



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REMOTE ZOOM MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 25th Jan 2021

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr M Greaves

Councillors: Cllr M Entwistle. Cllr P Entwistle Cllr B Probin
Cllr M Stewart Cllr G Walker Cllr S Yates

Public: City Cllr K Middlebrough, 2 residents and Mr Harrison (Taylor Wimpey)

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION, SOUND CHECK AND VOTING INFORMATION

The Chairman 'hosted' the meeting and ensured that everyone could be seen and heard. He informed the public that whilst they may only participate during public participation, they may stay and observe the rest of the meeting if they wished to do so.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr B Dalglish. Mr Harrison presented apologies for Ms McClean of Bloor Homes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 16th Nov 2020.

MIN 20/91 It was **resolved** that the November Minutes were a true record. Members also **noted** the updates provided by email on the 21st December.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS

All Members present (except Cllr Walker) declared a pecuniary interest in relation to setting the Precept and submitted a written request for a dispensation under S31 of the Localism Act 2011. Cllr Probin's request was carried forward from a previous year. The Clerk considered and granted the requests in accordance with Standing Order **20/13e**.

Cllr Walker announced that he was resigning from the Parish Council as was moving away from the area. He expressed concerns regarding the amount of new development and hoped the Parish Council was successful in its attempts to introduce the traffic calming measures to protect Woodplumpton and Catforth. Cllr Greaves thanked Cllr Walker for his time on the Council and hoped his successor shows the same effort and commitment.

MIN 20/92 It was **resolved** that the Clerk advise the City Council of the vacancy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 20/93 it was **resolved** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

Both residents confirmed that the Agenda had answered their questions about the traffic calming delays. A resident thanked the Clerk for forwarding his complaint to Cllr Iddon who had acknowledged the concerns. Mr Harrison stated that he wished to listen to the Parish Council's comments on the planning application for 500 homes and a local centre. The meeting was reconvened to continue with the business on the Agenda.

UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk advised that the Legal Agreement had been received that morning and as stated on the Agenda, an extra-ordinary meeting needed to be arranged. The Clerk clarified that as Members would be discussing proposals and counter proposals in relation to a legal contract, the meeting would not be open to the public but summary Minutes would be produced.

Min 20/94 it was **resolved** that Members would email dates to the Clerk and the Chairman will call the meeting under Schedule 12, paragraph 9 of the Local Government Act 1972.

THE ORCHARD – BOLLARDS

Members noted the photographs showing damage to the verges at The Orchard which is covered by traffic calming Plan 25. **MIN 20/95** Members **resolved** to consider whether any alterations would be required to the proposed calming measures at the extra-ordinary meeting.

FLOODING ISSUES

Members discussed LCC's online reporting system for flooding and noted the level of dissatisfaction expressed by residents and the Clerk. Members also discussed LCC's response that works were carried out at Rapley Lane which concludes, *there will always be a problem draining the highway surface water in these circumstances. The matter will be referred to the next Making Space for Water meeting – but a date has not been set and the agenda and minutes are only circulated to those attending the meeting.*

Members stated that flooding is a global issue and due to climate change, the situation will only get worse unless LCC takes more proactive action. Ever since Woodplumpton flooded on Boxing Day 2015, reference has been made to the Making Space for Water meetings but there is limited information regarding what actions are taken and various flooding concerns were highlighted across the Parish. **MIN 20/96** As Cllr Iddon had written a letter in response to the Catforth situation, Members **resolved** that the Clerk issue a reply requesting that a multi-agency meeting is organised to discuss the concerns specific to the Parish.

LITTER / FLY TIPPING PROBLEMS

Members expressed concern regarding an unprecedented increase in litter particularly from branded takeaway outlets. The problem is more noticeable around Rosemary Lane where contractors are working on the PWDR. The situation has not been helped by the removal of a litter bin which has been reported to the City Council.

