

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of Grimsargh Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 November, 2012 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 David Hindle; 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
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council
PCSO Ashley Lawton

84. (12/13) Apologies for Absence

None.

85. (12/13) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

86. (12/13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 October, 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87. (12/13) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed PCSO Ashley Lawton to the meeting who had come along to give an update on police activities in the area. PCSO Lawton informed the Parish Council that there had been a couple of burglaries, one at the Church and one at St Michael's School – these appeared to be opportunistic thefts and the police were hopeful that they would make an arrest soon. There had also been a couple of people arrested for the recent house burglaries in the area.

PCSO Lawton explained that Operation Firecrest was still continuing and the Specials would be working closely with the Police and concentrating near to the Guild Wheel. With regard to speeding, the SPID had been put up together with warning signage, this would be moved to the other end of the village once it had been recharged. There was no other police activity to report.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked if anyone had any questions and Councillor Peter Burton asked if Ashley was aware of some cars with blacked out windows being seen recently in the Fulwood area close to schools? PCSO Ashley

Lawton said he was not aware of any recent problem. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked if the police had considered having their own local Facebook page as Longridge police had recently set up their own page. PCSO Ashley said he was not aware that the police had their own local Facebook pages but he would pass this back to PC Chris Banks for him to have a look at.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray thanked PCSO Lawton for attending the meeting, then asked Councillor Tom Davies for an update on the blocked culvert issues. Councillor Davies explained that the engineer had been out and met with him and Eileen Parker to look at the issues. It was looking likely that the homeowners would be responsible for the section of culvert outside their properties but it still was not clear who owned the main culvert as it was alleged that Redrow had handed it over to Lancashire County Council but this still needed checking.

The Chairman said it would be useful if the Parish Council could obtain a map showing all the drainage and who owns which bit. Councillor Tom Davies said he was dealing with the drainage section at Preston City Council and he would see what could be done. Councillor David Nicholson said a map would be useful to help with ownership of different sections of the drains. Councillor Tom Davies said that further information as it became available would be shared with the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then reconvened the meeting.

88. (12/13) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

The Parish Council gave consideration to the following Planning Applications:-

- 06/2012/0782 - St Michaels CE Primary School, Preston Road, Grimsargh – erection of canopy on south elevation of school hall.
- 06/2012/0797 - 2 Salisbury Avenue, Grimsargh Preston PR2 5LF. Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

The Parish Council also gave consideration to who should speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Hallam Land Management appeal hearing to be held in January. It was agreed that two Parish Councillors namely Councillor David Hindle and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray should speak on behalf of the Parish Council with Councillor Hindle focussing on the natural heritage/ecological issues and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray focussing on the Planning Policies and the information contained in our objection letters. It was also agreed that we should include an item in the next Parish Council newsletter asking those who wish to attend the appeal hearing and/or speak at the hearing to get in touch so we can co-ordinate our efforts.

Councillor Neil Cartwright said that the Planning Inspector would be happy for people to speak at the hearing but they did not like too much duplication. He was happy to be involved with the pre appeal discussions with Preston City Council. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that the Clerk had already contacted Preston City Planning Department about us working together and having a pre-

appeal meeting. It was important to encourage people to attend the appeal hearing even if they did not wish to speak. Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer said that she would be able to attend to show support.

It was noted that the Ribble Valley Core Strategy 2008-2028 had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination and consultation on proposed amendments to the plan.

Resolved

1) That the Parish Council had no observations to make in respect of Planning Application 06/2012/0782 and 06/2012/0797.

2) That with regard to the appeal by Hallam Land Management that Councillor David Hindle and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray be approved to speak at the hearing on behalf of the Parish Council with Councillor Hindle focussing on the natural heritage/ecological issues and Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray focussing on the Planning Policies and the information contained in our objection letters. It was also agreed that we should include an item in the next Parish Council newsletter asking those who wish to attend the appeal hearing and/or speak at the hearing to get in touch so we can co-ordinate our efforts.

89. (12/13) Grimsargh Area 20 MPH Sign only Streets

The Clerk reported that she had now received a reply from Lancashire County Council (LCC) with regard to the proposed 20 MPH signs. The Engineer at Lancashire County Council had taken the Parish Council's comments into consideration and had advised that with regards Elston Lane, this was not included due to the fact that, there are only houses on one side of the road, which were set back and well distributed along the length concerned which gives the road a more open feel, and therefore a rural feel rather than an urban one. Also it was also not recommended to put speed limits on short lengths of road.

However, after consideration and the fact Elston Lane is narrow, and has a 30mph speed limit over the short length involved, LCC were prepared to include it as part of an extension to the existing scheme. Unfortunately it was not possible to extend this speed limit, to a point south of Elston Green, as there were no footways south of Elston Green, to locate the signs necessary signs in.

With regards The Hills estate, LCC agreed to include this as an extension to the existing scheme also.

With regards to the inclusion of Whittingham Lane, LCC felt that this was not suitable for inclusion. As it is not what they would consider a residential street. In that it only has houses on one side of the road, which apart from the short section from Preston Road to the bend just north of No 12, are well set back and well dispersed giving the road a rural feel.

The Parish Council noted and welcomed the comments made by Lancashire County Council.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

90. (12/13) Community Infrastructure Levy – Publication of Draft Charging Schedule

The Parish Council noted the latest publication on the Community Infrastructure Levy and had no further comments to make.

91. (12/13) Report of the Community Engagement Working Group

Councillor Andy Ellis presented the notes from the Community Engagement Working Group held on 12 September to the Parish Council.

