

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH

at 7.00pm on MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019

19/24 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr P Entwistle Cllr M Entwistle,
Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr B Probin,
Cllr M Stewart, Cllr G Walker
PC Geldard, Mr Hill Parish Lengthsman, 1 resident.

19/25 APOLOGIES: Cllr S Yates

19/26 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th May 2019.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record. The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were also noted.

19/27 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr B Dalglish declared a personal interest in Woodplumpton school's request for highway signs as he works at the school.

19/28 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

A resident reported that the hedge needs cutting back on Hoyles Lane as it blocks the footpath. It was also reported that a hedge is affecting the sightlines at the junction of Whittle Hill and Newsham Hall Lane. Both cases will be reported on the LCC website www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it

A blocked drainage gully was also reported at Woodplumpton Road and it was stated that this can also be reported via the website along with potholes, street lighting problems etc. The Clerk will ensure the Newsletter includes an article containing the website link.

PC Geldard addressed the meeting and stated that he is aware the Parish Council has queried the number of incidents reported at the Priory and that concerns have been raised for the welfare of people on the narrow rural roads. He stated that the Priory now deals with a variety of mental health related issues not just anorexia but the number of incidents reported is extremely low especially when compared to Guild Lodge in Whittingham. The complex is a private concern not managed by the NHS and any concerns for the welfare of staff or patients should be reported to the Quality Care Commission.

Pc Geldard explained that crimes are now recorded on a postcode system making it easier to download an accurate account of the incidents in the area. Members considered the reports and those for previous months and noted that the number of incidents does not reflect the 'no rural crime' message stated by a police officer at the February meeting. The Clerk was requested to contact the officer concerned to advise them that the message appears to be factually incorrect.

PC Geldard stated that resources are still stretched and the Neighbourhood beat now covers Brookfield, Deepdale, Sharoe Green, Garrison and Moor Park in addition to rural Preston. Staffing levels are also low as 2 staff are off on long term sick leave. As before, priority is given to safeguarding issues, vulnerable members of society, repeat offenders and hot spot locations – however, the Police & Crime Commissioner has stated that the Neighbourhood task teams will have 5 new staff members which will be a dedicated resource to be deployed by the Neighbourhood Policing teams.

It was confirmed that there is still no dedicated rural vehicle but during the evenings there are extra patrols to cover anti-social behaviour. Broughton Police Station is still in use and will be used for a community drop in event on the 3rd / 4th July.

PC Geldard was thanked for his attendance.

Mr Hill the Parish Lengthsman reported that the batteries keep going flat on the CCTV camera as it is triggered by moving leaves and vibrations from passing vehicles.

It was suggested that the sensitivity can be altered on a higher specification model. Cllr Entwistle volunteered to research this and bring a report back to a future meeting. It was confirmed that the landowners are supportive of the use of the device.

19/29 NW PRESTON STAKEHOLDER EVENT / NO CONFIDENCE MOTION

Members were informed that the Clerk and Chairman attended the NW Preston Stakeholder event on the 3rd June. Members noted that the meeting covered most of the issues itemised in the Motion of No Confidence and that the City Council stated that whilst they were doing what they can to bring the infrastructure forward in NW Preston – not everything was in their control. Officers also acknowledged that they need to do more to improve communication regarding developments and non-compliance with conditions. However, at the end of the meeting, Cllr Moss heavily criticised the Parish Councils' decision to submit the Motions of No Confidence and stated that Members of his Party were questioning whether the City Council should continue to engage with the Parishes. Members stated that Cllr Moss's comments did nothing to convince Members that communication would improve and as his criticism and comments also related to Broughton Parish Council, Members **resolved** that they should be sent a copy of the Clerk's notes from the Stakeholder meeting.

In general, it was felt that the Motion was a success as it had prompted the City Council to respond to the Parish Council's concerns and it was acknowledged that officers had also approached the Parish Council for views on the district centre site – however, Members remain unhappy that despite the City Council's assurances that they are liaising with the developers, they are not doing enough to rectify problems or enforce breaches in conditions - particularly when health and safety issues have been raised. Members discussed the absence of a footpath at Sandy Lane and it was suggested the problem could easily be resolved if a gate replaced the fence on the PROW.

It was **resolved** that the Motion of No Confidence should remain in place until there is clear evidence that communication has improved and breaches in conditions have been actioned. It was also **resolved** that the Clerk should pursue the concerns regarding the footpath at Sandy Lane and request a written statement explaining why the footpath is not being constructed.

19/30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

06/2019/0171 Outdoor seating canopies for the cafe at The Pantry, Maxy House Farm, Sandy Lane, Preston.

Members were advised that the application states that the café has proved very popular and there is a demand for an outside seating area. Whilst Members acknowledge this preference, it was felt that the increased popularity should lead to a review of the travel and parking arrangements for the site. Pedestrians can not access the site safely as the planning condition to provide a footpath has not been complied with, which means diners are more likely to arrive by car which will create additional parking concerns particularly due to the construction site opposite. Members **resolved** that they are not in a position to support the application until the access arrangements are resolved. Furthermore, Members expressed their disappointment that the tables and chairs are already being used - despite the fact planning permission has not been granted.

06/2019/0585 Reserved matters application (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning application 06/2011/0473 for 89no. dwellings at Haydock Grange, Hoyles Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the approved outline plan PLA 04M included an area of green space in the NE corner which will now accommodate plots 265 – 269 and plot 307. The design and access statement states that 2 areas of public open space within the northern development area have been relocated and will form part of Church Green but this area of land does not appear to be substantially different from the outline proposal.

