

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Mrs E M Murray – Chairman

Councillors

Mrs J Chessell Mrs L McCann
A R Ellis N F Ridding
D J Hindle G T Swarbrick
R G Woollam

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors D J Hindle and R G Woollam to the Parish Council

108. (10/11) DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Personal and/or Prejudicial interest.

109. (10/11) SAMUEL GEORGE SELLERS

The Parish Council stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Samuel George Sellers, former Parish Councillor, who sadly died on the 25th October, 2010.

110. (10/11) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs P A Tucker.

111..(10/11) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 7th OCTOBER, 2010

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th October, 2010 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

112. (10/11) MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard from Mr D Lemmings about the BMX/Skateboard Park. Several letters had now been sent to him, without reply.

b) It was reported that the hedge adjoining Preston Road on the land owned by Dr Rossall had now been cut back.

c) It was noted that the grass to the front of Rough Hey Trading Estate had still not been cut and the area remained untidy. A further letter would be sent to Preston's Estates Group.

d) A response had been sent regarding the proposed closure of the Avondale Unit at Royal Preston Hospital.

e) Nothing further had been heard about the traffic study at The Hills along Longridge Road. A further approach would be made to the County Council.

f) Councillor Ellis commented that he had met with representatives of the Guild Organising Committee regarding Brass Bands and it was still intended to hold 5 Processions during Guild Week.

g) The Chairman indicated that she had agreed that the 6 monthly review of items should be held over until the December, 2010 meeting because of the long agenda for this meeting.

113. (10/11) CLERK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that, with the consent of the Chairman, the advertisement had been placed in the Longridge News and the LEP at a discounted price. To date 17 expressions of interest had been made and 4 applications had been received to date. It was felt that the applications and CV's should be distributed to all Councillors who would then rank the applications as they saw fit. A shortlisting meeting would follow. The selection criteria were then discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Woollam would look at proposals prior to the shortlisting meeting.

RESOLVED:- a) That a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday, 24th October, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. to shortlist the candidates for the Clerk vacancy; and
b) That the Chairman and Councillor R G Woollam consider the selection criteria proposals prior to the Special Meeting.

114. (10/11) POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk reported that there had been 2 reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and 7 crimes had been reported in the area during October, 2010. It was also noted that the next PACT meeting was to be held on the 11th November, 2010.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

114. (10/11) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

a) Planning Applications

The undermentioned planning applications were presented:-

006/2010/0747	-	22 Lindale Avenue Grimsargh	-	Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling incorporating alterations to existing garage
006/2010/0760	-	Salisbury House Farm Elston Lane Grimsargh	-	Erection of 1 no detached dwelling and detached triple garage and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage

The Clerk presented details of the applications. Concern was expressed, in relation to application 0760, to ensure that the adjoining land remained as farm land

RESOLVED:- a) That no observations be offered in respect of planning application no. 006/2010/0703; and
b) That no observations be offered in respect of planning application no.006/2010/0760, other than to ensure that the adjoining land remained as farm land.

b) Sites for Preston

Details were presented of possible sites put forward for consideration as future development sites in Preston, including a number of sites in Grimsargh and on the approach to Grimsargh from Preston. The proposals were to be presented at the next Rural Area Forum on the 25th November, 2010 at Broughton where the public would be allowed to have their say on where sites for housing, jobs, shopping, leisure, open spaces and community facilities would be located in the future.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

115. (10/11) GRIMSARGH RESERVOIRS

It was reported that the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Reserves Manager, Mr G Jones, and Bowland Ecology Group were in the process of writing a Management Plan for the Grimsargh Reservoir site. It was also reported that United Utilities was currently working towards a long term Management Plan. Until there was anything further on these issues, there was little else that could be done regarding the protection of the Reservoir site. United Utilities would be asked to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments. It was noted that, at present, the reservoirs were classed as a Biological Heritage Site which gave them a small degree of protection.

RESOLVED:- That the future of Grimsargh Reservoirs be considered further in February, 2011.

116. (10/11) LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DELEGATED SERVICES

Discussions continued of the LCC Delegated Services Protocol, but it was felt that more information was required. A further paper would be issued in due course on the way forward with the Protocol.

RESOLVED:- That the LCC Delegated Services Protocol be discussed further when the next paper on the way forward was issued.

117. (10/11) PRESTON AREA COMMITTEE

The LALC had asked the Parish Councils in Preston if they would be prepared to reconvene the Preston Area Committee which had not met for several years and was unable, therefore, to report to and hear the views of other Area Committees in Lancashire.

RESOLVED:- a) That the Parish Council agrees to support the reconvening of the Preston Area Committee; and

b) That Councillors Mrs E M Murray and Mrs P A Tucker be provisionally nominated as the Parish Council's representatives on the Preston Area Committee.

