



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CATFORTH
VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH

at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th JUNE 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr P Entwistle
Councillors: P Bamber B Dalglish M Entwistle
M Stewart S Yates

2 members of the public as detailed on the Covid attendance log.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

MIN 21/30 It was **resolved** that Vice Chairman, Cllr P Entwistle should Chair the meeting in accordance with **SO 20 / 3(p)**

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr M Greaves and Cllr B Probin.

Members were informed that County Cllr S Whittam had also sent her apologies and was unable to attend to update Members on enforcement concerns and LCC matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 18th May 2021

MIN 21/31 It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the May meeting be signed as a true record.

TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the October 2020 meeting, the Parish Council expressed concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour and a lack of police presence in the rural area. Under MIN 20/66, it was resolved that a letter be issued to the Chief Constable and the Police Crime Commissioner. Although neither replied, contact was made with Neighbourhood Police Sergeant J Lovick who stated he would attend the Council once face-to-face meetings were resumed.

MIN 21/32 it was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Police Sergeant J Lovick discussed the crime figures and police related matters. The Chairman referred to the incidents which led to the Parish Council writing to the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner. The Parish Council felt that as new personnel had been appointed, the letter should be re-issued to highlight the need for more police resources in the rural areas.

Cllr K Middlebrough confirmed that following the elections, Woodplumpton is still represented by himself, Cllr Whittam and Cllr Latchford. He explained that Cllr Latchford is a Dr who has been busy with the pandemic but as the situation eases, he will gradually become more involved with parish issues. In the meantime, any concerns can be forwarded to himself or Cllr Whittam. Cllr Middlebrough empathised with the concerns about rural policing and stated that the newly elected Police Crime Commissioner had pledged to put more police back on the local streets.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RESPONSE - AMBROSE HALL FARM

Members considered the residents report into ongoing odours at Ambrose Hall Farm and a Councillor added that the vents are being opened late at night which intensifies the smells. Concerns were expressed that the Environment Agency is not managing the situation proactively.

MIN 21/33 It was **resolved** that the Clerk escalate the complaint within the Environment Agency.

NEW DEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE CONCERNS (NOG TOW & MAXY HOUSE LANE)

Part of the footway fronting Tabley Lane, opposite Nog Tow Cottages, has not been surfaced and is obstructed by an overgrown hedge. It is understood that the hedge forms a boundary with a parking area which Taylor Wimpey states is in private ownership. Cllr Dalglish stated he was happy to make further enquiries to establish who the owner is.

MIN 21/34 It was **resolved** that Cllr Dalglish make enquiries regarding the owner and the Clerk will liaise with them and LCC to see how the footway can be improved.

Members **noted** that the Clerk is dealing with a concern regarding the adoption of the kerbs and verges on Maxy House Lane. The issue is complex because Wainhomes are managing the maintenance and sale of the houses but Bellway Homes (who have moved off site) are responsible for the infrastructure. The City Council has confirmed the infrastructure has not been adopted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In order to keep the meeting as short as possible, to further reduce the likelihood of Covid infection, the Clerk is dealing with routine planning matters under delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (15 xiv).

MIN 21/35 Members **resolved** to note the delegated comments on planning applications received since the May meeting. Applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk

MIN 21/36 Members **resolved** to submit comments on the following applications which were not considered to be routine.

06/2021/0429 8no. residential dwellings and new access taken from proposed East West Link Road at Lightfoot Barn, Lightfoot Barn, Lightfoot Lane, Preston.

Members **resolved to object** to the application as the only access will be via a narrow Public Right of Way until the E-W link road is constructed and once constructed, concern is expressed that an additional access off the E-W link will impede the flow of traffic. In addition, the density of the proposal is compact and does not appear to be in keeping with the 30 dwellings per hectare specified in the NW Preston Masterplan.

06/2021/0794 Reserved matters application (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 06/2017/1435 for 175no. dwellings and associated works on land at Tabley Lane.

Members noted that the site lies to the rear of Bridge House and Stotts Farm and abuts the M55 motorway. 2 accesses from Tabley Lane were approved at the outline stage despite objections from the Parish Council. Concern was expressed that the design of the properties may give the estate an urban feel but on balance, Members felt this was a consideration for planning officers. The affordable housing statement explains that the developer intends to provide more than 30% of affordable housing – however, a scheme to discharge the affordable condition will only be submitted prior to the commencement of development. Members **resolved to object** to this approach as it was felt that application should detail all types of tenures to ensure an even distribution throughout the development.

Appeal 06/2021/0058 Change of use from agricultural building to storage and distribution building (Class B8) (Retrospective) Lewth Farm, Lewth Lane, Preston.

MIN 21/37 Members noted that the Parish Council's objections to the planning application will be forwarded to the planning inspector, however as the City Council decision notice concludes *the access to the application site is wholly unsuitable for larger commercial vehicles and any impacts from the development on highway safety cannot be mitigated to an acceptable degree*, it was **resolved** that no further comments need to be submitted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NHP) UPDATE

MIN 21/38 Members noted the Basic Condition Statement (BCS) and the Consultation Statement (S) prepared by the Consultant and **resolved** that following a few formatting details, the NHP can be forwarded to the City Council for submission to the Planning Inspector.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 21/39 Members **resolved** to note the following accounts already paid under Standing Order 2020 /15 (b) xii

Shelley information sign for Catforth**	£1572.00	BACs	REF 31
Postcrete for Catforth Sign	£19.40	BACs	REF 32
Lengthsman contract & nails for PROW	£758.27	BACs	REF 33

**In respect of the Woodplumpton information sign, the Clerk was requested to email Members to request that a final submission is presented to the July meeting so that the company can complete the order or remove it from their books.

MIN 21/40 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk's June Salary	£1160.11	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£101.94	BACS
Employer N.Ins	£76.52	BACS

TRAFFIC CALMING LEGAL AGREEMENT

Members **noted** that revised plans have been received for Catforth but as these are not in accordance with the discussions to date, LCC have been asked to attend a site meeting. LCC have acknowledged the confirmation of the decision to proceed with the S78 Agreement at Whittle Hill but to date, there has been no further update on the discussions between LCC and our Solicitors. This will be followed up.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.00pm at Catforth Village Hall.