THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN GRIMSARGH VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2010

Present:- Councillor N F Ridding – Chairman

Councillors

Mrs L McCann Mrs P A Tucker G T Swarbrick B G Woodburn

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 2ND APRIL, 2009

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council held on Thursday, 2nd April, 2009 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2009/10

The Chairman expressed appreciation for the work carried out by Bob Chapman who had suddenly resigned from the Parish Council during the year. He then commented on the excellent work being carried out by the "Friends of Grimsargh Green" (FOGG) to the benefit of Grimsargh and formally thanked all members of the FOGG Committee for what they had achieved. He also thanked the Management Committee of the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland for keeping this unique feature as a tranquil woodland as originally envisaged by Nellie Carbis herself.

Redrow and Preston City Council still had not completed the revision of the S.106 Agreement, meaning that there was a further delay in the completion of the refurbishment of the Children's Play Area on the Village Green. Traffic and Speeding were regularly discussed and the traffic calming scheme between Grimsargh and Longridge had now been approved. We were now waiting for it to be implemented. Concerns were regularly expressed about the volume of traffic passing through Grimsargh every day and year on year increases were shown by regular traffic counts.

The Parish Council had started to move into the modern era and a website was being established to enable information about the Parish Council to be easily accessible and available to everybody. In addition, there had been a lot of research work undertaken to investigate possible improvements to Broadband speeds in Grimsargh, although any improvements were unlikely to happen soon. The Parish Council was grateful to Councillors Mrs E M Murray and Mrs P A Tucker for their work on these two issues.

Adam Cooper had continued with his work as Lengthsman and he also carried out approved regular maintenance work in the Millennium Woodland during the year. The village was unplaced in the Best Kept Village Competition despite received positive comments from the judges. The Carol Service around the Crib continued to be well supported and, together with the Christmas Tree and lights, helped to bring a welcome festive cheer to the village centre. As usual, the Parish Council had made a number of grants to local organisations during the year, including the Friends of Grimsargh Green and the Village Hall Committee.

Finally, the Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their help and assistance during the year, which was very much appreciated.

Other Business

There being no further business, Councillor B G Woodburn proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman for his work for the Parish Council during the past year and this was supported by those present.