



## WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr M Greaves  
Councillors: P Bamber M Entwistle,  
P Entwistle B Probin  
M Stewart S Yates

City Cllr K Middlebrough, 1 member of the public and Mrs J Buttle Parish Clerk

### APOLOGIES

Cllr B Dalglish. Apologies were received from the police who will try to attend the March meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.

**MIN 21/138** It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

### TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr M Stewart declared a personal interest in the item relating to Ambrose Hall Farm as he is a member of the residents' action group.

Cllrs M Entwistle, P Entwistle and S Yates declared a pecuniary interest in the donation to the Village Hall as they are members of the management committee.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**MIN 21/139** it was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr K Middlebrough (Preston City Council) apologised that he missed the January meeting as he had Covid. He referred to the agenda item regarding LCC's investigation into the flooding issues at Hoyles Lane and advised that a meeting had taken place with the residents directly affected by the flooding and a further meeting is planned.

He also stated that he was still in contact with the resident on Moorside Lane and was arranging for the deputy Police Crime Commissioner to visit the area as part of his work with the Road Safety Partnership. Members advised that a car had been involved in an accident at the bend on School Lane probably due to speeding. Members were reminded of Operation Snap where dashcam footage of dangerous driving can be forwarded to the police.

Mr Roberts thanked the Council for putting the traffic calming details on the Parish Council website and questioned the extent of the revised speed limits. It was stated that Woodplumpton Village would be reduced to 20mph with the adjoining roads such as Newsham Hall Lane reduced to 30mph before increasing back to the national speed limit. It was also confirmed that the proposal included double yellow lines outside Woodplumpton School which the police would monitor. The closure of Whittle Hill was welcomed and it was questioned if the pavements would be widened. The Chairman stated that this was not part of the scheme, however, the situation could be reviewed once the closure was in place. It was suggested that the pavement be widened by removing the undergrowth and the Clerk was requested to mention this to the Lengthsman.

It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

### NW PRESTON DEVELOPMENT

**Lack of connectivity to the EWLR** – Further to MIN 21/122 Members noted LCC's reply regarding their strategy to encourage motorists to use the East West Link Road rather than local roads such as Tabley Lane. Their reply states "*Prior to the Preston Western Distributor road being opened to traffic, details of a highway monitoring and management strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the County Planning Authority. The strategy shall include details for a programme of surveys, observations and defined targets, and a mechanism where targets are not achieved, to deliver further highway change. The approved highway monitoring and management strategy shall be employed for a period of three years commencing on the 1st anniversary of the scheme opening.*"

Members expressed their disappointment that the monitoring will not commence until 1 year after the PWDR opens and that plans were not already being designed to deter traffic from using Tabley Lane and other country lanes when the NW Masterplan clearly states the country lanes *are not able to support the significant increase in traffic expected from the substantial housing growth.*

Members suggested that LCC should consider creating a cycle way from Woodplumpton, along Tabley Lane and Tom Benson Way to the City Centre, however, whilst this could reduce the carbon footprint and be beneficial from a health and wellbeing perspective, it was acknowledged that cycle lanes were not well used during Covid. **MIN 21/140** It was **resolved** to continue to mention the need for traffic calming measures when replying to planning applications.

**Realignment of Hoyles Lane** – Members noted that the realignment works had taken place over the weekend but expressed concern that the lighting is poor and the road markings are unclear around the give way feature. **MIN 21/141** It was **resolved** that the Clerk email LCC with the concerns to establish if the works are fully complete. No further correspondence has been received regarding the shading of the toucan crossing.

**Flooding at Hoyles Lane** – The Clerk noted that a resident has stated that United Utilities will be constructing a new sewer under Sandy Lane – however this cannot be confirmed as UU's email, received on the 18<sup>th</sup> February advises *we will be able to provide a more accurate start date and further detail about the work involved when the final design has been approved.*

Members noted that the agenda stated that a progress report had been requested regarding the thorough investigation to be carried out by LCC following the site meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Cllr Whittam on the 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and had emailed her a copy of the historic drainage log in the hope that it would assist the investigation. The email requested that Cllr Whittam keep the Parish Council informed of any progress. **MIN 21/142** Members noted the update given by Cllr Middlebrough during public participation but given that the Parish Council had taken the brunt of the complaints at the January meeting, Members **resolved** that the Clerk contact Cllr Whittam to ensure the Parish Council is kept up to date on any developments.

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.

#### **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 stated they 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 double yellow lines 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.

**MIN 21/143** As the amendments are minor and may improve the chances of the scheme progressing through LCC's cabinet, Members **resolved** to confirm the changes as a variation to the consultation version.

Further to the signing of the Legal Agreement at the January meeting, invoices have been received from LCC and Napthens to reflect the work involved in drafting the Agreement. **MIN 21/144** Members **resolved** to approve both invoices for payment.

#### **THE ORCHARD PARKING**

As detailed in the traffic calming update, LCC are of the opinion that additional parking at the Orchard will alleviate residents' concerns regarding the double yellow lines. Plans had been drawn up previously but the cost was considered disproportionate to the work involved which included gates to the play area and an improved access for City Council maintenance vehicles.

