

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH

on **MONDAY 21st July 14 at 7.00pm.**

- 32 PRESENT:** Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors B Dalglish, M Entwistle, M Greaves
S Morgan B Probin

4 members of the public

- 33 APOLOGIES** Cllrs C Singleton and M Stewart.

- 34 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting on the **16th June 2014.**

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

- 35 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

- 36 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

A member of the public queried whether HGV's should be parked overnight at Tabley Farm. A temporary access was installed whilst United Utilities did some work on overhead cables, however the access was not closed and the site is now being used for overnight storage of HGV's. The Clerk was asked to establish if planning permission or a HGV operator's licence is required.

It was questioned whether there would be a continuous footpath along Lightfoot Lane / Eastway to access schools etc. The Clerk stated that developers were providing additional footpaths and traffic calming under the S106 agreements attached to the planning permissions but there was no 'plan' to show exactly what was being provided where. Concerns were expressed that this was a failure by the City Council and the Master Plan should show this detail. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council had raised this at the June meeting when they considered the Redrow application and they were trying to arrange a meeting with the Cabinet member for Planning to discuss this specific level of detail in the Master Plan.

An email was sent to all Councillors regarding an objection to a solar farm proposed at Bilsborrow. Those objecting addressed the Council and expressed their concerns about conflicting government policy on renewable energy, traffic concerns and the impact the site will have on the local area

Cllr Entwistle updated those present on the Traveller application **06/2014/0032** which recently went to committee. The application was due to be refused due to problems with the drainage but at the last minute the Travellers submitted plans to install a septic tank. Cllr Entwistle and Cllr Smith (Preston City Council) spoke against the proposal. Cllr Entwistle was asked whether the Parish Council had made any attempt to integrate the Travellers or visit the site. He reiterated that the application was originally refused and the Parish Council had opposed the site as it was not considered safe or suitable. The Travellers were granted temporary consent and could have moved at any time if they had found a more suitable location. The planning committee decided to give temporary consent for a further 2 years providing the septic tank is installed and operational within 3 months of the decision (8th July 2014) and the relevant permits are obtained within 1 month of the installation. The Clerk was requested to follow this up. Cllr Entwistle also informed members that the Travellers had contacted him regarding an article in the Lancashire Evening Post which reported the planning decision. The Travellers felt the article was discriminatory but no further action has been taken. The Clerk was requested to check the progress the City Council was making with regard to finding additional Traveller sites.

Members expressed concern that the police were still not attending Parish Council meetings and the Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent following the discussion at the May Annual Parish Council meeting. Members felt that as the Parish Council was an elected body representing 2000 people, the police should be present. Variances in shift patterns were not considered a valid reason for not attending especially as more staff were based at Broughton. The Clerk was requested to contact the police again.

37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk. Members made representations on the following applications

06/2014/0409 Conversion of barn to dwelling at Lewth Lodge, Cinder Lane, Catforth. Members considered the plans and photographs of the existing barn and felt that the application would convert a dilapidated barn into an appealing property. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2014/0420 Erection of extension to existing agricultural building at Black Leach House, Blackleach Lane, Catforth. Members stated that they are supportive of the continuation of agricultural practices in the rural area. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2014/0441 Conversion of existing barn to 1no dwelling, two storey extension to side of existing farm house and erection of outbuildings to form garages and stores at Carr House Farm, Preston Road, Inskip. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2014/0442 Erection of 189no. dwellings, partial construction of the east-west link road to provide access to the site from Tom Benson Way, internal access roads, landscaping and improvements to Guild Wheel cycle route along Sandyforth Lane.

Members noted that the application lies within the NW Preston Masterplan area but the application is a full submission and the site does not have outline approval. Members have repeatedly expressed concerns that the Master Plan should be a **detailed drawing for the whole of the NW Preston area** - showing the exact layout of the main roads, traffic calming measures, footpaths, sewers, infrastructure etc. and individual planning applications should show how they fit into that plan. The application should also clearly detail what the applicant is providing / part financing to make the **whole development** of the NW Preston area sustainable.

Members **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that the application does not meet the requirements above and in particular does not give sufficient detail regarding off site provision for footpaths and crossings on Lightfoot Lane. It is also noted that United Utilities have stated the application can discharge into the existing sewers at Wynchnor and Greenacres but for the reasons stated above, Members believe that the development of 5,000 homes in NW Preston will require a new sewer and all planning applications should indicate how they link in to that, rather than adding to the existing network. Members also expressed concerns that as this is a detailed application, the specific number, range and tenure of affordable housing has not been submitted.

