

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

A G E N D A

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING TO BE HELD AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS,

on THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2020 at 7.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 18TH Nov 2019.

The Chairman is required to sign the Minutes as a true record.

3. TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting and not seek to influence a decision unless a written dispensation request has been submitted.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are requested to **note** this is an extra-ordinary meeting called by the Chairman under Schedule 12, paragraph 9 of the Local Government Act 1972 solely to discuss the Parish Council's position on the proposed traffic calming schemes following various meetings and alterations put forward by Lancashire County Council.

If Members agree to LCC's alterations, they will be required to consider entering in to a contract with LCC for the schemes to be delivered.

It is desirable that the Council treats proposals and counter proposals in negotiations for contracts as confidential and with this in mind, **Members are requested to resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting** under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

5. RECAP ON THE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO DATE - FOR INFO ONLY

In July 2015, LCC updated the Parish Council on the proposed changes to the road network due to the NW Preston development. Members detailed the current traffic concerns in the Parish and requested support for traffic calming measures.

In February 2016, the Parish Council consulted residents on the use of CIL monies and the replies indicated overwhelming support for measures to slow the traffic down.

Several meetings took place with LCC to discuss traffic calming ideas, but these were rejected by the Parish Council as they did not include engineering works.

In July 2017 at the NW Preston Stakeholder meeting, it was agreed that the City Deal Team would support the Parish Council to produce plans for a traffic calming scheme.

On the 7th March 2018, the **first draft** of the current scheme was presented to Members in Woodplumpton Bowling Club. **The notes of that meeting are attached.**

In January 2019, a meeting was held between the Chairman, LCC officers, County Cllr Iddon and Ben Wallace MP. The plans were finally presented to the Parish Council and were approved for public consultation in **March 2019**.

Several minor amendments were proposed and discussed, the most significant being that LCC requested that Members agree to flat top humps. **However**, when LCC produced the final version of the plans in **Nov 2019** – they included street lighting which had not been mentioned previously. This has increased the costs significantly.

Members met LCC on the **5th Dec 2019** to discuss the changes. As this was not a Parish Council meeting, Members have not had an opportunity to formally discuss or decide whether they agree with the inclusion of street lighting or the revised costs, consequently this information is not in the public domain and these points will be debated at the Extra-ordinary meeting.

6. POINTS FOR MEMBERS TO DISCUSS

With reference to the meeting on the 5th Dec, LCC stated they can't compromise on safety features which means **the street lighting must go ahead if engineering features are introduced**. Consequently,

Members need to consider if they want the schemes to go ahead with street lighting as per the current plans **OR**, do they want to add or consider other options such as round humps or scaling back the measures to reduce the cost / need for street lighting?

Various opinions have been expressed via email and whilst Members may wish to take these in to account, any decisions should be based on the information presented at the meeting.

Note - Members also need to record whether they agree to the changes at Whittle Hill and the inclusion of yellow lines at 55 Woodplumpton Road (*as raised at the 5th Dec meeting with LCC*).

If other options are presented for consideration or Members need more details on the current proposals, a further meeting should be arranged with LCC.

If when considering the above, Members agree that they are happy with the design for one or both villages, they need to progress to consider the cost implications in more detail.

- Are Members satisfied that the cost is in sufficient detail and can be justified to residents? Do they want to apply to Cllr Iddon for additional funding as discussed at LCC on the 5th Dec?
- Do Members consider it necessary to re-advertise the plans and the costs, as the initial consultation did not include street lighting.
- Are Members prepared to commit to a scheme knowing that the Council may be liable for any overspend; should professional advice be sought on the VAT element and draft contract (yet to be circulated by LCC)

If Members agreed to a scheme and a cost, Members may consider if they are ready to instruct LCC to commence the TRO.

If objections are received, the plans may be rejected by LCC's cabinet – but if the plans are approved, **the Parish Council may be contractually committed to commence the works**. This point needs clarifying with LCC before Members agree to issue the TRO.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 20th Jan Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm** at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms, rear of St Anne's Church, Woodplumpton.