

Grimsargh Parish Council

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

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

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

87. (13/14) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Hindle and for lateness from Councillor Dan Dewhurst.

88. (13/14) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

89. (13/14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 October, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

90. (13/14) 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 explained that there had been a number of crimes in the area totalling 14 for the last month but 11 of these were due to people leaving their cars/houses/sheds insecure. This was obviously very worrying that people were leaving their belongings insecure and opportunist thieves were benefitting from this. PC Banks and the Police and Crime Commissioner had spent a day targeting rural areas including Grimsargh and it was alarming the amount of property that had been left insecure during the day. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said it was important that people realised that they had to keep their valuables safe and would put an item in the latest Parish Council newsletter that was distributed to all residents in Grimsargh about this issue. The item would also include details of the crime prevention day that the police had organised for 14 December at the village hall.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that there were a number of elderly people in the village and they had to sometimes leave their doors open for their carers. She asked about the availability of key safes. PC Banks said that the police had given key safes in the past and a local tradesperson had installed these. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that maybe the Parish Council could get involved in providing key safes and these could be installed by Care and Repair. This was something that the Community Safety Working Group could look into.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray thanked both PC Banks and PCSO Catterall for coming along to the meeting and then welcomed Reverend Chris Halliwell to the meeting. It was noted that the carols around the crib would be held on Friday 13 December 2013. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray asked about the war memorial and if this was owned by the Church. Reverend Halliwell said it was not in the ownership of the church and so Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray agreed to speak to Nellie Cowell who looked after the war memorial.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray gave an update on the recent visit with Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell and Councillor David Nicholson to the care home in Ormskirk. This was to look at the facilities provided in case a similar scheme was approved in Grimsargh. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said the visit had been very interesting and in addition to the 111 apartments other facilities were provided on site including a hairdressers and a bistro. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said that the building was not very attractive and she felt that traffic would be an issue if a similar scheme was put in Grimsargh. Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray said that the visit to Ormskirk would help the Parish Councillors make an informed decision if a similar application was put before the Parish Council.

Councillor Peter Burton referred to an odour problem that he thought had come from JWS. However Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer said her neighbour had reported the odour and had been told that this was emanating from a chicken factory on the industrial estate and investigation of this fell under the remit of the Environment Agency.

The Chairman Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray then reconvened the meeting.

91. (13/14) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

There were no Planning Applications for consideration at tonight's meeting. However it was noted that the following Planning Applications had been granted:-

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| 06/2013/0422 | - | 2 Lynwood Villas Whittingham Lane PR2 5LH. Construction of new vehicular access and re-positioning of gate pier (part retrospective). |
| 06/2013/0412 | - | 6 Brindle Place, Grimsargh. Conversion and alterations to existing garage to provide study/gym. |
| 06/2013/0116 | - | 2 Rowshaw Grimsargh. Sub division of dwelling to create |

2no separate residential units and external alterations including the enlargement of existing window in front elevation of new dwelling and insertion of new window and door.

06/2012/0527 - Land to rear of St Michael's Vicarage 46 Preston Road, Grimsargh. Outline application for residential development comprising of 4no dwellings, access road and parking.

It was noted that with regard to Planning Application 06/2013/0533 – Land off Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh, outline application for residential development (Class C3) of 4.5 hectares of land for up to 70 no dwellings with new highway access from Ribblesdale Drive, internal access road, landscaping and associated infrastructure – this was refused by Preston City Council Planning Committee on 4 November 2013.

It was noted that Hallam had failed in their challenge at the High Court that was held on 30 September 2013 and it was further noted that the appeal date for the second Hallam application had been changed to 19 November and was scheduled to last for two days (APP/N2345/A/13/2201821). The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray together with Councillor David Hindle would be speaking on behalf of the Parish Council at the appeal hearing.

The Parish Council had also received notification that the appeal by David Wilson Homes North West for land south of Whittingham Road and west of Green Nook Lane, Whittingham Preston would be heard at Preston City Council on 17 December 2013 at 10.00 am.

It was noted that the Preston Local Plan was now open for consultation but at this stage in the process, comments had to be about whether the Local Plan met the tests set down by the Government. The period for making comments was from Monday 30 September to Monday 25 November 2013. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this stage of the consultation.

The Parish Council had also received notification of a consultation on Preston City Centre on which comments had to be received by 11 December 2013. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this consultation but Parish Councillors could respond as local individuals if they wished to comment on this.

Resolved

1) That the report as presented above is received and noted.

92. (13/14) Report from the Community Engagement Working Group

Councillor Peter Burton gave a verbal report from the Community Engagement Working Group held earlier this evening.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged at the Club for Wednesday 13 November for local organisations to get together and discuss the community hub.

Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray was also preparing a welcome letter for people moving into the village.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

93. (13/14) Report from the Best Kept Village Working Group

The Clerk presented the notes from the Best Kept Village Working Group from their meeting held on 17 October 2013. It was noted that the Working Group were currently carrying out a number of actions to engage with the local community including businesses to make improvements to the village.

The next meeting of the Working Group would be held on 28 November 2013.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

94. (13/14) Report of the Community Safety Working Group

Councillor Dan Dewhurst presented the notes from the Community Safety Working Group held on 5 November 2013. The following draft Terms of Reference were recommended for approval by the Parish Council:-

- To recommend to the Parish Council ideas to protect our local community from crime and help people feel safer.
- To look at the advantages and disadvantages of installing CCTV or other technology in the village and report back to the Parish Council with recommendations and suggest appropriate places for installation.
- To monitor and review the effectiveness of crime prevention techniques.
- To work closely with local agencies such as the police to raise community awareness
- To provide a written report from its meetings and report back to the PC for recommendation for actions.

