

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT
CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH
on MONDAY 19th June 2017 at 7.00pm.

29 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr M Entwistle Cllr B Probin
Cllr M Stewart Cllr S Yates

4 officers from Lancashire constabulary.

30 APOLOGIES Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr P Entwistle (Cllr S Morgan)

31 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Annual Council meeting held on **15th May 2017** and the extra-ordinary meeting held on the **1st June 2017**.
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

32 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
There were no declarations of interest.

33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Reid addressed the meeting and ran through the latest recorded crimes which included a burglary on Hoyles Lane, theft of a Porsche, a paypal fraud, harassment, possible road rage incident in Woodplumpton, various thefts from new dwellings on Sandy Lane and an attempted theft of a tarmac roller and new boilers from the new houses on Lightfoot Lane.

Police officers are still building good relations with local primary schools and have supported Barton St Lawrence and Catforth primary school through to the semi-final of a football match. Pupils have also been involved in events up at Waddecar. It was confirmed that the wildlife officer would be attending the community fete in September.

Chief Inspector Jon Clegg, Inspector Steve Anderton and Sergeant Anne Otter addressed the meeting to clarify changes to the policing structure following the loss of 1000 officers and a £73m cut to the policing budget. It was explained that a new model would be trialled in an attempt to move back to neighbourhood policing. Under the new model, there will be 5 inspectors covering the neighbourhood areas and they will be briefed on all known issues from 999 calls, to anti-social behaviour to thefts from the new sites. A patrol plan will be drawn up and police officers will be deployed to investigate all the issues. It was stated that the model will ensure that there is more ownership and responsibility to investigate all crimes. The changes will not be introduced until September. Broughton Police station will still be used but it may be in a different format from its current use as a satellite base.

Concerns were expressed that officers would be deployed to other beat areas if they had more incidents and whereas officers could respond quickly to incidents from Broughton station, it would take 30-40mins to reach the rural areas. In response it was stated that there would not be a complete withdrawal of officers from a beat area and officers assigned to 999 calls would drive through other beat areas and deal with incidents whilst waiting for 999 calls to come in. It was reiterated that although officers would log on and be briefed of incidents at Lancaster Road, they will be in the beat areas for 8 / 9 hours a day. Local knowledge and involvement with the schools will continue but any issues will be articulated to a bigger team so more staff will be aware of any local concerns. Previously officers have been scattered to help cover other areas but under the new model, they will have a dedicated responsibility to their beat area. Questions were raised about officers covering the fracking site. It was stated that the police need to attend but whilst there is an impact on resources, officers are covering shifts with overtime and rest days so there is limited impact on the frontline delivery. The Chairman asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do to support the police – appealing for more officers etc.

In response it was stated that there were good communications locally and the police attendance was simply to give reassurance regarding the changes – it is not envisaged that the service levels will drop or that additional resources will be required.

The Parish Council can help by repeating messages to ensure doors and windows are locked and cars and sheds are kept secure overnight. It was stressed that all incidents are analysed statistically and whilst 14 separate crimes may be recorded, often it is due to a spike on one evening. The police will continue to provide information about specific incidents to the Parish Council and once the changes are implemented in September, they will come back in January to discuss the 1st quarter.

The police were thanked for their attendance.

34 POLICING PROVISION

Members stated they still have reservations regarding the alterations but appreciated the offer to come back and address any concerns. Members **resolved** to include a reminder in the Newsletter to lock doors and windows and secure sheds and vehicles.

35 NW PRESTON MASTERPLAN CHANGES

Members discussed the changes to the adopted NW Preston Master Plan and reiterated concerns that the changes will alter traffic flows and reduce the number of amenities within NW Preston. Concerns were expressed that the City Council paid consultants to identify the needs associated with the new development and launched the masterplan in a blaze of publicity stating how important the Garden City development was for Preston, but the changes mean it will become a car dependent housing estate with limited facilities. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council releases a press statement highlighting the concerns. A draft will be circulated to all Members before publication.

Members were informed that the Stakeholder meeting is being rearranged for the 27th July or 3rd August at 6.00pm at the Town Hall.

Members noted that traffic calming should be installed along Hoyles Lane prior to the occupation of the 1st dwelling at the Morris Homes site but the City Council decided it wasn't expedient to enforce the condition. As construction work has now started on 2 sites off Hoyles Lane, Members **noted** that the City Council have now asked LCC to complete the traffic calming works as soon as possible.

