

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R W Chapman and S G Sellers.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH JUNE, 2009

31. RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 11th June, 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) The Clerk reported that the Contractors who constructed the cycleway along Old Railway Walk were being recalled to remedy the problem with stones and also to level the spoil left on the grassed area. It was thought that this would be during the school holidays. The Chairman reported that an elderly lady from Ribblesdale Drive estate had swept the stones to make a clear path. The Lengthsman would be asked to monitor the path and sweep it clear when necessary.
- b) The Clerk reported that Mr J Ramsbottom would tarmac the access to the Council Store when Mr Mason had completed his building work. It was felt that the Field Day items in the store, together with those belonging to the Parish Council should be checked to see what was to be retained. Following that, the Parish Council discuss the outstanding work required on the Store and give further consideration to Mr Mason's request to use part of the Store.
- c) Councillor Swarbrick asked about the location of the new SPID mounting point at the east end of Preston Road. The Clerk said that the position was agreed by the Police and the County Council, although it could be better located to a less obtrusive position from the point of view of the adjoining houses.
- d) Councillor Mrs Chessell reported that there were some substantial weeds next to the bridge on Preston Road. The Lengthsman would be asked to cut them down and weed-spray the area.
- e) Reference was made to the frequency of litter picking by Preston Council staff in an attempt to avoid duplication with the Lengthsman. Mr M Lovatt at Preston had been asked to supply information about the frequency and also to provide any information about Service level Agreements. It was noted that the roads had been swept today.
- f) Councillor Swarbrick commented about overgrowth from hedges and from the base of hedges. The Clerk said that landowners were asked to cut back hedges and the bases, but it was thought that the County Council was actually responsibility for attending to the base of hedges. Clarification of this point would be sought.

POLICING ISSUES

PC Ian Zanelli had submitted a report detailing incidents that had been reported during June, 2009. There had also been 1 burglary in the Post Office, 1 theft and 1 attempted theft of a motor vehicle, 2 incidents of criminal damage and 1 assault. He also reported that Field day passed off without any reported incidents, but there had been a major problem on the evening of the 3rd July, 2009 relating to the Under 18's disco (Transition) in the Village Hall. The Hall was full to capacity, but a significant additional number of youths arrived in the village and were, therefore, unable to gain access. They then roamed around the village causing problems and there were reports that two of them were armed with weapons (knives). The future of these events at the Village Hall was to be discussed with the Committee, particularly in view of the increasing tension between Longridge and Ribbleton youths and that was now affecting Grimsargh due to its central location. Councillor Mrs Murray reported that a meeting had taken place and the next Transition event was to take place. These events were well run and controlled and it was felt they should not be stopped because of an isolated event. PC Zanelli then reported on the need for extra vigilance relating to home security, particularly during the summer months.

The Chairman then expressed the view that, because of a number of incidents in the village, consideration could again be given to the use of CCTV in the village. He felt that every business in the centre of Grimsargh could be approached in the first instance to see if they were prepared to support the use of CCTV and, possibly, contribute towards its cost. There was a discussion about the operation of CCTV, monitoring and overall responsibility as well as location. It was felt that a sounding out exercise would be helpful in the first instance. Costs were not known at the present time, but it was thought that some funding might be available from LANPAC.

32. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That an approach be made to all businesses in the centre of Grimsargh to ask for their views about the use of CCTV in the village centre, as now reported.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

There were no planning applications for consideration. The application submitted by FOGG for solar Lighting was likely to be determined within the following week and was likely to be approved.

PRESTON ROAD, B. 6243 - SPEEDING

The Clerk reported that the monitoring exercise was continuing by the County Council and the Police and that regular speed checks were taking place at different times and locations in the village

33. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

VILLAGE S.O.S.

A report was presented outlining a proposal between the BBC and the Big Lottery Fund to challenge villages to put forward ideas for new businesses to help revive communities. The selected villages would then choose a "Village Champion" to work with to advance any ideas. At the end of the exercise, the BBC would be producing a programme on BBC1 in 2010. Ideas for schemes and nominations for "Village Champions" were needed before 14th August, 2009.

34. RESOLVED:- a) That the report be received; and
b) That the Village SOS proposals be advertised in the Parish Notice boards seeking nominations for schemes and "Village Champions" as now reported.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

A report was presented outlining methods of contacting the various bus and train operators to access information about their services and timetables.

35. RESOLVED:- That the contact information for bus and train operators be displayed in the Parish Notice boards.

REDROW PLAY AREA PROVISION

The Clerk reported that the planning application regarding the changes to the provision of play areas on the Redrow development had now been submitted, but had apparently been returned due to a legal technicality. It was thought that this should be resolved within a short period of time and the application would be resubmitted. Mr D Linley, the Planning Officer and Mr M Kelly, Head of Parks, would be coming along to the next meeting. Councillor Woodburn then commented on a report from Councillor Sellers about the land to the rear of the Village Hall and the fact that the Parish Council minutes (October, 2006) indicated that Redrow had been asked to reduce the height of this piece of land. It was felt that the minutes were capable of interpretation in several ways, but the Parish Council had previously agreed that the land should be reduced in height and this had been recorded in the minutes and also reported in a Newsletter. The Clerk reiterated that this was the wish of the Parish Council but it did not have the power to insist that the height was reduced. However, this request had been passed to Preston City Council.

36. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

"FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN"

Councillor Mrs Chessell briefly continued the discussion in relation to the sum of money that would be released by Redrow, and was concerned about the conflicting views about the total to be released. There were also concerns whether this included the cost of future maintenance, although she had discussed this with Mr M Kelly and he had indicated that "this would not be a problem". She was also concerned that it appeared that a local resident had asked to purchase the land at the rear of the Village Hall and that, in her view, this land should remain in public ownership.

She then reported that a grant of £500. 00 had been received from the Green Partnership for a, Information Sign, £3,600. 00 had been promised by Preston to be put towards the cost of constructing the car park, and that £187. 00 had been raised at Field Day. She also reported that there had been some vandal damage to the Willow Weaving near to the Dipping Platform.

37. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Clerk reported that Ms R Green identified County Council grants that were available to help with youth projects and she was trying to be positive about youth provision. She had also reported that the CitizenZone vehicle would be visiting the rural areas during the summer months.

38. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

THE NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

There was nothing to report regarding the Millennium Woodland.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman's time sheet for June, 2009 was presented and accepted. It was noted that there were weeds on the Preston side of the bridge that required attention and the Lengthsman would be asked to cut them back and spray the area.

29. RESOLVED:- That the report be received.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| a) | Adam Cooper
(Payment to Lengthsman – June, 2009.
74 hours @ £10. 00 per hour.
Includes £111. 00 V.A.T.) | - | £851. 00 |
| b) | Adam Cooper
(Payment to Lengthsman – July, 2009.
60 hours @ £10. 00 per hour.
Includes £90. 00 V.A.T.
Cheque to be withheld until August, 2009) | - | £690. 00 |

MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS

a) Councillor Mrs L McCann

- i) Asked whether the school PTFA required permission was required to hold a "Family Fun Day" on the Village Green. It was felt that permission was not necessary but the matter would be clarified.
- ii) Reported that the grassed area between the hedge on Longridge Road and The Hills was becoming overgrown. Preston City Council would be asked to approach the owners to have the grass cut.

b) Councillor Mrs E M Murray

Reported that there was a significant amount of overgrowth on the narrow footway from the hedge and base of the hedge between Grimsargh House and the School.

c) Councillor B G Woodburn

- i) Asked whether a letter had been sent to Mr A Cowell about the Farmers' Market. The Clerk said that a letter had been sent after the May, 2009 meeting. A further letter would be sent to him.
- ii) Felt that consideration could be given to recording Council meetings in view of the apparent problems relating to the minutes in October, 2006 about Redrow and the land to the rear of the Village Hall. The general view, however, was that this was not necessary.

d) Councillor G T Swarbrick

Said that he would raise the issues relating to hedgerows at the Joint Consultative Committee on the 10th July, 2009.

e) Councillor Mrs P A Tucker

Commented about Broadband and Internet access speeds in Grimsargh. Generally these were slow, albeit with varying speeds, although they were very slow in areas away from the main road or estates in the village. BT would not be rolling out their High Speed Access Network until 2010. She said that she was prepared to investigate whether there was a demand for better access speeds in Grimsargh. This was agreed. She would write to BT to try to get speeds improved before that date and would seek the support of Nigel Evans, MP. The Clerk would also write to BT and to Nigel Evans, MP.

f) Councillor Mrs J Chessell

i) Reported that the bin had still not been replaced at the bus shelter near to 170 Preston Road. The Clerk said that Cleansing Department had been asked to carry out this work on numerous occasions and a further approach would be made.

ii) Commented that some residents on the Redrow estate were unable to get their children into St Michael's School and they had to attend Barnacre Road School in Longridge. Redrow S.106 funding went to the school for extra facilities but Redrow residents were unable to take advantage of the school. It was noted that all admissions had to meet the School Admissions Criteria and if parents felt that this was not being applied correctly, they had a right of appeal.

iii) Informed the Parish Council that properties on the Redrow estate had a number of Restrictive Orders on them regarding what cannot be kept outside the properties such as caravans.

iv) Said that Field Day had been a great success this year and the hard work of arranging for the event to take place should be appreciated. A letter would be sent to Mrs C Callon, Chair of the Field day Committee thanking her and her Committee for all the hard work they had put in to making the event a success.

g)) The Chairman

i) Commented that the improvement work outside Red Scar Industrial Estate entrance was still ongoing, although it should have been completed by March, 2009. The County Council would be asked to explain the reasons for the delay.

ii) Asked if the Lengthsman could be asked to monitor and clear the surface of the Old Railway Walk footpath of stones that kept spilling from the sides. He said that an elderly lady had informed him that she had swept the path to keep it clear.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As there is no meeting of the Parish Council in August, the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 3rd September, 2009.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9. 20 p.m.

Chairman

3rd September, 2009