



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

Monday 16th Nov 2020 7.00pm

The meeting will take place by ZOOM using the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85209299264?pwd=TDFwRXdvaXcwLzdYbFRhMndsWnJGdz09>

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION, SOUND CHECK AND VOTING METHOD

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th Oct 2020.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interests in respect of matters contained in the Agenda. A Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest or any other interest, as set out in the Council's Code of Conduct, is subject to statutory restrictions on his right to participate and vote on that matter – see Standing Order 2020 (13)

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may observe the meeting via the electronic link on the Agenda. If anyone wishes to raise matters in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (3g & h), they should raise them at this point, however, as a matter of courtesy - and to assist with the smooth running of the meeting - **it would be helpful if attendees could inform the Clerk of their intention to attend in advance of the meeting.**

6. POLICE PRESENCE IN THE PARISH

Under **MIN 20/66** the Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Constable stating the level of police cover is unacceptable. At the same time the Clerk was asked to request the crime reports and establish if the local police are still using Broughton Station to access the area.

Members are requested to consider the reply and the latest crime reports.

7. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING

Following delays with the traffic calming scheme, the Clerk advised Cllr Iddon of the following points which Members felt could be progressed regardless of Covid 19.

- facilitate a meeting to discuss the concerns outside Catforth School,
- issue a draft works specification so we can consider the standard content
- confirm a date when the TRO can be advertised and
- finalise the costs.

Cllr Iddon replied *Officers have been asked to determine a provisional timetable to address the points raised and provide an indication of when they will be in a position to commence the works.* Officers subsequently advised that they could not support the yellow line proposal outside Catforth School and they suggested a Zoom meeting to discuss a compromise. The meeting was held on the 30th Oct. **Notes of the meeting, along with a drawing, have been issued to Members and Cllr P Entwistle is requested to update Members verbally.**

Cllr Iddon subsequently confirmed that the white lines at Whittle Hill will be repainted but none of the other points have been actioned. Following a week's holiday, the Clerk has written to the Chief Executive in accordance with **MIN 20/67**. **If a reply is received prior to the meeting, Members will be requested to consider the content.**

8. AMBROSE HALL FARM

At the October meeting, Members noted the reply from the Environment Agency which stated *that whilst monitoring equipment can be used, it is unlikely that the reports generated will lead to a review of the permit, as the permit condition states odours - as perceived by an authorised officer of the Agency.* In accordance with **MIN 20/68** the Clerk has lodged an official complaint with the Environment Agency and has requested a summary of the actions already taken and details of the further measures required. In addition, the Clerk has contacted Environmental Health Officers for their advice and support.

Members are requested to consider the replies received.

9. STOCKS AND MOUNTING BLOCK

At the October meeting Members confirmed that some of the following actions had not been completed and Members resolved to carry the items forward to the November meeting.

- add the information to the scale plan and meet with the stone mason regarding the left-hand post – and seek advice / quote for stone bollards
- send the drawing and scale plan to Historic England to ask if the steps can be moved and if they have any advice regarding the post
- agree the script to go on the sign and arrange quotes for the design and erection
- confirm if lighting is required, where it should go and arrange a quote.

Members are requested to consider any updates, confirm any quotes and decide if they are ready to submit the planning application which must detail the precise requirements.

10. PARISH INFORMATION BOARDS

The Catforth board has been ordered in accordance with **MIN 20/53**. **Members are requested to confirm if they are ready to process the Woodplumpton order.**

11. PLANNING UPDATES AND APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

- a) Members will recall that housing applications were recommended for approval because a Planning Inspector determined that the City Council did not have a 5-year housing supply which meant Policies in the Local Plan were considered out of date, resulting in a presumption in favour of development.

Following an appeal in South Ribble, the City Council started to determine applications based on the Government's Standard Formula for assessing housing need which was **241** homes pa. This meant several major applications contrary to the Local Plan were refused.

Subsequently, due to the Councils commitment to City Deal, the City Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chorley and South Ribble which increased Preston's allocation to **410** homes pa. Developers challenged the legitimacy of the agreement and on the 4th Nov, the City Council declared it was withdrawing from the MOU for undisclosed reasons.

Whilst applications are assessed on their individual merits, developers have stated that as the City Council is using the Government's Standard Formula to determine its housing supply – not the figure in Core Strategy – there should be a 'tilted balance' in favour of development.

