



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD IN SIMON'S LOUNGE
PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS
LIGHTFOOT GREEN LANE, WOODPLUMPTON
on MONDAY 21st Feb 2022 AT 7.00pm.

ALL attendees are requested to refer to the Covid Method Statement on the Parish Council website before attending.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th Jan 2022.
The Chairman is required to sign the Minutes as a true record.

3. 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)

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public wishing to raise matters in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (3g & h), should raise them here, **however, it would be helpful if the public could inform the Clerk of their intention to participate in advance of the meeting.** Mr Roberts has advised he wishes to attend regarding the Woodplumpton Traffic Calming Scheme agenda item 6.

5. NW PRESTON DEVELOPMENT

The following items are an update on items raised at the January meeting

Lack of connectivity to the EWLR – Further to MIN 21/122 Members are requested to note that LCC have been asked to provide a written response regarding their strategy for motorists to use the East West Link Road rather than local roads such as Tabley Lane. LCC have also been requested to provide an update on when the EWLR will be fully open. **Members are requested to consider their response.**

Realignment of Hoyles Lane – Further to Min 21/123 the Parish Council was informed that Hoyles Lane would be closed from the 12th – 20th February to allow Westbourne Civil Engineers to complete the highway improvements outside the Post Office. Plans were received and these were added to the website. The Clerk requested that LCC consider shading the pedestrian crossing light away from a resident's house as mentioned at the January meeting. **Members are requested to advise of any further issues.**

Flooding at Hoyles Lane - Members are reminded that United Utilities have stated that funding is available to deliver a project in the Hoyles Lane area to resolve existing flooding issues. Work is estimated to start on site in 2022 with a construction period of 14 months. An accurate start date and further details of the work will be provided when the final design has been approved. Flooding contact numbers have been added to the Parish Council website and the Clerk will request updates from UU on a quarterly basis. Notwithstanding this, at the 8th Nov site meeting, County Cllr S Whittam stated that she would request that LCC carry out a thorough investigation in to what happened and **a progress report has been requested.**

The Clerk produced a report detailing flooding concerns which occurred along Hoyles Lane once development commenced. Correspondence confirms that the City Council were satisfied that the drainage conditions attached to the Taylor Wimpey site could be discharged. The City Council also appointed an officer to liaise with the developers to ensure the conditions were complied with. It has been confirmed that the officer has been approached to ensure the works were inspected.

The January Minutes confirm that the City Deal Team are responsible for altering the priority of the junction at **Lightfoot Lane** and the City Council is monitoring the S106 agreement for **Ingol Health Centre**. These items will remain pending, with the Clerk requesting quarterly updates.

Members are requested to advise if any further actions are required.

6. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING

Comments on the Woodplumpton traffic calming scheme were sent to LCC who advised that a couple of points had the potential to become objections.

The first related to an access affected by a 'give way' and a request to remove a raised table near no.40a Woodplumpton Road. LCC have re-inspected the area *to ensure the give way does not result in blocking and that the geometry allows farm vehicles to turn without issue*. LCC's inspection has led to the give way being repositioned. They have also advised *against the raised table being removed as it compromises the scheme objective*.

The second issue related to the double yellow lines at the Orchard. LCC have confirmed that there is scope to reduce the length of the lining which may ease the concerns of potential objectors. However, concerns may be reduced further if the Parish Council progresses the option to provide parking at the top of the Orchard – see agenda item 7

As the amendments are minor and will improve the chances of the scheme progressing through LCC's cabinet, Cllr Greaves, (who has led on the Woodplumpton scheme) has advised that the amendments may be acceptable. **Members are requested to confirm their acceptance as a variation to the consultation version.**

The Legal Agreement - signed at the January meeting - has been returned to our Solicitors and forwarded to LCC who have issued an invoice for £2,500. Following consultation with Members, the invoice has been paid to LCC to avoid any delays. The amount is included in accounts already paid – agenda item 12.

