



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN
ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
WOODPLUMPTON ROAD, PRESTON
ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors: Cllr P Bamber Cllr B Dalglish Cllr P Entwistle
Cllr M Entwistle Cllr B Probin Cllr M Stewart

Police Sergeant M Hughes, PC Takhar, Mrs J Buttle - Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Cllr S Yates and noted from Cllr S Whittam.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th June 2022.
MIN 22/39 It was **resolved** that the Chairman sign the June Minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 22/40 It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Sgt Hughes addressed the meeting and explained that there were 9 isolated records of anti-social behaviour and went on to outline 'operation propulsion' where police will utilise a range of powers to seize motorbikes, mopeds, scrambler bikes and quad bikes which are being used illegally or are causing anti-social behaviour or a danger to other road users and pedestrians. He also reminded those present about the website <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/lancashire-talking/> where residents can express concerns about road safety, dog fouling, drug use etc. Again it was stressed that the City Centre takes up a lot of police resources, so it is important that local issues are recorded too.

Members reported an increase in highway related incidents and outlined concerns at Broughton cross roads. It was acknowledged that whilst incidents of poor driving / parking decrease when the police are in attendance, they soon revert back to 'normal' when areas are not patrolled. Reference was made to the work of the Road Safety Partnership and the need for volunteers to use speed guns and the Clerk was requested to ask Cllr Pat Hastings for an update on her role as the Parish Council representative.

Sgt Hughes explained that 3 sergeants cover the Preston area and his beat includes rural areas, Lea, Larches and Sharoe Green. Holidays and shift patterns are arranged centrally and whilst gaps can occur due to holidays, sickness etc, every effort is made to ensure areas are covered. Cllr P Entwistle stated that he had tried to contact the local police using the provided email and mobile phone numbers but no one answered or got back to him and there was no option to leave a message. Sgt Hughes stated that he will look into the concerns but stated that if you report matters on the website and add 'make neighbourhood supervision aware' the matter will go to whoever is covering the area. He also confirmed that providing there are no emergencies, the police will continue to attend the Parish Council meetings to give an update on the local beat area and provide reassurance on local concerns. Concerns were expressed regarding youths accessing the stands at Preston Grasshoppers and Sgt Hughes stated he would ask officers to speak to the manager to check the situation.

Sgt Hughes and PC Takhar were thanked for attending and the meeting was reconvened.

2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st April – 30th June 2022

The Chairman verified that the financial accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS

Members noted the increase in CIL interest and the progress against the budgeted items following the completion of the 1st Quarter.

MIN 22/41 it was **resolved** that the Chairman sign the quarterly analysis.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

MIN 22/42 Members **resolved** to note and approve the following account already paid in accordance with standing order 15 (b) xii

Lengthsman weeks 9 – 12	£900.00	BACS	REF 34
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MIN 22/43 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk's July Salary	£1200.32	BACs
HMRC PAYE July	£82.06	BACs
Employer Nat Ins July	£83.70	BACs
½ cost of A4 paper box (Whitt)	£11.93	BACs

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) LOCAL DELIVERY SCHEME 2022/23.

Members noted that LCC have published details of the PROW Local Delivery scheme for 2022/23 which includes an additional grant to undertake biodiversity projects.

MIN 22/44 Members **resolved** to 'opt in' to both grant schemes with biodiversity projects to be identified at the October / November meeting. It was noted that the Clerk will complete an analysis of the Lengthsman's worksheets in order to submit the PROW return for 2022 in accordance with the PROW grant conditions.

ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY TOOL KIT

Following the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner's attendance at the April meeting, Members resolved that Cllr P Entwistle look into costings for 'silhouettes of children' to be placed at the road side to encourage drivers to slow down.

Cllr P Entwistle referred to information from a company providing aluminum signs which can be customized to individual requirements. Each sign has a base which can be filled with sand to prevent it falling over. The signs are approx. £180 each depending on the customization. When promoting the Community Toolkit, the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner explained that grants may be available to help purchase any of the items listed.

MIN 22/45 Member **resolved** to apply for a grant for the purchase of 4 signs – 2 for each school in Woodplumpton and Catforth. Cllr P Entwistle will liaise with the schools regarding their specific requirements. If the campaign is successful, more signs can be purchased using the £500 donation from the NW Preston rally.

Moorside Lane – It is understood that the Police & Crime Commissioner is liaising with Cllr K Middlebrough regarding whether the speed limit can be reduced at Moorside Lane. Unfortunately, other measures in this location could not be discussed as Cllr K Middlebrough was not present.

MIN 22/46 It was **resolved** that the matter be deferred until the feedback is received.

Members noted that the Clerk had received 'Slow Down, Save Lives' speed safety resources from LCC which include a banner, bin stickers and 2 high vis jackets.

