

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS, REAR OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON on MONDAY 17th July 2017 at 7.00pm.

45 PRESENT:	Chairman	Cllr M Greaves
	Councillors	Cllr M Entwistle
		Cllr P Entwistle
		Cllr S Morgan
		Cllr B Probin
		Cllr M Stewart
		Cllr S Yates

5 members of the public and PCSO D Reid.

46 APOLOGIES Cllr B Dalglish

47 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Council meeting held on **19th June 2017**.
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

49 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

The planning application at Whinneyfield Farm was not discussed as the applicants were not present, however, the Clerk was requested to contact them to draw their attention to a heavy gate which is making it difficult for residents to use a PROW across their land which provides access to the rear of the Church.

A resident questioned whether there was a need for the community action group to be resurrected so that residents had a bigger role in maintaining and improving facilities in the village. The Parish Council was supportive of the suggestion always assuming the resident could generate enough interest amongst other residents.

It was explained that some maintenance tasks could not be undertaken by residents due to health and safety considerations but residents could work in partnership with the Parish Council to highlight traffic concerns; join the Parish Council Steering Group to make suggestions and determine policies for the Neighbourhood Plan or they could look at ideas to improve and promote Woodplumpton as a best kept village.

The resident expressed an interest in the above and it was agreed that the resident should email the Clerk with his contact details so an article can be included on the website and the next edition of the Parish newsletter.

In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had written to the City Council to request compensation regarding the removal of the phone boxes and had also written to BT to ask if a kiosk from another area could be moved to the parish. BT are unable to relocate kiosks and the City Council is still considering the email, however as only resident has complained about the removal, the Parish Council doesn't have much leverage to persuade the City Council the kiosks were a valued asset. It was stated that staff at the Plough at Eaves were aggrieved that the kiosk has been removed and they were urged to put their concerns in writing so that they can be forwarded to the City Council.

The Parish Lengthsman reported incidents of fly tipping on the motorway bridges at Sandy Lane and Rosemary Lane. Concern was expressed that the City Council won't remove the debris as it is on private land, however, as the debris includes low grade asbestos, they will supply a suit and bags for the landowner or lengthsman to remove it at their own risk! It was agreed that incidents will continue to be reported to the City Council so that they have a record of the number of incidents. Members also agreed to erect some small signs (with the landowners permission) stating the area is monitored by CCTV in the hope fly tippers will be deterred. It was also mentioned that a new parish noticeboard will be erected at Catforth at the weekend.

A damaged manhole cover was reported at Whittle Hill allegedly caused by cars parking on the pavement. PCSO Reid confirmed he will be putting a leaflet on inappropriately parked cars explaining that they may be liable for any further damage.

Parking concerns were also mentioned at The Orchard and concern was expressed that cars are parking on the playing field which is used as a children's play area. The Chairman explained the difficulties the Parish Council had encountered trying to resolve the issue in the past and referred to Community Gateway's letter stating they would be happy to discuss additional parking provision for residents - providing residents paid for the works. At the time, no residents acted on the suggestion. The Clerk informed Members that the City Council have confirmed the Parish Council contribution required for the continued maintenance of the playing field and as a result, Members may be in a stronger position to negotiate improvements to the field frontage. The Clerk was requested to add the matter to the September agenda.

PCSO Reid stated that there was still a concern regarding thefts from the partially built houses and confirmed a night-watchman had been employed. 6 incidents of jewellery theft have been reported at Broughton and residents are encouraged to use a safe or deposit box for valuable items. Crimes have also occurred whilst people are on holiday and residents are urged not to 'advertise' the fact they are away on Facebook.

The police helicopter was used to locate a person who had absconded from the Priory.

PCSO Reid explained that he had been offered a new policing job in Burnley and it was likely he would be moving away from the Parish. He confirmed that a full time replacement would be appointed. Members thanked him for his help and support over the years and wished him all the best for the future.

50 NW PRESTON MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Further to the press release regarding changes to the NW Preston Masterplan, the Clerk met with officers from the City and County Council on the 6th July. Members have received a full report summarising the points discussed.

