

Grimsargh Parish Council

Minutes of Grimsargh Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 October, 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 Lynda Cryer; Councillor David Hindle; Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann and Councillor David Nicholson.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam – Clerk to the Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright – Preston City Council
Councillor Tom Davies – Preston City Council
Reverend Chris Halliwell
PCSO David Reid
2 members of the public

70. (12/13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ron Woollam and for lateness from Councillor Andy Ellis.

71. (12/13) Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

72. (12/13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved

That, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 September, 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. (12/13) Adjournment for Public Participation and Policing Issues

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed two members of the public to the meeting who had come along to discuss the blocked culvert running to/through the Redrow estate and was causing flooding to driveways on Waingate. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray explained that Councillor Tom Davies had been looking into the problems and asked if there was an update on who owned the culvert. Councillor Davies explained that he was still waiting for confirmation from Preston City Council as to the ownership of the culvert and he would liaise with the two members of public concerned to ensure that a suitable solution to this problem was found.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell recalled in the past similar issues on Cedar Close and emphasised the need to find a solution quickly before the situation got any worse. It had taken a couple of years to solve the Cedar Close issues and she hoped that this current issue could be quickly sorted out.

Councillor Mrs Lynn McCann also referred to flooding problems on The Hills estate and a recent e mail from Persimmon homes asking for confirmation that they owned the land before they would take any action on this. This was surprising as Persimmon homes actually arranged for contractors to cut the grass on a regular basis.

The Chairman then welcomed PCSO David Reid to the meeting who gave an update to the Parish Council on police activities in the area. PCSO Reid explained that crime was down in the area and there had been no incidents of crime in the past week. He informed the Parish Council that operation Firecrest was currently being undertaken in the area and this was targeting rural crime.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Council could meet PCSO Ashley Lawton as they had not had the opportunity to meet him as yet. PCSO Reid would pass this request back and hopefully he would come along to a Parish Council meeting soon. PCSO Reid also informed the Parish Council that the SPIDS would be put up in the village for the next two weeks. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell said she would be interested to know how many people have been caught speeding heading out of the village towards Preston. A few comments were made about speeding/dangerous driving in the village and PCSO Reid said it was important to make a note of their car registration numbers so appropriate action could be taken.

The Chairman reminded PCSO Reid that she had forwarded the Grimsargh Parish Council grant application to PC Chris Banks and said this would need to be forwarded to the Clerk so it could be added to a future agenda. PCSO Reid also informed the Parish Council that the police cones stored at Broughton station had depleted so if anyone had any of the cones could they please be returned.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray thanked the members of the public, PCSO Reid and Reverend Halliwell for attending and reconvened the meeting.

74. (12/13) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

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

- 06/2012/0747 - 29 Salisbury Avenue, Grimsargh, PR2 5LF. Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling.
- 06/2012/0713 - 329 Preston Road, Grimsargh. Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

It was noted that the following Planning Application had been granted:-

- 06/2012/0602 - 58 Ribblesdale Drive Grimsargh. Erection of dormer extension to front of dwelling.

The Parish Council also gave consideration to the draft letter to the Planning Inspectorate with regard to the Hallam Land Management appeal. Councillor David Hindle commented that this was an excellent and appropriate letter and asked for

this to be minuted. It was noted that the Planning Appeal was likely to be held on 8/9 January 2013, and it would probably be held at Preston Town Hall.

Resolved

1) That the Parish Council had no observations to make in respect of Planning Application 06/2012/0713.

2) That with regard to Planning Application 06/2012/0747 it was noted that parking on Salisbury Avenue is horrendous and continues to cause problems for local residents. Grimsargh Parish Council had objected to the original Planning Application for extensions to this property and would only be happy with this latest application **if** parking for the same number of vehicles for this property remains the same. If the extension causes the parking on this property to be reduced then the Parish Council objects as it will add to the problems with parking in the area.

3) That with regard to the draft letter to the Planning Inspectorate relating to the appeal by Hallam Land Management, that the letter as now presented is approved by the Parish Council and that the Clerk should forward the letter to the Planning Inspectorate.

75. (12/13) Update on Preston Area Committee/3 Tier Forum

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray gave an update to the Parish Council on the Preston Area Committee meeting held on 3 October and the recent 3 Tier Forum meeting held on 20 September 2012. A summary of the notes from the 3 Tier Forum had been circulated to the Parish Council.

