence linking those evenings insofar as the Village Hall management was concerned.

Finally, the Chairman reported that PC Zanelli would be attending the Young at Heart meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

47. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

The undermentioned planning application was presented:-

006/2009/0448	-	Grimsargh Village Hall Preston Road Grimsargh	-	Erection of single storey extension to rear, roof lights to front and rear, five solar panels to rear, alterations including new window and door openings, formation of new vehicular access (close existing access) and replacement roof
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The Clerk presented details of the application, which had already been approved by the City Council, for information, in view of the effect of the proposed development within Grimsargh

48. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## SWINE FLU

A report about the identification of Swine Flu was presented from the National Pandemic Flu Service for information.

49. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## PRESTON ROAD, B. 6243 - SPEEDING

The Clerk reported that all the approvals had been received for the changes to be made to the speeds limits an "A" and "B" roads in Lancashire, which included Preston Road, Alston. The necessary legal procedures were now to be commenced by the County Council. Information had been sought about traffic speeds and controls in Grimsargh. PC Zanelli also presented a report on the recent fatal car accident in Grimsargh and it was felt, initially, that speed was not the only contributing factor to this accident. Investigations were continuing.

50. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

It was reported that the AGM for the Millennium Woodland would be held in November, 2009.

51. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman's time sheets for July and August, 2009 were presented and accepted.

52. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

## CLERK'S SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The Clerk presented details of his salary, expenses and allowances totalling £533. 24 for the period June to August, 2009, inclusive.

53. RESOLVED:- a) That approval be given to the payment of the Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses totalling £533. 24 for the period June to August, 2009, inclusive.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) | Adam Cooper<br>(Payment to Lengthsman – August, 2009.<br>42 hours @ £10. 00 per hour.<br>Includes £63. 00 V.A.T.)           | - | £483. 00 |
| b) | Peter J Croft<br>(Clerk's salary, etc., for the period<br>June to August, 2009, inclusive)                                  | - | £533. 24 |
| c) | Peter J Croft<br>(Refund of Training Fees for the Registration of<br>Councillor R W Chapman on Councillors Training Course) | - | £50. 00  |

- d) Peter J Croft - £56. 36  
(Purchase of Winter Planting - £45. 95 plus payment  
of water charges (£10. 41) for Millennium Woodland)

#### MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) Councillor B G Woodburn

Asked if there was any information about the East Preston Park and Ride. Councillor Davies said that it was not yet a specific Park and Ride, but was an extension of the Preston Orbital Bus Service. The County Council would be asked to explain its proposals for the service to enable it to operate properly.

b) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

Commented about the condition of the surface of Preston Road from Lindale Avenue to the boundary which required attention or possibly resurfacing. There were also issues with the surface at the junction with Lindale Avenue both east and west bound. The matter would be referred to the County Council.

c) Councillor Mrs E M Murray

Explained that, as the Village Hall had received its planning consent, it was hoped that most of the extension work could now be carried out to the Hall. However, the Village Hall needed revenue to help to fund all the projects and to ensure that day to day operations continued. Events of all types were required and publicity about the availability for hire for functions was necessary.

d) Councillor Mrs L McCann

She had noted that PC Zanelli's report excluded any information about The Hills. Officially, the area was not part of his remit even though he did monitor the area. He would be asked to include the area in his future reports if possible.

e) Councillor G T Swarbrick

i) Reported on the issues discussed at the recent Preston Joint Consultative Meeting which included, amongst others, items about Housing in Rural Areas, Empty Properties, Devolved Functions and Reporting Highway faults

ii) Commented on the recent road traffic accident and reported that in the period 2002/07 there had been 31 reported accidents and 56 injuries. In his opinion, the majority of these were caused by bad driving, not just speeding.

iii) He reported again that gulleys were backing up and that there was a need for an inspection of the gulleys and a programme of action to remove any obstructions.

iv) Reported that the County Council was holding up the work to complete the Church Cark and the link to School. The main issues appeared to relate to the former railway cutting. In the meantime, parents with young children had to brave the narrow footway leading up to the bridge on the main road.

f) Councillor R W Chapman

Reported, for information, that the mechanical road sweeper had swept Longridge Road today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009. It had also probably swept the remainder of the village.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 15 p.m.

Chairman  
1<sup>st</sup> October, 2009