Plan 20263 PLA 05 shows the affordable housing layout with the properties dominating the NE and NW corners which is contrary to the affordable homes pepper potting policy.

The Parish Council is also extremely concerned that there is no uniformity in relation to the plans to realign Hoyles Lane outside the Post Office. The traffic calming plan N81522-06 clearly shows the road realigned to the north of the Post Office creating a significant expanse of open space between the proposed and existing layout, however the reserved matters plans do not show the expanse to be as great. The realignment work should have been done during the first phase of development – within 9 months of the completion of the Tabley Lane roundabout. The amount of traffic in this area has increased considerably since the condition was applied and the junction with Sandy Lane is now considered to be a serious safety concern. Members **resolved** to object to the application for the 3 reasons stated above but if minded to approve the application, the Parish Council requests that any approval references a plan and timescale for the realignment work to be completed.

06/2019/0629 2no. dwellings (pursuant to 06/2018/1227 and 06/2019/0205) to seek variation of condition no.1 Approved Plans, at Garlick House, Green Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2019/0666 1no. dwelling and associated works on land at the former Garlick House, Green Lane, Catforth.

Members noted that an application for 3 dwellings **06/2018/0438** was refused as the site was considered to be in an isolated location in the open countryside without adequate sustainable means of access to goods, services and employment areas and although the City Council subsequently approved 2 dwellings on the site, the Parish considers that the location remains unsustainable and any further applications should be refused.

Furthermore, concerns are expressed that the application refers to LCC's comments that passing places should be provided. It is noted that the applicant is not in a position to do this due to the proximity of the dyke running along the track to the east – but this only serves to illustrate the unsuitability of the access for additional use.

Members **resolved** to oppose the application.

06/2019/0687 Request for a Screening Opinion (Environmental Impact Assessment) for up to 500 dwellings on land at Tabley Lane and Sandy Lane, Preston.

Members **noted** the submission of the above application as a statement of intent to submit a new proposal for 500 homes.

06/2019/0700 Outline application for 2 dwellings on Land west of Catforth Road, Catforth. The above application was received after the agenda had been published and it was **resolved** that the Clerk should reply under delegated authority.

19/31 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

19/32 INSURANCE

Members confirmed that the Insurance Policy still meets their requirements and they **resolved** to renew it at a cost of £305.86.

19/33 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the deduction of the direct debits to Easy websites and NEST pension. Members approved the following accounts already paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

Consultant's invoice (from NHP Grant)	£7,500.00	BACS
Lengthsman Invoice to 24 th May + wood for tap box	£756.47	BACS

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

Quarterly Expenses Jan – March 2019	£56.88	BACS
Clerk's June Salary	£1125.82	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£101.36	BACS
Employer N.Ins	£74.24	BACS
PCC Catforth election	£100	BACS

19/34 SCHOOL PARKING AND REQUEST FOR SIGNS AT WOODPLUMPTON SCHOOL

Members considered an agenda request for the Church car park to be used to resolve parking concerns at Woodplumpton School (see email dated 9th June.) It was subsequently established that the School has already made arrangements for the caretaker to unlock the Church car park before and after school and a letter has been issued to all parents. However, it was noted that the arrangement does not extend to bookings outside school hours.

Members debated the issue at length and acknowledged that the School has taken steps to ease the situation but some drivers will always choose the nearest space available even if their actions are discourteous to others and it was suggested that the Parish Council make enquiries about accessing the land between the Church carpark and the rear of the school. It was stated that if the situation doesn't improve, it may be necessary to ask LCC to consider the addition of yellow lines but as this will have an impact on the traffic calming proposals it was agreed that these should be installed first, especially as the police do not have the resources to consistently monitor and enforce parking issues.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to the school covering the following points

- thank them for their efforts to resolve the issue,
- request a copy of the letter advising parents to use the church carpark
- ask if the efforts can be extended to hires outside school hours
- raise their awareness of the traffic calming plans by referring them to the website.

In order to encourage drivers to use the Church car park, the School have suggested purchasing some 'child friendly' pavement signs at a cost of £390 (plus VAT) for 3 signs. Members noted that before agreeing to the request, the Parish Council must ensure that the School has sought approval from the local Highway Authority to display the signs. It was **resolved** that the school are also requested to confirm if they have permission from LCC and if so, can they provide written confirmation whether the signs will be erected on the road or the footpath as the latter may cause an obstruction.

19/35 UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC CALMING PLANS

Under MIN 19/16 Members noted that the Clerk has requested an invoice for the engineering plans. Members noted that the invoice has still not been received but acknowledged that LCC have stated this should not be taken as a sign that the timescale will be affected. No further action was proposed.

19/36 CCTV CAMERA

In Dec 2017, Members purchased a CCTV camera to monitor incidents of fly tipping in the Parish. The device is monitored by the Parish Lengthsman and is covered by a CCTV use Policy. Members reviewed the policy and **resolved** that it was still appropriate to the use of the device. In light of the comments made under public participation, it was **resolved** that Cllr Entwistle will research a less sensitive model.

19/37 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the Neighbourhood Plan meeting, the Clerk emailed the Consultant with the amendments to the Plan and additional comments have been added in respect of schools and caravans / rural tourism. Members authorised payment of the Consultant's fees and noted that £380 is left over from the Grant.

Members confirmed that the final draft could be published and **resolved** that the grant money should be used on the publicity for the consultation event on the 6th July.

19/38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 15th July 2019** at 7.00pm at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.