

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2010

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray – Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

R W Chapman Mrs L McCann
Mrs J Chessell Mrs P A Tucker
G T Swarbrick

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 N F Ridding, S G Sellers and B G Woodburn.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH JANUARY, 2010

Councillor Mrs Tucker said the minutes should show that she asked if the Planning Officer could be asked whether a reduction to 4 dwellings at Silver Birches had been considered and, if so, why the approval had been given for 5 dwellings. The resolution would be amended to include this comment.

116. RESOLVED:- That, subject to the abovementioned amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7TH January, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) The Clerk reported that Mrs M McBride, Housing Officer at Preston had not responded to requests for information about low cost/affordable housing. Two sites had been identified in Grimsargh and these were being considered without the knowledge of or consultation with the Parish Council. In addition, there was a need to ensure that such housing was tied to occupancy by Grimsargh residents. It was noted that one of the sites, which could not be named due to confidentiality, was outside the "Limits of Development" for Grimsargh. Mrs M McBride would be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council. In addition, information about the "Limits of Development" would be obtained for the next meeting.

b) The Clerk reported that he had again asked for the signs advertising Kingfisher Fitness to be removed.

c) Information about 16 Nook Glade, which was derelict, had still not been received and this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was noted, however, that Preston were unable to carry out hedge cutting or tidying work to the gardens of the property, which was now owned by the Duchy of Lancaster. The property was currently for sale.

d) Councillor Mrs McCann thanked the Clerk on behalf of Mrs Stead for the letter supporting the request from residents of "The Hills" estate to have Grimsargh officially added to their addresses

POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk presented a report from PC Ian Zanelli on incidents that took place during January, 2010. There had been one theft of keys which had been left on the bar of the Plough. He was also looking out for youths, etc., who were known to be drinking on the Village Green near to the Willow Arbour and who were throwing empty cans into the Wildflower Garden area. The Lengthsman had reported that he collected 4/5 sacks of empty beer/lager/cider cans from this area. It was also noted that two of the very

heavy benches had been moved from the Arbour. PC Zanelli also informed the Parish Council that they were invited to a presentation at Goosnargh Village Hall on the 18th February, 2010 on Counter Terrorism issues.

117. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

REDROW - SECTION 106 APPLICATION AND GRIMSARGH VILLAGE GREEN – PLAY PROVISION

The Clerk reported that the planning application relating to the Redrow play areas and S.106 Agreement had been approved on the 11th January, 2010. The revised Section 106 Agreements had now to be completed before matters could move forward and Preston City Council would be asked to press for these to be completed at an early date.

118. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

There was one application for consideration

006/2010/041	-	6 Brindle Place Grimsargh	-	Change of use of land to form extension to existing garden area and erection of new boundary wall
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The Clerk presented brief details of the application which would extend the garden area of the property by utilising an area of land that had no use for the other residents.

119 RESOLVED:- That no observations be offered in respect of planning application 006/2010/0041.

BEYOND LANCASHIRE LOCALS

A Consultation Paper from the Leader of Lancashire County Council about the future of the Lancashire Locals was presented. It appeared that they were deemed to be an inefficient way of working and the intention of the County Council was probably to abolish them and empower local County Councillors to have a greater say in their respective areas.

120. RESOLVED:- That the report be noted.

DOG CONTROL ORDERS – PRE CONSULTATION

A Questionnaire was presented about the introduction of Dog Control Orders in Preston. Councillors were asked to complete the Questionnaires and return the Preston City Council Environmental Health Department before the 15th March, 2010.

121. RESOLVED:- That Parish Councillors arrange to complete the Dog Control Oder Questionnaires and return them to Preston Council’s Environmental Health Department before the 15th March, 2010..

QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

a) Community Engagement Working Group

Councillors Mrs Tucker reported on progress with the Website. Free web hosting had been stopped by Preston and other options had been considered and a free site from Cambridge Open Systems “Voice” had been taken up. However, there was no web design support, although the system did have web design software. A Grimsargh Parish website had now been registered and the content had now to be worked on. The next meeting of the Group was to be held on the 8th February, 2010.

122. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

b) Minutes Sub-Group

Councillor R W Chapman presented a report from a meeting of the Minutes Sub-Group on the 21st January, 2010. (A copy of the report is contained in the Minute Book) The Parish Council went through the report item by item, but also felt that it should be revisited when all Councillors were present.