Members stated that their priority is to add some meshing to provide the parking spaces and erect a post and rail fence behind which can be funded from CIL prior to the traffic calming works. **MIN 21/145** It was **resolved** that Cllr Middlebrough arrange a site meeting with the City Council on that basis.

### 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. For clarity, it was proposed that the Councillors would represent a 3<sup>rd</sup> ward within the Parish. It was also suggested that the Parish Council's boundaries should be redefined to provide greater clarity regarding which area the Council represented. **MIN 21/146** As this was a more complex issue than simply increasing the number of vacancies, it was **resolved** that the Clerk contact the City Council for further information on how the suggestion can be progressed.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Jan 2022

The Chairman confirmed the bank accounts and statements had been verified and Members noted that the Clerk's change of address has now been processed.

### COMMUNITY DONATION

As stated under declaration of interests, 3 Members declared a pecuniary interest regarding the £105 donation to help the Village Hall pay for garden waste bins. **MIN 21/147** The remaining Cllrs **resolved** to approve the donation which can be funded from the 2021/22 budget.

### WAR MEMORIAL STATUE

Members noted that the silhouette statue in the war memorial had been damaged but it was noted that it could be repaired by shortening the length. **MIN 21/148** It was **resolved** that a replacement was not needed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**MIN 21/149** Members **resolved** 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

**MIN 21/150** Members **resolved** 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
Solicitors fee see MIN 21/144	Napthens	2100.00

### PRESTON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

Members noted that Lancashire County Council's budget proposals *did not contain any specific savings - to reflect the organisational focus on responding to the pandemic*. **MIN 21/151** Members **resolved** not to respond to the City Council's proposals to allocate additional spending on Avenham café, a tree maintenance strategy, increased IT costs and capacity funding for the Towns Fund and City Centre schemes.

### AMBROSE HALL FARM ODOUR ISSUES

The action group recording the odour issues at Ambrose Hall Farm had advised that Preston City Council's Environmental Health Department would investigate the concerns at a local level as a stalemate had been reached with the Environment Agency, however in an email to Ben Wallace MP, the City Council advised that the EA was the regulatory authority due to the permit and concerns should still be forwarded to them.

Cllr Middlebrough stated that he would contact Environmental Health to establish why they had changed their advice from that issued to the residents' group but it was agreed that the only way forward would be for the affected residents to lodge a civil case through the small claims courts if they felt the Best Available Techniques were not resolving the situation.

**MIN 21/152** It was **resolved** that Cllr Stewart would pass this information back to the residents' group but no further action was proposed by the Parish Council.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL**

**MIN 21/153** Members **resolved** to approve the delegated comments for February but in respect of 06/2021/1546 Members requested that the Clerk add a reference to increased traffic on Brierley Lane due to the approval of the indoor sports arena.

Reference was made to the Enforcement training session held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February. It was explained that enforcement powers cannot be used to punish people, so if a structure is built which doesn't comply with the planning consent, no action can be taken unless the alterations would have a negative impact. Development can only be challenged if it is in the public interest. The same principle applies to retrospective permission. The application has to be considered as a new application and no weight is attached to the fact it is retrospective. If highways don't object to a scheme, it is approved as they are the 'experts' who will have to provide evidence of a perceived problem to an appeal. There are more powers attached to development affecting listed buildings, trees and conservation areas and these are given a higher priority for investigation. It was also confirmed that officers realise that planning policy is open to interpretation regarding infill sites but attempts are being made to 'tighten up the wording'.

#### **LALC TRAINING & LCC HIGHWAY SESSION**

Members were reminded of the LCC highway conference on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and noted that attendees must register by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Members were also reminded to check the new LALC website for any training courses.

#### **UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS**

**LCC Highway concerns** - During public participation it was **noted** that Cllr Middlebrough is following up on the speeding concerns at Moorside Lane but there has not been an update regarding the request to narrow the entrance to Blackleach Lane bridge. The Clerk will chase this up.

**Repairs to the Stocks** - Following the enforcement training session, the City Council officer stated that she would look into the planning requirements for repairing the stocks which are listed. An email was received recommending that Parish Council seeks the advice of a heritage consultant to find out if the original fabric can be repaired in a sensitive way. Some contact details were provided and Cllr Bamber confirmed she was happy to approach them for some advice.

#### **VENUE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm** at Preston Grasshoppers.

Members expressed a preference to hold the meetings in different venues around the Parish and the Clerk was requested to approach Woodplumpton and Catforth Schools and Woodplumpton Parish rooms to check their availability. **MIN 21/154** It was noted that Cllrs M Entwistle, Cllr P Entwistle and Cllr B Probin will be away for the March meeting and it was **resolved** that the April meeting be moved to the 25<sup>th</sup> April to avoid Easter Monday.

**MIN 21/155** Members **resolved** that reference to the Covid risk assessments can be deleted from the agenda and website in accordance with revised government guidance.