

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 April, 2014
following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00 pm held at
Grimsargh Village Hall

Present:- Councillor Mrs E Murray (Chairman); Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton and Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council
2 members of the public

158. (13/14) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dan Dewhurst, Councillor David Hindle, Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann and Reverend Halliwell.

159. (13/14) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

160. (13/14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 March, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

161. (13/14) Parish Council Vacancies

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray welcomed Keith Middlebrough and Lindsay Philipson to the meeting who said they both wish to be considered for the vacancies on the Parish Council. Both applicants had attended the previous meeting of the Parish Council to find out about the roles and responsibilities of being a Parish Councillor.

Mrs Lindsay Philipson explained that she had originally moved to Grimsargh from Fleetwood and her background was in local government. She currently lived on the Redrow estate.

Keith Middlebrough had lived in the village for sixteen years on The Hills estate and had been involved in Field Day. He currently worked at Preston College. His two children attended Longridge High School.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray proposed that Keith Middlebrough and Lindsay Philipson fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council and this was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Keith Middlebrough both signed their acceptance of office. The Clerk would ensure that Councillor Mrs Lindsay Philipson and Councillor Keith Middlebrough each had their Register of Interests information for completion.

Resolved

That, Keith Middlebrough and Mrs Lindsay Philipson are co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

162. (13/14) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray adjourned the meeting for public participation and as the police were not present asked Councillor Neil Cartwright and Councillor Tom Davies from Preston City Council if they had anything they wished to raise with the Parish Council. Councillor Tom Davies referred to speeding by vehicles through the village and the Clerk also referred to a recent e mail from a member of the public about speeding on Longridge Road near to The Hills Estate. Councillor Tom Davies said it would be a good idea if the police used the hand held speed gun and he was trying to find out if he could be trained up to use this as a civilian.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray thanked the City Councillors for attending the meeting and then reconvened the meeting.

163. (13/14) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no planning applications for consideration at tonight's meeting. However Longridge Town Council had approached the Chairman about their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and including an appropriate statement about an area of separation between Longridge and Grimsargh.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray read out the following statements to the meeting:-

“It is important that there is proper separation between neighbouring settlements. In the past this has been termed Green Belt. We wish to see undeveloped land between us and our neighbours on all sides.”

“Longridge has strong economic and social ties with our urban neighbours in Preston City Council area not least because of the physical connectivity with the built up areas off Whittingham Lane to the west. Longridge also has similar ties with the smaller communities on the other boundaries and we should continue to recognise our mutual dependence. We need to ensure that this is recognised in service provision and planning in general.”

The Parish Council welcomed these proposed statements from Longridge Town Council and felt that particular the first statement should be included in their proposed Neighbourhood Plan. It was likely that the Parish Council would consider

a similar statement if and when they produced their own Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Clerk to Longridge Town Council to confirm this.

With regard to the Wainhomes Development appeal, the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray confirmed that she had contacted a few residents and it was likely that a local person would speak at the hearing. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray and Councillor Peter Burton would help with the script for the appeal.

Resolved

1) That the Clerk contact Longridge Town Council and confirms that the Parish Council welcomes the proposed statements from the Town Council for their Neighbourhood Plan and feels that the first statement would be particularly appropriate for inclusion.

2) That the report is received and noted.

164. (13/14) Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had circulated an e mail to the Parish Council outlining the recent work done by the Community Payback Team on the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland. They had done a great job and hopefully this was the beginning of a partnership approach to work on the woodland.

The Parish Council was reminded that it was the community clean up event on the woodland on Saturday 5 April between 10 am and 1pm. It was hoped that as many Parish Councillors could attend if possible. A couple of local residents had volunteered to help at this event.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

165. (13/14) Update on noise/odour issues near to The Hills Estate

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray gave a quick update on the noise/odour issues near the The Hills Estate. A leaflet had been circulated to local residents encouraging people to complain about the noise from Recycling Lives, but it was unclear if the noise was coming from that site or a neighbouring site. The Clerk had been in touch with Recycling Lives and a site visit had been arranged for Wednesday 16 April at 11.00 am. The Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Neil Cartwright would be attending the site visit to discuss issues raised and to look at the site and how it worked. Recycling Lives had also sent a copy of a recent acoustic report to the Clerk.