MIN 22/47 The resources were distributed to Members to be used and displayed in the Parish as appropriate and it was **resolved** that an article promoting use of the bin stickers will be added to the website and included in the autumn newsletter.

TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES

Woodplumpton – LCC advertised that the Traffic Regulation Orders would be published on the 15th July and a copy was sent to all Members. LCC also confirmed that their estates team will be drafting the Heads of Terms in relation to the works required at Whittle Hill. Members noted that the consultation closes on the 12th August and LCC will be in contact once the feedback is known.

Parking at the Orchard – A site meeting took place on the 24th May and Members were informed that it would take 6 – 8 weeks for the City Council to draw up a new plan.

MIN 22/48 As the deadline has passed and as Cllr P Bamber was involved with the site meeting, Members **resolved** that she approach the City Council during August for a copy of the plan to ensure the project is not delayed further.

Catforth – As explained on the agenda, the safety audit team has provided feedback on the Catforth scheme, which included concerns about a telegraph pole and guywire currently located in the middle of the existing footway. In an email received on the day of the meeting, LCC stated that currently, the footway only serves a small number of properties, however, as usage will increase if the footway extends to the layby, the Head of Highways has determined that LCC will not be supportive of a scheme, or any elements of a scheme, that pose a risk to the safety of road users. To move the scheme forward, LCC's proposal is to promote the Village Hall car park as a safe 'park and stride' location instead.

MIN 22/49 As Members had not had an opportunity to digest the contents of the email or consider alternative solutions, it was **resolved** that Cllr P Enwistle would continue to discuss the matter with LCC, copying the Clerk and Chairman into emails for information.

WOODPLUMPTON STOCKS

A copy of the Heritage Statement including the purpose and methodology of the proposed works has been forwarded to Members. It was noted that the Statement was completed at no cost as the author was using the project for his Masters degree.

MIN 22/50 Members **resolved** to thank the student for the Statement and submit the heritage planning application to the City Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

MIN 22/51 Members **resolved** to approve the delegated planning comments for July which included objections to 3 dwellings at Wrainhow House; a storage compound at Fir Tree Cottage, Catforth Road and 2 dwellings with separate accesses, also at Catforth Road.

The City Council have stated they are not going to take any action regarding a new access at Taigh Mor on School Road. The case has been referred to City Cllr S Thompson who stated at the June meeting, that he would investigate retrospective planning concerns.

UPDATES

MIN 22/52 Members **resolved** to note the following updates

1. Works have finally started on the repair to the bridge at Blackleach Lane
2. A new fence along the highway on Catforth Road has been reported to LCC who have also been asked to investigate reports that the dyke has been blocked or diverted.
3. The access to Nook Farm on Brierley Lane has been blocked off, however LCC records confirm the road is not part of the adopted highway so no action is proposed.
4. The City Council have confirmed that they will not be enforcing the condition to landscape the roundabout at Nog Tow. The matter will be referred to City Cllr S Thompson who stated that he would investigate the lack of enforcement in relation to planning conditions.
5. County and City Cllrs have been invited to a meeting on the 21st July to discuss school provision in NW Preston. The Clerk will ask for an update following the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council usually issues a Spring Newsletter which includes the annual accounts and the Chairman's reports. The edition has been delayed as updates are still expected on the Neighbourhood Plan and the traffic calming measures. **MIN 22/53** Members **resolved** that the Newsletter should be issued in August so that it can advertise the summer fete on the 1st Sept. As the Council does not meet in August, copies will be circulated by email for approval by all. Although too late for the Newsletter, Members were reminded that Lea Lane will be closed between Bartle Hall and Crow Lady Farm from 25th July to the 4th September.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Preston Grasshoppers were contacted regarding the new room hire charges and they offered to drop the cost to £75 per meeting which Members stated was still too expensive.

MIN 22/54 Members **resolved** to continue with the arrangements to hold future meetings in the library of Woodplumpton Primary School, noting that the next meeting will be on **Monday 19th September 2022**, however, as the new classroom is being opened at Catforth School, it was suggested that the Clerk approach them in September to see if their capacity difficulties have been eased.

Defibrillators - At the conclusion of the meeting, Cllr P Entwistle informed Members that a recall notice had been received regarding the batteries in the defibrillators. The software has been updated and 2 of the devices are back in use. Members noted that the device at Cottam Post Office is still out of action following the floods. If the Post Office does not re-open in the near future, the Clerk was requested to add a new location for the device to a future agenda.

Shotgun noise - Cllr Greaves reported a concern regarding shotgun noise. It was suggested that he approach the police to establish if poaching is a factor.

New housing concerns - Concerns were expressed that additional housing may be planned north of Plumpton Green, 103 Woodplumpton Road. The Clerk confirmed an application has not been submitted.

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