06/2014/0448 Erection of porch to front of dwelling and alterations to existing window openings and replacement windows at Chapel View Barn, Chapel Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2014/0505 Variation of condition 1 "Approved Plans" attached to planning approval 06/2013/0845 for the erection of 1no detached dwelling adj 104 Woodplumpton Road. Members **resolved** to leave to planning. It was stated that work was commencing at 6.45 on Sunday mornings. The Clerk was requested to establish if there were any conditions relating to the operation of the site.

06/2014/0512 Erection of 1no detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and installation of 16no pv solar panels to roof of garage (south elevation) Moss Cottage Farm, Moss Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2015/0590 and **14/00558/Imaj** 15 MWp free-standing solar installation (solar farm) at Moss Lane, Bilsborrow.

Members were reminded that the application comes under Wyre Borough Council and whilst the Parish Council had been consulted about a public exhibition, they had not been consulted on the application. However, as 2 letters of objection had been received from local residents Members were invited to consider a formal response. Members **resolved** to oppose the application on the grounds that it was too large and would be intrusive in the rural area.

LCC/2014/0102 Application for monitoring works in a 4km radius of the proposed Roseacre Wood exploration site comprising: The construction, operation and restoration of two seismic monitoring arrays comprising of 80 buried seismic monitoring stations and 8 surface seismic monitoring stations. The seismic monitoring stations will comprise underground installation of seismicity sensors; enclosed equipment and fenced enclosures. The surface array will also comprise monitoring cabinets. The application is also for the drilling of three boreholes, each installed with 2 monitoring wells, to monitor groundwater and ground gas, including fencing at the perimeter of the Roseacre Wood exploration site.

Members were informed that the above application will be determined by Lancashire County Council. LCC consulted Preston City Council under **06/2014/0466** and as part of that process, the City Council has consulted the Parish Council. Members noted that there are 2 applications – one for the exploration works and one for monitoring works associated with the exploration.

Members acknowledged that fracking is a controversial issue and associated problems include the potential to trigger earthquakes and the contamination of watercourses. Members noted that the application for exploration would be processed by the County Council and as such it was their role and responsibility to ensure that all the concerns regarding fracking had been suitably addressed before the exploration was granted permission. Members further noted that the application more specific to Woodplumpton was for the monitoring devices – namely the surface array station H07 and 3 buried arrays which will measure the extent and rate of fracture propagation. Members **resolved** that if LCC grant permission for the exploration site, it would seem prudent to ensure that all the relevant monitoring and safety measures were in place although concerns were expressed that if a stress line is triggered monitoring would only alert staff to the problem it would not prevent an earthquake occurring.

Members requested assurance that if activity is recorded by the monitors, work will cease immediately. Members also requested further information regarding the data stored by the monitors and whether this will be in the public domain and open to scrutiny by LCC or an independent company other than Cuadrilla.

38. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT NOTIFICATION OF SCOPING CONSULTATION

Members were advised that LCC is preparing a Supplementary Planning Document on Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Distribution and are consulting on the scope and level of detail that should be included in the Document. Members **resolved** to request that the SPD includes some background and comparisons regarding fracking and other renewable energy sources and an analysis of the likelihood of

- pollution - by air, land and water,
- nuisance – noise, smell, light, vibration and visual impact
- environmental impact – on flora, fauna and wildlife
- increased road usage - in terms of transportation and weight restrictions

39. COMPLETION OF AUDIT 2013/2014

Members noted that there were no matters arising in respect of the external audit and Members **resolved** to approve and accept the Annual Return.

40. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

41. REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS

Members **resolved** to note the progress against budgeted items following the completion of the 1st Quarter April – June.

42. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

BDO Audit fee	£120.00	CQ 1019
Quarterly Expenses Apr - June	£73.28	CQ 1020
Clerk's July Salary	£647.16	CQ 1021
Lengthsman Contract 23 - 26	£352.50	CQ 1022

43. SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION

Members recalled that Lancashire County Council proposed to withdraw evening and Sunday bus services as part of their budget proposals. Members responded to the consultation that LCC should make more effort to distribute services and subsidies more equally. LCC is now proposing to revise the criteria to measure services in a more sustainable way. Members **resolved** to reply stating that the criteria should take into account the number of facilities in the vicinity, the social demographics of the area ie predominately elderly people who could be completely isolated or predominately young people who need transport to expand their career prospects and whether there were any other services easily accessible.

44. CLERK'S HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

Members considered the agenda item in relation to the Clerk's contracted hours of employment and **resolved** to increase the hours to 15hrs a week.

45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 15th September 2014** at 7.00pm in Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.