Both Councillor Lynda Cryer and Councillor Peter Burton had not seen the recent leaflet circulated asking people to complain but said they had received a different leaflet.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

166. (13/14) Lancashire County Council – Public Rights of Way

The Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council an e mail outlining the details for public rights of way work carried out on behalf of the County Council. As per previous years Parish Council's were invited to "opt in" to the scheme for which £200 would be paid and there was a price list for work carried out by the Parish Council Lengthsman on behalf of the County Council.

Resolved

That the Parish Council agrees to "opt in" to the public rights of way delivery scheme for 2014/2015.

167. (13/14) Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council gave consideration to items for the next Parish Council newsletter. The following items were suggested:-

Spotlight on Reverend Halliwell – Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had contacted Reverend Halliwell. It was agreed that if Reverend Halliwell did not want to do the "spotlight" section then Grimsargh St Michael's C of E School should be approached.
Grimsargh Hub – Councillor Peter Burton.
Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland – Sue Whittam.
Best Kept Village Competition – Sue Whittam.
Thank you to the people who look after the planters – Councillor Lynda Cryer.
Community Safety Working Group – Councillor Dan Dewhurst.
Grimsargh Wetlands – Councillor David Hindle.
Preston Remembers – Sue Whittam.
Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG) – Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell.
Sir Tom Finney – Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell.
Dog fouling.
Councillor Dan Dewhurst's trip to South Africa.
Introduction to the two new Parish Councillors – Keith Middlebrough and Lindsay Philipson.

It was noted that the newsletter would need to be signed off at the May meeting so items had to be sent to the Clerk as soon as possible. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she had done her items and would let the Clerk have them shortly.

168. (13/14) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG)

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell gave an update on the work of FoGG. This had been circulated by e mail to the Parish Council.

It was noted that the bin had now been installed near to the pond and that FoGG had recently received a grant from County Councillor George Wilkins for a seating/planting scheme on the green.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

169. (13/14) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £23,625.83 in the bank as at 1 March 2014. (We were still awaiting the April bank statement).

Resolved

1) That, the following invoices be approved for payment:-

a) Sue Whittam – Clerk – 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March 2014 = 5 weeks at £92 per week = £460 + £33.38 (first aid kit and gloves for Nellie Carbis cleanup) and £20.90 postage total £514.28 (Cheque no 675).

b) Adam Cooper – March hours 55 hours @ £12.25 = £673.75 + VAT at 20 % = £134.75 = total due £808.50 (Cheque no 676).

c) LALC Annual Subscription - £367.10 (Cheque no 677).

d) Cllr Mrs Eileen Murray plants for Nellie Carbis as previously agreed (clematis/honeysuckle) – reimbursement £26.48 (Cheque no 678).

2) That, Donna Kidd is approved as the internal auditor for the accounts for year end 31 March 2014, at a cost of £60.

170. (13/14) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

Grant request – Grimsargh Pre-School

It was noted that this item was deferred at our last meeting until we had received further information about the sign and if it needed Planning Permission, and also if the Village Hall Committee were happy with the sign and where it was going to be placed. Some of these issues still need to be resolved and the grant application will be put on the agenda once these have been sorted.

Grimsargh Wetlands

It was further noted that the Working Group Members, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray, Councillor David Hindle and the Clerk were meeting with United Utilities and Preston City Council on 7 April for an update on the wetlands. It was hoped that the Working Group would then be in a position to meet and report back to the Parish Council.

Speeding on Longridge Road

We had received an e mail from a local resident about speeding on Longridge Road and difficulty in getting in and out of The Hills estate due to speeding cars. This was being passed on to the police for them to deal with this.

Reminder about Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that our May meeting was the Annual Parish Council Meeting when we appoint the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. It was noted that the Chairman wishes to stand down this time.

171. (13/14) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 1 May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.