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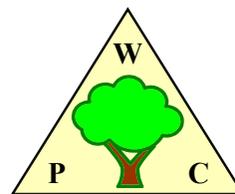
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# Woodplumpton Parish Council Newsletter - Spring 2024

A warm welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter which is **hand delivered** to the majority of homes in the Parish. Please use the **electronic version** on the Parish Council website to access the weblinks. [www.woodplumptonparish.org](http://www.woodplumptonparish.org)

## MEET THE NEW CLERK

The Parish Council Clerk Julie Buttle elected to retire at the end of 2023, having provided 20 years of service to the Council. We wish her all the best and expect to continue to work with her in the future. A new clerk has been recruited and commenced in the role on 1st January 2024. Our new clerk is David Mills a former manager at Westinghouse Springfields, who brings a wealth of experience to the role. David has been a resident in the parish for the last 14 years, so has an understanding of the issues that affect us all.

## MEET AND GREET COFFEE MORNINGS

Members are aware that not everyone can attend the formal Council meetings, so a further coffee meeting has been arranged.

- **Sat 11 May 2024** at the Parish Rooms, behind St Annes Church in Woodplumpton **10.00am - 12.00pm**

Please pop along, say hello and share your thoughts on local issues with the Parish Councillors.

## CATFORTH VILLAGE HALL EASTER FAIR

The Parish Council continues to financially support this community event which will be held at **Catforth Village Hall** on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** from **12pm to 4pm**. There will be stalls, an Easter Egg Hunt, raffle & so much more. Please come and join in the fun.

## POLICE

Police resources are allocated to areas with the most incidents, so it is important that **ALL** incidents are reported - no matter how small or insignificant - as added together, the reports could illustrate that more resources are needed. The police have recently been asked to look at issues of inconsiderate parking within the parish, where parked vehicles put other road users and pedestrians at risk

For an emergency - call **999**; for current, suspicious activity call **101** or to report a concern or give anonymous information to **Crime Stoppers** call **0800 555 111** or fill out an anonymous form online.

For reassurance on any local Police matter you can contact

PC [rumandeep.takhar@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:rumandeep.takhar@lancashire.police.uk) - 07929 713979 or  
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NHP)

The Parish Council prepared a Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) with a vision to *develop a Parish which will meet the needs of existing and new residents, whilst maintaining and enhancing its distinctive character and appearance.*

This plan was approved by a referendum in the Parish on 11 January and has now been adopted by the City Council. The NHP Policies must be taken into account when planning applications are determined

A benefit of the Parish having an approved Neighbourhood Plan is that we now receive a larger proportion of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money from new housebuilding. With the increased income comes the increased responsibility to spend this money wisely to benefit our residents.

One of the objectives is to **support, promote and develop local amenities and facilities** for the benefit of all residents. The Parish Council replied to LCC's school consultation by stating that **new schools** should be built in the local area. We have also opposed a planning application which seeks to 'water down' the **community facilities** off Sandy Lane.

## CIL AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Developers have to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy to the Parish Council to provide funds to build the associated infrastructure needed to support the new houses being built locally.

CIL monies must be spent on **improvements, replacement, or repairs to infrastructure** and a 'master log' of the income and expenditure to date, can be found on our website. The Spring 2023 edition of the Newsletter asked residents for new suggestions on how CIL monies should be spent and the Parish Councillors are considering the items put forward.

## MAINTENANCE ON THE NEW ESTATES

Work has now commenced to look at the maintenance of the open spaces on the New Build Estates. The first phase of this work is to look at who is responsible for the maintenance of each of the areas and what steps we can take to ensure good performance. In the meantime the Parish Lengthsman is carrying out regular litter picking across these areas to help keep them tidy.

## LOCAL TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Residents will be aware that the **volume** and **speed** of traffic has been an issue for some time - long before the new houses were built - and the Parish Council has been working with Lancashire County Council to resolve the concerns. Traffic calming measures were proposed in both Woodplumpton and Catforth and now that the Woodplumpton scheme has been completed, we are starting to see the effects of this scheme in practice.

## LOCAL TRAFFIC CONCERNS Continued

The overall package of measures implemented by LCC includes new road building, Edith Rigby Way and the East West Link Road as well as specific measures within Woodplumpton, Traffic Calming on Woodplumpton Road, the closure of Whittle Hill and a reduced speed limit on Newsham Hall Lane—down from 60mph to 30mph. These measures have had a positive impact on the village with both reduced volumes of traffic and reduced speeds.

B5411 Woodplumpton Road – Speed – 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile			
	Year	Travelling North Bound	Travelling South Bound
South of Whittle Hill	2018	34mph	31mph
	2023	23mph	21mph
North of Tabley Lane	2018	34mph	34mph
	2023	24mph	23mph

Since implementation some issues have come to light around the junctions between Woodplumpton Road/Newsham Hall Lane and Woodplumpton Road/Ambrose Hall Road. It has also been noted that although speed has reduced on Newsham Hall Lane, not all motorists are observing the new 30mph limit. The Parish Council is working with LCC Highways and the police to resolve these issues

The focus is now on resolving the outstanding issues with the Woodplumpton Scheme and implementing the proposed traffic calming scheme in Catforth to reduce the speed of vehicles in the village. Individual plans and an overview of the **Catforth scheme** can be viewed on [our website](#). The plans will be subject to a formal consultation, managed by Lancashire County Council. Notices will be displayed locally and a link to the consultation will be added to our website. In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding the plans, please contact **Cllr Paul Entwistle** on 01772 691107.

No matter what measures are introduced, there will always be a few irresponsible motorists who have no regard for their own safety or that of others! Lancashire Police have launched '[Operation Snap](#)' a police initiative which encourages members of the public to send dashcam footage of dangerous driving or other motoring offences to the police.

Residents can also express concerns about road safety, drug use, anti-social behaviour on the [Lancashire Talking website](#)

Lancashire County Council have supplied **Slow Down - Save Lives**

**stickers** for use on wheelie bins so please contact the Parish Cllrs or the Clerk if you require any.