City Council officers stressed that the Masterplan is only an indicative policy guide and they have no control over how or when the desired facilities will be provided – however, they do not believe the changes will have an impact on the sustainability of the NW Preston area.

LCC officers confirmed that there will be an increase in traffic at peak periods until the E-W link and PWDR are completed, but they insist there is still capacity within the road network.

Members disagreed with the above points and remain concerned that unless developers are prepared to release land or submit plans for additional facilities, NW Preston will remain a car dependent housing development. Members reiterated their dissatisfaction that the City Council removed the health centre from the Masterplan and moved key facilities away from the core centre to the Preston Grasshopper site without any public statement or reassurance regarding the decisions. It was **resolved** that these points will be stressed by the Chairman during the "That's Lancashire" interview which is being arranged.

Members **noted** that Taylor Wimpey will shortly be submitting an application for phases 2 & 3 and Jones Homes have decided against erecting a sales office on Miller Green although an advertising hoarding may still be erected.

Members **noted** that the City Council has advertised for a NW Preston Development Officer to work with developers and stakeholders to improve communications. Members requested that a meeting be arranged with the person as soon as they are appointed.

Members were informed that the stakeholder liaison meeting has been re-scheduled to Mon 25th Sept or Weds 4th October. Attendance will be confirmed at the September Parish Council meeting.

51 REVIEW OF CIL ITEMS

Members noted the following updates and considered the next steps to progress matters relating to CIL expenditure.

A. Parish Traffic calming – At the NW Preston meeting on the 6th July, officers stated there may be scope to use City Deal to draw up the traffic calming plans. Further details were promised in time for the meeting but these have not been received. An email was sent to County Cllr Wilkins and County Cllr Iddon asking them to intervene but Cllr Wilkins did not acknowledge the email and although Cllr Iddon's admin support team acknowledged the request, a reply has not been received.

It was stated that traffic calming measures have been installed in other areas where it has not been requested and given that the Parish Council is prepared to pay for the measures, there is no excuse for the delay. It was also stated that the above Councillors had met with CoVAG and Members expressed their frustration that the Parish Council is being ignored and LCC are dragging their heels.

- i. It was **resolved** that residents who contact the Parish Council expressing concerns about traffic related issues will be advised to complain to the County Council to highlight the difficulties and request that action is taken in partnership with the Parish Council. The Action Group will be used to increase awareness of this decision.
- ii. Concerns were expressed that LCC will be opposed to any plans to slow traffic through Woodplumpton because it may increase congestion on other routes – but if the plans aren't produced, the matter can't even be discussed. It was **resolved** that Members will supply contact details of engineering companies to the Clerk so that a company can be commissioned to draw up plans which will meet the Parish Council's requirements.
- iii. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will issue further emails to LCC and the County Councillors and these will be followed up with an email from the Chairman.

B. Defibrillator – The trainer who provided the training on the defibrillator devices also volunteers with first responders and blood bikes. Following an explanation of their work and financial pressures, it was **resolved** that £200 be donated to blood bikes under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

C. Green space – Further to the concerns about parking at the Orchard raised under public participation, Members **noted** that the City Council has advised the Parish Council has been asked to contribute £814 towards the maintenance of the playing field land (18% of the current maintenance cost). Members will be asked to decide whether to agree to the charge at the September meeting. It was **resolved** that the Clerk add the option of installing a post and rail fence at the frontage of the field on to the Agenda.

D. War memorial – An invoice has been paid for the stonework and it was confirmed that the railings should be completed by the end of the month. The original plaque is with Cllr P Entwistle and it was **resolved** he will source an additional plaque to commemorate the refurbishment.

E. Catforth Village Hall – Quotes and drawings are required before the matter can be discussed further. Members **noted** Myerscough College have been approached to draw up some designs.

F. Dog / Litter Bins – PCC are yet to advise if a new bin can be installed at Whinneyfield Lane. Members suggested that the bin at Catforth Road should be a small litter bin to prevent the problems of it being used for flytipping.

G. Phone Boxes – Although not part of CIL, as confirmed under public participation, the Clerk has contacted the City Council for compensation but a reply has not yet been received.