MIN 20/97 Members **resolved** that residents should be encouraged to report incidents online as this will assist the City Council when allocating litter picking resources. The City Council on-line link will be included on the next Newsletter. In addition, Members **resolved** that the Clerk contact Keep Britain Tidy and the National Trust to see if they are providing any no litter signs or running any campaigns for a community event. Failing that, Members discussed splitting the Parish into areas to be 'blitzed in stages' whilst requesting support from volunteers. It was mentioned that social media was a useful tool to promote such events as was contacting Myerscough college.

PARISH INFORMATION BOARDS

MIN 20/98 Members **resolved** that the draft of the Catforth board could be signed off and the final version made. Cllr M Greaves confirmed that the Woodplumpton draft is ongoing.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

MIN 20/99 Members noted the delegated planning comments for December and **resolved** to approve the January representations. Members considered the following applications which were not routine.

06/2020/0888 This application is in 2 parts – 1) a new roundabout junction on the Preston West Distributor Road with spurs to the east and west and 2) outline permission for 1,100 dwellings OR reduced residential (approx. 5%) plus a primary school and small-scale local facilities at Bartle Village – **revised consultation.**

Members strongly opposed the application in Sept and October as it involves building on green fields which are not included in the development plans for NW Preston. The application has been amended to 'improve' pedestrian movements from zone A to zone B (where the school is proposed) by including traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing on the PWDR. Members reiterated their objections to the application and expressed grave concern that the PWDR was initially proposed as a 70mph route to reduce congestion and improve access to the motorway. Adding an additional roundabout and a pedestrian crossing does not accord with the strategic objective of providing a 70mph route to provide an alternative route for traffic.

If the design is altered to serve the applicant's purpose of building yet more houses, the road will become congested and motorists will continue to use rural roads. The City Council has refused applications in other areas of Preston on the basis that it already has a 5 year supply of housing land and as all applications should be assessed by the same Policies, this application should be refused too. **MIN 20/100** Members **resolved** to repeat their strong opposition to the application.

06/2020/1344 Hybrid Planning Application comprising of: 1. Outline planning application for up to 195no. dwellings seeking approval for access from Bartle Lane only (all other matters reserved); and 2. Full planning application for 56no. dwellings (Phase 1) on land south of Bartle Lane, Lower Bartle, Preston.

Members noted the Clerk’s appraisal of the application prepared under delegated authority and acknowledged that the site lies within the NW Preston Strategic location where housing has been agreed in principle. However, Members expressed grave concerns that once again, applications are coming forward simultaneously - with little regard for existing construction works or the lack of local amenities. The promised road networks are not yet complete leaving the rural roads to cope with construction vehicles and increased traffic. Members believe there should be a phased approach before any new sites are commenced and at the same time there should be a comprehensive review of the community facilities and infrastructure (such as roads and pavements) required to support the delivery of NW Preston. Concerns were also expressed regarding the flooding issues on Bartle Lane and whether the sewer infrastructure would support a further 195 dwellings.

MIN 20/101 Members **resolved** to object to the application.

06/2020/1421 Outline application up to 500 dwellings; a local centre (comprising Use Class E and Sui Generis); provision of public open space and associated recreation facilities; the laying out of roads, cycleways and footpaths (with connections to and from the approved East-West Link Road); construction of drainage infrastructure; hard and soft landscaping; and, other associated works (access applied for only) on land north of Maxy Lane, and to the east of Sandy Lane and Tabley Lane, Higher Bartle, Preston.

MIN 20/102 Members noted the Clerk’s appraisal of the application prepared under delegated authority but reiterated the concerns above and **resolved** to object to the application.

Members noted that Mr Harrison was eager to understand the Parish Council’s views on the proposed local centre - given that Wainhomes recently received approval for a local centre including retirement homes, medical centre, Class E units, family pub and a hotel on the opposite side of Sandy Lane. Members stated that the permission did not necessarily mean the facilities would be built and where an outline consent includes community facilities, developers should deliver what they proposed. Reference was made to Cottam Brickworks, a proposed medical centre, schools and 3 shops on Taylor Wimpey’s site which were replaced by 20 houses. It was **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow a 2-way conversation with Mr Harrison.