118. (10/11) CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY CRIB

The Clerk reported that the Carol Service around the Crib was to be held on the 10th December, 2010 at 6.30 p.m. There was a brief discussion about the location of the Christmas Tree and the types of lighting that was used.

RESOLVED:- a) That approval be given to the purchase of a suitably sized Christmas Tree; and

b) That Councillor R G Woollam investigate the cost of an alternative tree and battery powered lighting.

119. (10/11) PARISH NEWSLETTER

A draft of the newsletter was presented. Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk as soon as possible if there were any amendments or addition items for inclusion.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

120. (10/11) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was nothing to raise on this item. The next meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-Group was to be re-arranged in the light of the Clerk's Shortlisting meeting on the 24th November, 2010.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

121 (10/11) PRESTON GUILD

Councillor Ellis reported that Preston was struggling with funding for many of the Guild events. The Parish Council was now waiting for the next meeting of the Guild Sub-Group to be arranged. It was also noted that there would be a meeting at the Guild Hall on the 6th December, 2010 regarding the Arts Projects relating to the Guild.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

122. (10/11) FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN

Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that the Village Green had been classified as "Thriving" in the Britain in Bloom Competition, apparently a very good result for a first time entry. She also reported that the scheme drawings for the Play Area were supposed to be available from Matt Kelly in November. Consultation would then need to be carried out on the proposals. The Clerk reported that the S.106 funding was currently in the hands of the Solicitors at Redrow who were still asking for further information.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

123. (10/11) COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There was nothing to report on this item

124. (10/11) THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

Councillor Ridding said that he had visited the Woodland very recently and found it to be a peaceful haven in the middle of Grimsargh. It was noted that new representatives for the Woodland Committee would now need to be appointed. It was also suggested that a Seat or Commemorative Plaque be provided in memory of the late Sam Sellers. This proposal was backed by everybody present.

RESOLVED:- a) That Brian Woodburn be asked to provide information about the work required by the Parish Council's representatives on the Management Committee for the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland; and

b) That the Clerk be authorised to speak to Mrs M Sellers about a proposed Seat or Commemorative Plaque to be erected in memory of the late Sam Sellers.

125. (10/11) PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman's timesheet for October, 2010 was presented.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

126. (10/11) CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET, 2011/12

The Clerk presented the half-yearly Statement of Account showing the financial position of the Parish at the present time and the projected position at the 31st March, 2011. The areas that needed to be addressed included the salary for the new Clerk and Training Fees. It was noted that the Reserve Account was always available for use to ease the amount of increase required in the Precept. After due discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor R G Woollam and SECONDED by Councillor N F Ridding that the Parish Precept be increased by £2000. 00 to £18,000. 00 in 2010/11. There being no further proposals, this was put to vote and was carried by 6 votes for, no votes against and one abstention.. It was, therefore:-

RESOLVED:- That Preston City Council be informed that the Total Parish Requirement for 2010/11 be increased by £2,000. 00 to £18,000. 00.

127. (10/11) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) Adam Cooper
(Payment to Lengthsman – October, 2010.
40 hours @ £11. 50 per hour.
Includes £80. 50 V.A.T. @ 17.5%) | - | £540. 50 |
| b) Peter J Croft
(Advertisement for Clerk’s Vacancy
LEP and Longridge News. Inc £26. 25 V.A.T.) | - | £176. 25 |
| c) Adam Cooper
(Exterior Woodstain for Bus Shelters
Inc £4. 47 V.A.T.) | - | £29. 98 |

84. (10/11) MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBER

a) Councillor Mrs L McCann

- i) Reported that the willow tree at the corner of The Hills and Longridge Road was overhanging the footway. The Lengthsman would be asked to cut it back as far as possible.
- ii) Reported that motorcycles, etc., were regularly racing across open space at The Hills from the former railway. It was suggested that they be reported to the police when it occurred again.
- iii) Commented on traffic backing up from Bluebell Way along Longridge Road. The traffic signals associated with the current road works appeared to be causing the problem and the County Council would be asked to look at re-timing these lights.

b) Mrs J Chessell

Commented that the bus shelter near to Lindale venue was partly rotten and there was an overhanging tree that was affecting the roof. The Lengthsman had already been asked to look at replacing the rotten wood and he would be asked to trim back the overhanging tree, as the house-owner had now moved away from the area.

c) Councillor A R Ellis

Commented on a press report that an application was being submitted to build 260 dwellings in Longridge. This would be monitored because, if it was the case, a traffic impact study would be required and it might also mean that the developments proposed in the RVBC Core Strategy might not be required in the Longridge area.

d) Councillor N F Ridding

Reported that the footway between Kersey hairdressers and the Garage entrance was subject to flooding and pedestrians had to walk in the road. This would be referred to the County Council for attention.

e) Councillor D J Hindle

Informed the Parish Council about a forthcoming book that was to be released in time for Christmas on the history of the Preston to Longridge Railway

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 50 p.m.

Chairman
2nd December, 2010