52 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Morgan confirmed his intention to be involved on the Neighbourhood Plan but explained he had to leave the meeting at this point.

Members noted the City Council are obliged to automatically approve the Parish boundary as the Neighbourhood Plan designated area. This decision should be confirmed by Cabinet on 16th August. Members **resolved** to hold a meeting to discuss the next steps with the consultant Mr Taylor on the 21st August.

53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Note - Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk

06/2017/0658 Two storey 74no. bed care home at Preston Grasshoppers, Lightfoot Green Lane, Preston.

Members were informed that the scheme was for a 74 bed care home with 40 car parking spaces. The residents will almost all be bed ridden with GPs and ambulances visiting the site. Daily and weekly deliveries of materials and resources will be made by small van. The application form states there will be 40 full time and 15 part time staff but the design and access statement only refers to 35 full time staff.

According to the Travel Plan, 50% of employees will be encouraged to walk, cycle and use public transport. Of the remaining 50%, parking spaces will be provided but a third of the remainder will be encouraged to car share. Visitors will be encouraged to use other modes of transport but will be allowed to use a car park space if one is available. Members expressed concern that the Travel Plan was not in touch with reality. Due to the limited bus provision, amount of shift work and dependency on the car, visitors and staff associated with the care home will park in the neighbouring streets.

It was noted that hospital staff currently use the car park as an informal park and ride and at weekends it used for rugby events. Members noted LCC's concerns regarding the use of the southern access and supported LCC's comments that further details are needed to clarify how the application will affect the above uses.

Notwithstanding this, Members noted that the adopted NW Preston Masterplan states that Preston Grasshoppers would be the preferred location for community events – this will not be achievable if the rugby club has limited parking facilities but more importantly, events will cause noise and distress to residents - most of whom will be bed ridden. For the above reasons, Members **resolved** to oppose the application.

06/2017/0757 Hybrid planning application for the redevelopment of land associated with Ingol Village Golf Course. Full application for areas of public open space; outline application for a new first team training facility for Preston North End Football Club and residential development of up to 450 dwellings (access applied for) at Ingol Golf And Squash Club, Tanterton Hall Road, Preston.

Members were informed that this is a resubmission of application 06/2017/0181 which was considered by planning committee in June. The training facility had been approved but the houses had been refused. The applicant has now removed a small element of housing from the application (parcel G) and has resubmitted the application. Members confirmed their original comments to the earlier submission and **resolved** to object to the proposal as it would involve building houses on a major area of open space protected by Policy EN5 of the Local Plan. In addition, the site was not included for development in the Local Plan and, as the City Council is considered to have a 5yr housing supply, there is no need for the additional housing which would create additional construction traffic and put further strain on the inadequate infrastructure in NW Preston.

06/2017/0788 Prior notification submission for change of use from agricultural building to 2no. dwellings at Lower Hill House Farm, Eaves Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the works could go ahead as permitted development if the prior notification was successful. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

54 SHOP FRONT DESIGNS

Members noted the draft Supplementary Planning Document relating to Shopfront Designs but as there are no shops in the parish it was **resolved** not to respond to the consultation.

55 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

56 REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS

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

57 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the already approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension. Members also noted receipt of the VAT refund.

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

New Notice board Catforth	£1634.38	BACS
Quarterly Expenses Apr - June	£105.45	BACS
Clerk's July Salary	£1004.16	BACS
HMRC Tax & N Ins	£104.20	CQ 1223
HMRC PAYE	£59.81	CQ 1224
Lengthsman Contract	£705.00	CQ 1225
Cement and grass seed to secure the new notice board	£15.00	CQ 1226

58 LALC AGM

Members noted that the LALC AGM will be held on Saturday 18th November at 10.00 at County Hall, Preston. Attendance will be confirmed nearer the time. Members also **noted** that Preston Area Committee will be submitting a resolution requesting that LALC makes more use of modern technology and engages more with Councillors as they are the principal members.

59 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As work has progressed on other roads, the Clerk was requested to check the date for the resurfacing of Newsham Hall Road.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 18th September 2017** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School, School Lane, Catforth.

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