- i) Minute Numbering. It was suggested that the heading of each item should be numbered instead of the resolution to improve clarity. The Clerk indicated a problem with numbering using the year because the Parish Council year ran from April to March and it would, therefore, need to show the year such as09/10.
- ii) The use of "Draft" minutes publicly was an area of concern. It was noted that "Draft" only referred to minutes that were waiting for approval by the Parish Council. The Clerk said there was not an issue relating to circulation of the minutes electronically after each meeting.
- iii) Public participation was currently catered for by suspending Standing Orders when required.
- iv) The Clerk usually brought all supporting correspondence to meetings. He was obliged to have this available to comply with the Access to Information Act.
- v) Questions about Resolutions being closed or pending were not considered.
- vi) Questions about items that did not require regular reporting were not considered.
- vii) The recommendation about the Parish Council proceeding along the Quality Parish Council was not considered.

123. RESOLVED:- That the report of the Minutes Sub- Group be noted and discussed further at the next meeting when all Councillors were present.

c) General

Councillors were asked to ensure that they had read the Quality Parish Council's Guide before discussing this matter further.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION, 2010

124. RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council agree to enter the Best Kept Village Competition, 2010 and to pay the entrance fee of £15. 00.

BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillor Mrs Tucker presented a report giving details of the responses on broadband speeds. They varied widely throughout the village and there was a general dissatisfaction about speeds across the village. An article was also being included in the forthcoming Newsletter. No further response had been received from BT.

125. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

PARISH PLAN

A summary of the recommendations from the Parish Plan was presented to enable the Parish Council to see what had been addressed and what was outstanding. It was noted that only the Environment and Planning Group had been established (now called FOGG). It was felt that the majority of areas that could be addressed by the Parish Council had now been dealt with, but some areas were still outstanding. It was felt that there not a need to rewrite the Parish Plan, but the Clerk would prepare a list detailing the matters now outstanding for further discussion.

126. RESOLVED: a) That the report be received; and
b) That the details of the matters still waiting to be addressed from the Parish Plan be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that a new Officer, Adrian Phillips, had been appointed in charge of Leisure Services but it appeared that he was unsure about what was happening in Grimsargh and the roles of the

Parish Council or FOGG in relation to the Village Green. She said that the S.106 monies would probably be more than required to complete the Play Area and she felt that the balance could possibly be used to fund the drainage of the Football Pitch area on the Village Green. She then reported on a problem with the Solar Lighting application which was being addressed and there was now a need to make progress regarding the car park.

127. RESOLVED: a) That the report be received; and
b) That Adrian Phillips, the Deputy Director for Environment, be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

PRESTON GUILD, 2012

The Clerk reported that Preston City Council was not currently issuing Information Packs relating to the Preston Guild, 2012, but they would supply them in due course when they became available.

128. RESOLVED: That the report be received.

NEWSLETTER

The Clerk presented a further Draft Newsletter for information and comment. Space was very limited but it was felt that reference should be made to Britain in Bloom and details of City and County Councillors should also be included if possible.

129. RESOLVED:- That, subject to the abovementioned amendments, arrangements be made for the Newsletter to be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Rosie Green had circulated details of the Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards, which were now presented. They were aimed at improving community involvement and brightening up the area.

130. RESOLVED:- That Rosie Green be informed of the Parish Council's wish for Grimsargh to take part in the Britain in Bloom Awards, as now reported.

THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was no report for the Millennium Woodland.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A copy of the Lengthsman's time sheet for January, 2010 was presented for information. It was noted that the Lengthsman had mentioned on the amount of beer, etc., cans on the Village Greens that he had collected in and around the Wildflower Area (reported under the Policing item).

131. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) Adam Cooper
(Payment to Lengthsman – January, 2010
44 hours @ £10. 00 per hour.
Includes £77. 00 V.A.T. @17.5%) | - | £517. 00 |
| b) Peter J Croft
(Purchase of summer bedding plants (Begonia,
Antirrhinum and Geranium) plus cell planting trays) | - | £64. 84 |

- c) Lancashire County Training Partnership - £60.00
(Fee for Councillors Training Course.
2 modules @ £30.00 per module)

MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

Commented on the condition of many of the roads following the severe icy weather, which had left numerous potholes. Repairs were now needed. The County Council would be asked to provide a programme of work for the repair of all potholes in Grimsargh. Councillor Mrs Murray said that there was a major pothole requiring urgent repair outside St Michael's on the approach to the bridge – this would also be reported.

b) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

Asked the Parish Council to consider the installation of a Dog Waste Bin on Elston Lane. The Parish Council had supplied Dog Waste Bins in the village centre and the view was that a bin along Elston Lane would not be used. Councillor Swarbrick said that in one East Lancashire area, a number of Councillors had also suggested banning dogs from Public Parks and they subsequently lost their seats.

c) Councillor G T Swarbrick

Commented that the entrance to the Church Car Park was breaking up and there was now a long pothole running across the entrance. The County Council would be asked to carry out repairs as soon as possible.

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

Chairman
4th March, 2010