Appeals have been lodged against the major refusals above and whilst these do not affect Woodplumpton, **Members need to note that if the appeals are successful, the City Council will be back in the position where Policies in the Local Plan will be considered out of date and sites contrary to Policy could be approved.**

In addition, it should also be noted that **241** is a baseline figure, so the City Council could decide to approve applications in excess of that figure - if it believes the benefits of the application (ie additional growth or an increase in affordable homes) outweigh the Policies in the Local Plan. This could be of major significance when the Council considers the Bartle Village application.

- b) Members are requested to **note** that Pringle Homes submitted proposals to discharge the drainage conditions attached to the approval at Plumpton Field. United Utilities have requested that the proposals are amended and currently the condition can't be discharged.
- c) Members are requested to **note** that the Clerk has queried why the Parish Council was not consulted on a decision to withdraw all the affordable housing from a site east of Tabley Lane.
- d) Due to the time constraints of a remote meeting, the Clerk is dealing with routine planning matters under **delegated authority** in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (15 xiv). **Members are requested to approve the representations for October as detailed in appendix A.** Applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Members are requested to note that the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan finishes on the 13th November. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the comments expressed and will contact the consultant to see if they should be incorporated in the NHP. Assuming there are no problems, **Members are requested to confirm the final copy can be sent to the City Council to be forwarded to the Planning Inspector.**

Members are also requested to confirm whether the Christmas events will take place and if it is worth issuing a December Newsletter.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members are requested to confirm that the Clerk has emailed confirmation that the accounts and bank statements have been reconciled.

14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members are requested to approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii)

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
Wooden planter Community Garden	M Baker joinery	£580.00	66

Members are requested to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Nov salary	Mrs J Buttle	£1157.13
PAYE	HMRC	£103.54
Employer N Ins	HMRC	£77.21
Lengthsman 29 -32	B Hill	£750.00
Bird seed	B Hill	£3.99
Greenspace contribution	Preston City Council	£814.00

Members are requested to **note** that there is a problem with the Catforth defibrillator and a new component might be required. The cost should not exceed £100.00 and can be approved under delegated authority.

15. GRANT REQUEST

When assessing the half yearly budget in October, Members noted that there is a surplus in the grant budget as the Community Fete did not go ahead due to Coronavirus. A request has been received from a charity connected to NW ambulance service to donate a 'How to Save a Life' billboard to local primary schools at a cost of £300 each. **Members are requested to consider the request.**

16. CONSIDERATION OF 2021/22 BUDGET ITEMS

At the October meeting Members supported the principle of the Council employing a contractor to prune hedges and clear undergrowth with the intention of widening pavements. Members stated they would identify the hedges most in need of pruning so that an estimate of the hours can be factored into the costs involved. **Members are requested to provide this feedback.**

The Christmas tree in the Community Garden is dying because its roots are confined in a raised brick bed. It has been suggested that the bed is removed and a new tree is planted directly into the ground. **Members are requested to confirm the suggestion as a budget expense.**

Members are requested to consider the DRAFT budget paying particular attention to existing and proposed expenditure increases shown in green. Alterations and additional items will be noted and a final version will be brought to the January meeting where Members will be required to set the 2021/22 Precept.

17. CIL FUNDS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members are requested to note the October CIL receipt of £15,454.72 compared to £69,912.52 received in April. **Members are requested to approve a transfer of £85,000 to CCLA.**

This will still leave £51,708 in the current account to pay for the traffic calming TROs.

The Clerk keeps a list of planning applications which should generate CIL but has to chase the City Council to establish the amount due, when it will be paid and if it will be paid in instalments. The matter was discussed at a Preston Area Committee meeting last year and it was decided that the City Council should notify Clerks of the above when a commencement notice is received. However, since the new procedure was introduced, the Clerk has not received any new information. Rather than follow the PAC decision, **Members are requested to confirm that they would prefer the Clerk to request the updates on a quarterly basis.**

18. COMMUNICATION SINCE THE OCTOBER MEETING

Members are requested to **note** that the Clerk has asked LCC to investigate flooding concerns at Blackleach Lane and Square Lane and has asked the Environment Agency investigate high water levels in the brook near Hollowforth Hall.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 18th Jan 2021 at 7.00pm.