With regard to the installation of CCTV it was suggested that the Working Group should contact Goosnargh Parish Council to find out about their CCTV including the costs and clarity of images. This would hopefully be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved

1) That the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Safety Working Group as now presented are approved.

2) That the report is received and noted.

95. (13/14) Signage

The Clerk reported that costings had been received from AVJ Design for stickers for the Parish Council bins and these were £5.69 each for A3 size and £3.35 each for A4 size. The Clerk would check the size of each bin so that the appropriate size sticker could be purchased – and it was agreed that 10 stickers should be ordered.

It was noted that costings had also been received from AVJ Design for magnetic stickers with the Parish Council logo for the Lengthsman's van. This would enable people to identify the Lengthsman when he was working in the village. The cost of each magnetic sticker was £32 + VAT for A2 size and two stickers would be required. It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and order these after discussion with the Lengthsman to make sure he was happy with the stickers.

The Clerk also had costings from Badgemaster for badges for each Parish Councillor and the Clerk and these would be around £4.65 each. It was agreed that these should also be ordered. The badges would have the name and Grimsargh Parish Council printed on them.

Resolved

- 1) That approval is given to the purchase of stickers for the Parish Council bins – a total of ten stickers will be needed and the sizes to be determined by the Clerk.
- 2) That approval is given to the purchase of two magnetic stickers for the Lengthsman's van subject to the Lengthsman being happy with this.
- 3) That approval is given to the purchase of individual badges for Councillors and the Clerk at a cost of around £4.65 each.

96. (13/14) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray reported that the newsletter was now almost complete and the first draft had been circulated to the Parish Council for comment. Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer was disappointed that the item on the planters had been written in her absence and did not mention the winners individually. The Chairman apologised for this and then reminded the Parish Council that any comments/final items needed to be submitted urgently in order for the printing deadlines to be met.

It was noted that the newsletter had an item on the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland and the Clerk reported that the date of 5 April had been suggested for the first project day. This was agreed by the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer asked if probation was still needed to get involved in a project day and the Chairman said this would be welcomed and would be in addition to other project days arranged by the Parish Council as there was a lot of work to be done on the woodland.

With regard to the printing of the newsletter it was reported that costings had been obtained from AVJ Design for £414. This was slightly higher than currently paid to Preston City Council but as it was a local firm it made it easier to collect the newsletters for distribution. AVJ Design had also given costings for the collation of

the newsletter which would be £95 for the first one and £50 thereafter. As the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had already assembled this newsletter it was agreed to use AVJ Design for the printing only for this edition of the newsletter. However if the Parish Council was happy with the printing then subsequent newsletters would be assembled and printed by AVJ Design in line with the costs quoted.

Resolved

1) That the report is received and noted and that the project date of 5 April for the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland is agreed.

2) With regard to the printing of the newsletters it was agreed that AVJ Design should print the newsletters at a cost of £414 and for subsequent newsletters AVJ Design will assemble and print the newsletters as outlined in the report above.

97. (13/14) Village Greens/Planning Issues

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell referred to a recent article in a national paper that related to registering land as village greens to protect them from development, and the latest planning rules that stopped people registering land for this purpose. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray had also circulated information about this to the Parish Council and members of the Parish Council expressed interest and concern about various pieces of land in the village that could be registered as village greens. It was felt that further information was needed and a good starting point was in relation to the land behind the village hall. Councillor David Nicholson agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the Redrow Residents Association to find out if the Residents Association would wish to see the area around their estate registered as a village green.

Resolved

That Councillor David Nicholson raises with the Redrow Residents Association the issue of registering the land around the Redrow estate as a village green to see if this is something the Residents Association would wish to take forward.

98. (13/14) Feedback from Training

Councillor Mrs Lynda Cryer gave feedback from the Chairman's training that she had recently attended that was organised by LALC. She said that the course had been very good and it gave a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chairman.

Councillor David Nicholson also said he thought the course was good but felt that the organisers had tried to cram too much in to the training. He would have liked to have seen more role play and scenarios and he had put this feedback on his form at the end of the course.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

99. (13/14) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG)

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell gave an update to the Parish Council on the work of FoGG. She said that the wildflower garden had been scythed and some of the willow had been pruned and was being reused on river bank work.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

100. (13/14) Financial Matters and banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £29,652.13 in the bank as at 1 November 2013.

Resolved

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

- Sue Whittam – Clerk – 7 October, 14 October, 21 October and 28 October = 4 weeks at £92 per week = £368 (Cheque no 660).
- Adam Cooper – invoice not available at the meeting. The Clerk to issue the cheque when paperwork received. (Cheque no 661).
- GVCA room hire Village Hall - £82.50 (Cheque no 662).
- Preston City Council bin for Redrow including installation £335.28 + VAT £67.06 – total £402.34 (Cheque no 663).

101. (13/14) Clerk's Report – for information only

It was noted that we had received a thank you e mail from the Chairman of Redrow Residents Association for the bin for Redrow estate.

It was also noted that a Groundwork Workshop had been arranged by LALC for Friday 31 January 2014 at Leyland Hotel. There was no cost for this event and anyone interested in attending should let the Clerk know so a place could be booked.

102. (13/14) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 5 December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.