During the discussion, it was ascertained that the Parish Council expects NW Preston to deliver public services to allow people to ‘live locally’ such as Drs, Dentists, a pharmacy, hairdressers, a corner shop etc. It was acknowledged that traditional community centres may not be appropriate as facilities could be provided within the schools – but frustration was expressed that there has been no progress made on the Church proposal presented to the Parish Council in July 2019 and there are no timescales for the Schools to be built. It was also noted that an area of land on Taylor Wimpey’s illustrative masterplan shows land ‘safeguarded’ for a secondary school, but despite submitting a proposal for 500 homes, the School is not part of the proposal. Mr Harrison was thanked for attending and taking the brunt of the Parish Council’s frustration regarding the lack of facilities. It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MIN 20/103 Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii) and **noted** that the December bank statements had been reconciled with the accounts.

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
DEFIB electric circuit	P Entwistle	£26.47	73
Dec salary	Mrs J Buttle	£1157.13	75
PAYE	HMRC	£103.54	76
Employer N Ins	HMRC	£77.21	77
Lengthsman 33-36	B Hill	£750.00	78

REVIEW OF 3rd QUARTER ACCOUNTS 20120 / 2021

Members considered progress against the budgeted items following the completion of the 3rd Quarter. Members **noted** that there is a surplus in the donations budget as the schools had not replied to the Billboard donation. There is also a surplus in the Newsletter budget as less newsletters have been produced due to Covid. This surplus may be required to offset the cost of the Neighbourhood plan mentioned later on the Agenda. The surplus in the Asset budget may be used for the replacement DEFIB box also mentioned later on the Agenda.

Members **noted** that the CIL transfer to the CCLA, approved under **MIN 20/89** has not occurred as the forms need signing which is difficult during Covid. **MIN 20/104** Members **resolved** to approve the balances in the quarterly analysis

SLCC MEMBERSHIP

MIN 20/105 Members **resolved** to renew the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks. As the Clerk works for 2 Parishes, Members noted that £208 membership cost will be shared with Whittingham parish.

DEFIB DEVICES

MIN 20/106 Members noted the need to replace the DEFIB box at Catforth and **resolved** to purchase a new box using the surplus money in the asset budget.

MIN 20/107 Members noted a suggestion to provide an additional device at Cottam Post Office and resolved that further enquiries are made with regards to the location and cost.

2021/ 22 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SUBMISSION

Under MIN 20/88, Members considered the DRAFT budget which included variances, new projects and items requiring renewal or repair resulting in a deficit of £4,155.

MIN 20/108 Members **resolved** to add the deficit to the Precept setting the amount required at **£37,455**.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 20/109 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Oct – Dec expenses	Mrs J Buttle	£39.45
Jan salary	Mrs J Buttle	£1157.13
PAYE	HMRC	£103.54
Employer N Ins	HMRC	£77.21
Lengthsman	B Hill	£750.00
Bird Seed	B Hill	£4.99

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As advised on the December update, a Consultation Statement is required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan. The Statement will run into many pages and the consultant's invoice is £4,725. Members noted that this may be financed by a grant but the as the Statement is required to complete the NHP, Members resolved that if necessary, the amount can be financed from unused funds in the Newsletter budget. **MIN 20/110** Members **resolved** to accept the consultant's quote and authorised the Clerk to apply for the grant.

UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

Police Presence in the Parish

Members were informed that once face to face meetings resume, Sgt Lovick will attend to discuss crime and incidents on a quarterly basis. After contacting him regarding the Catforth incidents, there was an increased police presence but Members reported this has now declined. Members were requested to report any specific incidents to the Clerk so they can be passed on.

Ambrose Hall Farm

The Environment Agency have confirmed that the January meeting did not take place and will be rescheduled at the end of the month. The Clerk will ask for an update in February.

Stocks and Mounting Block

No further action is proposed until Members confirm the actions itemised on the Agenda have been completed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm**.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Clerk was requested to notify the Canal and River Trust of a damaged canal bridge at Ambrose Hall Farm.

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