Members also **noted** that Jones Homes have approached Lea & Cottam Council to erect a sales office with parking on Miller Green. Members **resolved** that the matter be added to the 17th July agenda following Lea & Cottam's meeting on the 10th July.

36 CIL MONIES AND WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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

a) Parish Traffic Measures – Members considered the reply from Neil Stevens which states that the LCC design service does not have the capacity to deliver further commissions in house. Members **resolved** to contact the engineers who submitted the traffic calming plans for Hoyles Lane to see if they will draw up the Parish Council's plans.

b) Play Area – Members **noted** work has finished on the play area and the grass and turf will be monitored. The invoice has been presented for payment and the final grant acknowledgement has been submitted.

c) Green space – Members **noted** that the City Council have no figures to substantiate their budget decision to request £50,000 from parishes to maintain greenspaces and they are not yet in a position to make any decisions regarding the transfer of ownership. The matter will be discussed further at Preston Area Committee.

d) War memorial – Members **noted** that work continues on the war memorial and the invoice for work to date has been paid in accordance with MIN 27b of the extra-ordinary meeting. Arrangements will be made for the planters to be moved to Catforth and the contractor will be asked to retain the commemorative plaque.

- e) **Catforth Village Hall** – Members **noted** quotes and drawings are required before the matter can be discussed further.
- f) **Defibrillator** – Members **noted** that the training has been organised and advertised in the Summer Newsletter.
- g) **Dog / Litter Bins** – Members **noted** that bins have been requested at Whinneyfield Lane and Catforth Road and a new officer has been allocated to the query.

37 REMOVAL OF PHONE BOXES

Members were informed that Preston City Council have apologised for internal errors which meant they did not pass the Parish Council's objections on to BT leading to the removal of the telephone boxes. Members were not satisfied with the apology and **resolved** that the City Council compensate the Parish Council for the loss.

38 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Further to the meeting held at Preston Grasshoppers on the 17th May, Members **resolved** to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed Mr Taylor as the preferred consultant. Members **resolved** that the Parish Boundary which includes the NW Preston the strategic location will be the Neighbourhood Area and **resolved** to approve the script accompanying the application to the City Council. Members **noted** that all Members will be part of the Working Group to take the Plan forward and any proposals will need to be included on the Parish Council agenda in the normal manner.

39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

06/2016/0111 Conversion of barn to 1no dwelling, including raising of roof height and new detached garage following demolition of outbuildings at Old Woodsfold Barn, Lewth Lane, Preston.

Members noted that amended documents had been received which retain more of the existing openings. An explanation has also been provided for the increased roof height. As the farm and barn are set well back from the road, Members had previously stated they did not consider there to be an adverse impact on the open countryside. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2017/0424 1no dwelling at Houghton House Farm, Lightfoot Lane, Preston. Members noted that the property was in an isolated position in the NW Preston strategic location. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2017/0600 1no dwelling and associated works Moorside Villa, Moorside Lane, Preston. Members noted that the site had been approved in outline and the proposed property is in line with existing developments along the frontage of Moorside Lane. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

40 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

41 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members noted that the internal audit has been completed and no issues had been raised. All documents have been forwarded to the external auditors and the requisite statement of electors' rights has been posted on the website. Members **resolved** to approve the payment of £85. CQ 1214

42 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments for Easy websites and Nest pension. Members also **noted** that the transfer to CCLA and the payment to Yates Playgrounds could not be made by BACS due to the amounts involved. Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

CIL Transfer to the CCLA	£50,000.00	CQ 1215
Yates Playgrounds	£32,604.00	CQ 1216
Clerk's June Salary	£1004.16	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£104.20	CQ 1217
HMRC Employer N INS	£59.81	CQ 1218
Lengthsman Contract	£705.00	CQ 1219
Weed killer	£30.95	CQ 1220
Printing of Newsletter and Annual Report PCC	£166.25	CQ 1221
Postage of Newsletter	£495.04	BACS
Envelopes, hole punch & clips	£35.97	BACS

43 DEFIB TRAINING - DONATION TO NW AMBULANCE

NW Ambulance will be providing 2 training sessions on the defibrillator devices in June and July. Members **resolved** that the Council makes a donation of £100 per session.
CQ 1222

44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 17th July 2017** at 7.00pm at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms