

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of Grimsargh Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 March, 2013 at Grimsargh Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray (Chairman); Councillor Andy Ellis (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Peter Burton; Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell; Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer; Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann; Councillor David Nicholson and Councillor Ron Woollam.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council
PC Chris Banks
PCSO Sarah Catterall

142. (12/13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Hindle and Reverend Halliwell.

143. (12/13) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

144. (12/13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer asked for the Minutes to be amended in relation to page 4 Minute 136 to read as a person with **interest** in disability issues rather than an expert. She confirmed that she was happy to be involved with the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland.

Resolved

That, subject to the amendment above, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 February, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145. (12/13) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PC Chris Banks and PCSO Sarah Catterall to the meeting. PC Banks informed the Parish Council that he was sorry that the PACT meeting had again clashed with the meeting of the Parish Council and he hoped that this would not happen again. He informed the Parish Council that there had been a meeting with the new Inspector who seemed to be rural minded. He had confirmed that Broughton Police station was remaining open and two new volunteers had started at Broughton today. He introduced PCSO Sarah Catterall

to the Parish Council who had a great deal of experience from her work in the Garrison area. It was noted there would be a crime conference at Hutton headquarters on Monday and these were being held every few months. It was also noted that PC Banks would be getting number plate recognition software in the police car.

PC Banks also reported on the latest crimes in the area. It was noted that there had been five crimes – one of these was a brick through a garage window on Longridge Road while other crimes involved sheds and farm buildings being targeted by burglars. Browns garage had also had a tailgate stolen off a vehicle. There were still concerns about The Hills estate as this was also being targeted by burglars and PC Banks was working with local Councillors and the Parish Council to try and obtain a pinch gate to stop the use of motorcycles using the cycle path to move quickly in and out of the estate.

It was further noted that the travellers had now moved on from Bluebell Way.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray thanked PC Banks and PCSO Catterall for attending the meeting. She then asked if any members of the Parish Council had any matters to mention for information under this item.

The Chairman reported that she had received an e mail and had spoken to Michael Banks about Grange FC using the football pitch on Grimsargh Green. Councillor Ron Woollam had also received a similar e mail. It was noted that it was Preston City Council in conjunction with FOGG who had the responsibility for allocating the pitches which was not used during winter.

The Chairman also reported that she had received a request from Grimsargh Players to look after a planter – Councillor Ron Woollam agreed to give us his planter so Grimsargh Players could take over responsibility for this. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said it would also be good if we could have a display of flowers on the banking near to the village hall.

Councillor Ron Woollam informed the Parish Council that Turners had asked for their old logo to be removed from the planters at both end of the village. They were happy to provide an updated logo and to help sponsor projects in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Adam to remove the old logo and look at how the planters could be refurbished as they needed a bit of work on them. It was felt that the Parish Council should explore ideas for future projects in the village that would be suitable for sponsorship.

Councillor Andy Ellis asked about the five a side pitch on the redrow area and if this was available yet. It was noted that this land had not been formally handed over yet and so was not available at the moment.

The Chairman Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then reconvened the meeting.

146. (12/13) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray reported the good news that the appeal by Hallam Land Management for the proposed development for the land north of The Hills had been refused by the Planning Inspector.

The Parish Council then gave consideration to the following Planning Application:-

06/2013/0116 - 2 Roshaw Grimsargh – Sub-division of dwelling to create 2 no separate residential units, and demolition of existing garage.

Resolved

1) That the Parish Council had no observation to make in respect of Planning Application 06/2013/0116.

147. (12/13) Conservation Area Update

There was a general discussion and various views expressed about the process for deciding the results of the questionnaires in relation to the conservation area. It was noted that the questionnaires had to be returned by 5.00pm on 15 March 2013. The Clerk would collect the ones placed in the Parish Council box at the Post Office. Councillor Ron Woollam read out a personal statement with regard to the Conservation area and this is presented in the Minute Book.

Councillor Andy Ellis stated that some people think this is a good idea and conservation would bring benefits to the village. He appreciated people's views and felt a lot more informed after the public meeting.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell felt it was important to also look at the land in the village and what it adjoins, such as the Village Green which now had extra protection due to having QEII status.

There was further discussion about process and mandates and what constituted these. It was felt that ultimately the Parish Council would have to make the decision on whether the proposals went forward to Preston City and concerns were expressed about Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – the Clerk would have to clarify the legal position for the next meeting.

It was noted that there would be lessons learned from this experience relating to Working Groups and outcomes and this would be discussed at a further date.

On being put to the vote 7 for, 1 against:-

It was Resolved

1) That the Clerk would collate the results of the questionnaires based on those in the proposed Conservation Area, those adjacent to the Conservation Area and those outside the Conservation Area. In addition all comments made on the forms would be circulated to the Parish Council – with names and addresses protected.

2) That the above information should be presented to the April meeting of the Parish Council and at that meeting those Councillors eligible to vote (subject to the Clerk clarifying the legal status with regard to interests), should decide on whether the proposal is taken forward to Preston City Council.

3) In addition to the above the Parish Council will only be in a position to vote at the meeting if a clear mandate (which was agreed at 100 votes within the proposed Conservation Area) has been reached. If the 100 votes were not achieved then the Parish Council will need to consider what it wishes to do next.

148. (12/13) Parish Council Newsletter

The items for the next Parish Council newsletter were discussed. It was agreed that the following should be included:-

Item on the QEII event – Village Green 12 May.

Best Kept Village Working Group – volunteer request.

Clean up of the Village Green – for Britain in Bloom competition.

Information about the John Farrington Trust.

Pictures of the schools mosaics produced as part of the Preston Guild.

Grimsargh Parish Council Grants Scheme.

Nellie Carbis item.

Councillor Joyce Chessell to ask both schools if they want to put some information in the newsletter.

Post Office – fund raising events for toddlers.

Result of Land North of The Hills appeal.

Parish Walk – Cow Hill.

Article on species to be seen on the reservoirs/wetlands – Councillor David Hindle to be asked to produce this.

149. (12/13) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG) – for information only

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell gave an update to the Parish Council on the work of FoGG. She explained that she had contacted Matt Kelly for an update on the oak tree sapling and the plaque (provided by Fields in Trust as part of QEII status) and the dog bins. She was still awaiting a response. Councillor Neil Cartwright said to copy him in to e mails and he could also keep an eye on outstanding issues.

It was noted that Adam was liaising with Peter Croft with regard to putting the new seats on the village green. It was further noted that a height restriction sign had now appeared on the barrier.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell asked about the insurance given by Preston Environmental Forum and if this would cover the QEII event being held on 12 May? It was felt that this was something that could be looked into for future events. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray agreed to circulate the information relating to the Preston Environmental Forum to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also informed the Parish Council that the Dick Kerr's Ladies Football Team event had now been arranged for Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This was a fund raising event for the QEII celebration on 12 May 2013. Tickets cost £4.00. It was noted that Liz Hindley had arranged for an ex PNE football player to come along on 12 May – the event would have mini Olympics and would be totally different from the Field Day events.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

150. (12/13) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £17,919.11 in the bank as at 1 February 2013. We were still awaiting the March statement.

Resolved

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

- Sue Whittam – Clerk – 4 February, 11 February, 18 February and 25 February = 4 weeks at £92 per week = £368 + Norton antivirus renewal/postage/stationery/ink = £138.67. Total = £506.67 (cheque no 626).
- Adam Cooper – February 30 hours at £11.50 per hour = £345.00 + VAT @ 20% = £69.00. Total £414.00. (Cheque no 627).
- Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray – reimbursement for website domain renewal £26.38 (cheque no 628).
- LALC Annual subscription - £369.60 – please note to be paid after 1 April. (Cheque no 629).

It was noted that we had paid the quarterly direct debit to United Utilities for water at Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland - £14.58.

151. (12/13) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported on concerns raised by two residents about the state of grass verges and the road on Elston Lane near to Salisbury House. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had visited the site and the owners had indicated they would reinstate the grass verges and road surface. The works at the house should be finished shortly. The local residents had been asked to contact the Parish Council again if there were still problems.

It was noted that we had received an invitation to the Retiring Mayor's Thanksgiving Service to be held on 12 May 2013 at 10.15 to be held at the Minster and if anyone wished to attend they should let the Clerk know.

It was further noted that we had received an update from Dong Energy re Walney Offshore wind farm.

152. (12/13) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 4 April, 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. This would be followed by an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

At the end of the meeting Councillor Ron Woollam informed the Parish Council of his intention to resign with immediate effect.