With regard to the LCC Highways Advice on Development Planning Applications, The Chairman explained that a briefing paper had been circulated to members of the Forum. However there was some disappointment that it did not appear to specifically address the question raised at the previous meeting about whether the County Council considers schemes in isolation. There was also some confusion about the proposed Master Plan which was expected to be completed by September. It was unclear if this was for consultation or a proposal and the 3 Tier Forum had asked for clarification.

The Chairman also referred to the recent 20MPH area consultations and informed the Parish Council that some rural areas had issues with the proposals.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

76. (12/13) Report of the Community Engagement Working Group

Councillor Andy Ellis informed the Parish Council that unfortunately the notes from the recent Community Engagement Working Group had not yet been finalised so he would circulate them before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Community Engagement Working Group had considered designs for the Parish Council logo and the suggested designs were presented to the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that logo design 3 should be adopted by the Parish Council and the Chairman agreed to progress this with the designer. It was noted that the cost for the design was £90 and this was approved by the Parish Council.

Resolved

That approval is given to Logo 3 as now presented at a cost of £90.

77. (12/13) Report from the Finance Working Group

The Clerk gave a quick overview of the meeting of the Finance Working Group held on 19 September. In particular reference was made to the Lengthsman/contract, the review of the Fidelity Guarantee and the latest budget figures which were presented for approval by the Parish Council. A copy of the notes from the meeting had been circulated to the Parish Council.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted, and that the Parish Councillors look at the budget figures and suggest any amendments/additions with a view to the budget being approved at the November meeting.

78. (12/13) Guild 2012 Finance

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray presented a financial report from the Guild 2012 events. It was pleasing to note that the events had been very successful with profits being donated to worthy causes/charities.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

79. (12/13) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Eileen Murray reminded the Parish Council that items for the next newsletter were needed for signing off at the November meeting. Additional items that could be considered for the newsletter were the Community Choir, Christmas photos taken by a local resident and a picture of the new bench on Railway Walk.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

80. (12/13) Financial Matters, Budget and Banking

It was noted that we currently had an estimated £23,885.45 in the bank as at 1 September 2012. We were still awaiting the October bank statement.

Resolved

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

- Strawberry Tea – Reimbursement to Cllr Mrs Eileen Murray for Guild flowers - £30.00. (Cheque no 610).
- Adam Cooper – 55 hours for September 2012 @ £11.50 per hour + timber for bus shelter repair £24.00 total £656.50 + VAT @ 20% = £787.80. (Cheque no 611).

• It was noted that last month's invoice from Adam did not add up correctly and resulted in an overpayment of £43.20. Adam has resubmitted the invoice and corrected the overpayment by adding the materials he spent this month onto last month's bill – this was checked at the meeting and confirmed it was correct.

- Sue Whittam – Clerk – 3 September, 10 September, 17 September, 24 September = 4 weeks at £92 per week = £368 (cheque no 612).

81. (12/13) Friends of Grimsargh Green (FoGG) – for information only

Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell referred to the AGM Minutes which had been circulated to the Parish Council. She informed the Parish Council that FoGG had around £4,000 in the bank and they had proposed plans for next year including draining the football field, new benches and some of the trees needed replacing. A copy of the tree survey had been circulated to the Parish Council.

It was noted that the car park works had not been done as yet due to the bad weather but hopefully would be carried out shortly. FoGG were also looking at putting some recycled plastic seats on the village green and they had been successful in obtaining a recent grant from County Councillor George Wilkins. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell had also asked for a meeting with Matt Kelly about the car park.

It was noted that the next meeting of FoGG would be held next week. Councillor Mrs Joyce Chessell also thanked the Parish Council for the flowers as these were very much appreciated.

Resolved

That the report is received and noted.

82. (12/13) Clerk's Report – for information only

The Clerk reported on the following matters for information:-

- The Clerk reported that she had attended the LALC conference on 22 September where there was an excellent presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. A copy of the slides would be circulated to the Parish Council.
- It was noted that the Clerk had attended a meeting at Preston City Council on 2 October to look at the Register of Interests and discuss where we are with completion of forms. It was further noted that the outstanding forms were needed by 12 October at the latest. The City Council will put them on their website then provide the link that can be placed on our website. There would also be some training offered by Preston City Council and they are happy to come along to carry out the training for 30 minutes before a Parish Council meeting.
- It was reported that the comments made on the 20MPH zones in the Parish had been treated as an objection by Lancashire County Council and we would know the outcome shortly.
- Adam had looked at the tree that had fallen over in the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland and moved it onto the vegetation. When the weather has improved and the vegetation had died back he will remove the tree completely.

83. (12/13) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 1 November, 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.