It was noted that one of the proposals being put forward by the Community Engagement Working Group was the establishment of a Community Co-Ordination Council that would look at events being organised in the village and produce a schedule. The Parish Council agreed that this seemed a good idea and therefore Councillor Andy Ellis would draft a paper for a future meeting of the Parish Council outlining the role of the Community Co-Ordination Council.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

92. (12/13) Report from the Conservation Area Status Working Group

Councillor Ron Woollam presented the notes from the Conservation Area Status Working Group held on 25 October.

It was noted that Three Mile Cross Farm and Nook Glade had been included in the proposed Conservation area. Councillor David Hindle had been to Preston City Council and an electronic map had now been produced. The consultation process had been agreed and Councillor David Nicholson had agreed to produce and print the flyer. It was further noted that a consultation meeting would be held in the village hall in February 2013.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said the Working Group had made excellent progress and with the Parish Council's agreement the Newsletter could include details about the proposed consultation. All agreed that they were happy with the proposed way forward and for the Parish Council to fund the cost of the room hire at the village hall for the consultation event.

It was noted that the Working Group would meet again to design the flyer before the next Parish Council meeting.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

93. (12/13) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray informed the Parish Council that the newsletter needed to be finished soon in order to meet the deadlines for distribution. It was agreed that Councillor David Hindle would ask about the Christmas tree so we could include a "thank you" in the newsletter; the Clerk would speak to Mrs Siddle about including a photograph of the bench; and any further items should be forwarded to the Chairman as soon as possible. The date for the Carols around the Crib was also needed so this could be included in the newsletter.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray would then circulate a final draft for approval before sending it off to Preston City Council for printing.

94. (12/13) Height Restriction Barrier – Grimsargh Village Green

It was reported that Matt Kelly from Preston City Council had e mailed the Clerk with the proposed final designs for the height restriction barrier for the village green. This had been circulated to the Parish Council and the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked for comments, and suggested that a timber framed construction would equally be appropriate.

It was noted that Preston City Council had taken into account the comments made by Grimsargh Parish Council and the users of the village green. They had made a minor revision to the design to include end columns on the railings, which would also have finials. The end pieces would help to give a sense of a finished feature rather than a work in progress. Preston City Council had also indicated their preferred location for the height restriction barrier would be at the entrance to the green.

It was further noted that relevant partners would have access keys for the barrier which could be swung open and locked in the open position. Emergency vehicles would be able to drive around the barrier in the event of an emergency and if no key holder was present.

Councillor David Nicholson said that there were sound reasons why Preston City Council preferred this design and the location of the height restriction barrier. Councillor Ron Woollam said the village green needed something that would last.

Resolved

That the Parish Council is happy with the proposed height restriction barrier as put forward by Preston City Council and supports the location of the barrier at the entrance to the village green.

95. (12/13) Financial Matters, Budget and Banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £22,421.29 in the bank as at 1 October 2012. We were still awaiting the November bank statement.

Resolved

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

- Sue Whittam – Clerk – 1 October, 8 October, 15 October, 22 October, 29 October = 5 weeks at £92 per week = £460 (cheque no 613).
- Grimsargh Village Hall room hire April 12-Sept 12 – total £97.50 (cheque no 614).
- Adam Cooper – As Adam is away this week for half term he has been unable to submit his paperwork in time for the meeting. A blank cheque was authorized so that the Clerk could pay Adam when the paperwork was received. (Cheque 615).

Councillor Ron Woollam informed the Parish Council that he had not had the opportunity yet to finalize the budget requirements for Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland. He was still trying to arrange a meeting with the volunteers to cost what needed to be done. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that the trees were important and it may be prudent to carry out a tree survey similar to the one recently carried out on the village green. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Preston City Council about a tree survey and Councillor Ron Woollam would arrange a meeting of the Nellie Carbis Working Group hopefully before the next Parish Council meeting.

96. (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 a meeting had been held with Matt Kelly and drainage had been discussed. Preston City Council had agreed to obtain quotes and costs for creating a usable football pitch.

With regard to the QEII celebration, this would have to be arranged locally. It was felt that a celebration in spring would be more appropriate, so it was agreed that this should be included as an agenda item in January so it could be discussed further.

It was noted that FoGG had been successful in obtaining funding towards the new benches on the green and it was agreed that Adam could install these. Likewise it was also agreed that Adam could trim/cut near the hedges to keep the hedge laying tidy.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell was pleased to report that the village green had obtained level 5 – outstanding in the North West in Bloom competition and the Parish Council congratulated FoGG on this fantastic achievement.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

97. (12/13) Grimsargh Wetlands – for information only

The recent correspondence as received from Ben Wallace MP/United Utilities as circulated by e mail to the Parish Council was noted.

98. (12/13) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported on the following matters for information:-

- Reminder about the training session on Code of Conduct for **all** Councillors before the December meeting. The training is being carried out by Preston City Council and will only last half an hour – starting at 6.45pm.
- There is a free conference on Neighbourhood Plans – Getting Started Workshop to be held on Saturday 19 January at the Leyland Hotel from 9.30am until 4pm – lunch and all refreshments provided.
- The Mayor of Preston Councillor Carl Crompton had organized a “Carols in the Chamber” event at the Town Hall on Friday 7 December at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets cost £10.00 each to include the first glass of sparkling wine and canapés. If anyone wished to attend they needed to obtain the booking form from the Clerk.
- It was noted that some information from Dong Energy about the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm which will be located approximately 19 km west of Walney Island and 31km south east of the Isle of Man. They were consulting all Parish Councils. The correspondence was available at the meeting for viewing.
- The Clerk would contact Lancashire County Council to obtain a place for Councillor David Nicholson on the Parish & Town Council conference to be held on 10 November, 2012.

99. (12/13) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 6 December, 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. However there would be a training session on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and the new Code of Conduct before the meeting for all Councillors starting at 6.45pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.