7. THE ORCHARD PARKING

Parking concerns have been raised at the Orchard previously and the Parish Council asked the City Council to prepare a parking scheme as they own the land. Plans were produced for a scheme costing £55,000 which included a tarmac path for pedestrian access and a reinforced route for maintenance vehicles to access the play area. MIN 2019/130 confirms that Members felt the cost was disproportionate to the work involved and the scheme was put on hold until the traffic calming costs were known. At a site meeting on the 8th November, Cllr S Whittam stated that she would ask the City Council to revisit the scheme and an update has been requested so that **Members can confirm that parking will be provided in addition to the traffic calming proposals.**

8. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

At the January meeting, it was questioned whether a Parish Council vacancy could be created to enable a Councillor/s to represent the new estates. In order to increase the number of Councillors, the Parish Council would be required to submit a request for a Community Governance Review to the City Council. The CGR assesses whether the community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and considers whether a change would bring about more cohesive communities and a better delivery of local services. An unsuccessful bid to reduce the number of Councillors was submitted by Lea & Cottam Parish Council in 2013. The Clerk has circulated the Committee Report for information. Attention is drawn to paras 3.2 and 4.1. **Members are requested to determine whether to take the matter further.**

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Jan 2022

The Chairman is requested to confirm the bank accounts and statements have been verified. Members are requested to note the Clerk's change of address has now been processed.

10. COMMUNITY DONATION

Previously, the Parish Council has made a donation to the Village Hall to cover the cost of 3 garden waste bins at the Village Hall and a request has been received for £105. Members are requested to confirm the donation which can be financed this financial year with the £300 for Catforth in Bloom coming out of the April 2022/23 budget.

11. WAR MEMORIAL STATUE

The Lengthsman has advised that the silhouette statue in the war memorial has been bent over either through vandalism or the wind. The silhouette has been repaired previously and

Members are requested to confirm if it should be repaired or replaced at an approx. cost of £650 + VAT and delivery

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
Lengthsman 38 – 43	B Hill	900.00	FEB 96
Printing of the Winter Newsletter	Preston City Council	176.25	FEB 97
Traffic Calming Legal Agreement	Lancashire County Council	2500.00	FEB 98

Members are required to approve the following invoices for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Feb Salary	J Buttle	1160.11
PAYE	HMRC	101.94
Employer N Ins	HMRC	76.52

13. PRESTON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

Lancashire County Council requested comments on their budget proposals by the 11th Feb. As the budget proposals *did not contain any specific savings - to reflect the organisational focus on responding to the pandemic* a response was not submitted. Council tax will increase by 3.99% with 2% of this to be used to support the increasing costs of adult social care.

The City Council's budget proposals have been forwarded to Members and **comments are requested by the 23rd Feb.**

14. AMBROSE HALL FARM ODOUR ISSUES

The action group recording the odour issues at Ambrose Hall Farm advised that Preston City Council's Environmental Health Department are now investigating the concerns at a local level as a stalemate has been reached with the Environment Agency. The update was reported to the November meeting attended by Mr Wallace's parliamentary assistant and Members resolved to include an article explaining the update in the Winter Newsletter. In a letter dated the 15th Dec, Mr Wallace MP confirmed that he had written to Mr Phillips, CEO of Preston City Council, to request more details on the investigation. Disappointingly, Preston City Council have replied that as the site has a permit from the Environment Agency, all concerns should still be referred to the EA who remain satisfied that the control measures in place are the 'Best Available Techniques'. **Members are requested to consider if any more can be done.**

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

a) 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).

Representations for December were emailed with the December update. **Members are requested to approve the Jan / Feb comments emailed with the agenda.**

Applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk

16. LALC TRAINING & LCC HIGHWAY SESSION

Following on from the LCC conference in November which Cllr P Entwistle attended, Members are reminded that there will be another conference dedicated to highway matters on the 19th March. The session can be attended in person or by zoom but attendees must register by Thursday 10th March 2022.

Following the refresh of LALC, a new Councillor training courses has been arranged for the 26th May at a cost of £35 per attendee. **Members are requested to confirm if they wish to attend.**

17. UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

Members are requested to **note** the following matters which are still pending

LCC response to the site meeting with County Cllr S Whittam to reduce the speed limit at Moorside lane and narrow the entrance to Blackleach Lane Bridge.

MIN 21/107 confirms that as the stocks are a health and safety concern on LCC land, Cllr Greaves would seek advice from LCC Heritage Officers. The matter will be added to a future agenda once LCC's advice is received.

18. VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.00pm.**

The March meeting is booked at Preston Grasshoppers but Members requested that the venue should be reconsidered in February with a view to alternating venues in the parish. **Members are requested to confirm their requirements for future meetings and confirm whether the reference to Covid precautions should be deleted from future Agendas and the website.**