

**WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**  
**AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS,**  
**REAR OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON**

**on MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00pm**

**113 PRESENT:** Chairman P Entwistle  
Councillors B Dalglish M Entwistle S Morgan  
B Probin, M Stewart,

8 members of the public, 8

**114 APOLOGIES** Councillors M Greaves and C Singleton,

**115 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting on the **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**.  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

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

**117 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

A member of the public stated that a Fracking meeting will be held at Catforth Village Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 – 9.00. The Clerk was asked to put notices in the notice boards and website along with a leaflet from the Roseacre Awareness Group. It was questioned whether the Fracking route will be the preferred route for the Roseacre site only or is it part of a bigger route transporting materials to 800 well heads (90 sites) proposed between Blackpool and Chipping. Concerns were expressed about the number of lorries transporting clean and waste water to and from the site. It was questioned that if United Utilities pipe the water in – will it affect the pressure or supply to existing properties. It was mentioned that UU have produced a report stating the supply can't be guaranteed 10yrs for now. It was requested that the report be emailed to the Clerk so it can be added to the website alongside other Fracking information.

A representative from the Ramblers Association advised that footpath 96 runs next to application **06/2015/0097** for retrospective stables at Blackleach Lane and the access to Beech Grove Farm, Malley Lane - application **06/2015/0153** - is affected by footpath 105. It was also mentioned that Wain Homes have fenced off a site at Sandy Lane but provision has not been made to divert footpaths 102 and 103 which run through the site. Concern was also expressed that application **06/2014/0987** proposed a new vehicular access along footpath 104. The Clerk will raise these concerns with the planning department and will check if footpath diversion notices are in place for the development in NW Preston.

In response to a question about a footpath closure at Pepperhill, it was stated that footpath 75 was closed due to a build-up of silage. LCC are aware of the matter and steps are being taken to clear it.

Concerns were expressed that lorries from Bradley's Sand Pit are still using an unauthorised access off Tabley Lane and are meeting Taylor Wimpey lorries who are using an unauthorised access off Sandy Lane. It was stated that Tabley Lane is not capable of taking this increase in traffic. The Clerk confirmed the City Council are aware of the concerns and an update will be requested.

It was stated that there has been a noticeable increase in transportation of chickens to and from a poultry farm and there has been a general increase in HGV's heading in the direction of Inskip and Elswick.

A member of the public stated that the funding available to the City Council to provide new traveller sites has now closed and it was questioned what progress the City Council has made to relocate the Travellers in Catforth. This matter will be addressed when discussing the Main Modifications to the Local Plan - Agenda Item 10.

#### **118 INTERNAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Members **resolved** that the following were up to date and appropriate to the Council's requirements

- Risk Management Policy Statement
- Risk Management Register
- Council's Asset Register

Members completed the **Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control** document and **resolved** to appoint Mr Slade as the Council's internal auditor.

#### **119 UPDATE REGARDING CUADRILLA**

Members noted that objections opposing the principle of the route will be emailed to LCC shortly and the formal consultation has still not been received.

Members were reminded that the meeting with Cuadrilla is on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

At the February meeting, Members resolved to hold an extra meeting to discuss fracking and the proposed route. Members **resolved** that the meeting be arranged in the week commencing Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April which avoids the Easter school holidays and allows the date to be published in the Parish Council's newsletter.

Members noted they can attend Fracking meetings - providing they do not give the impression they are expressing the collective view of the Parish Council. Members discussed the proposal to appoint a Councillor to attend local fracking meetings and reflected on whether the appointed Councillor would be regarded as speaking as a resident or as a spokesman for the Parish Council. Members **resolved** not to appoint a Councillor to attend in a formal capacity, but wherever possible, individual Members will attend fracking meetings as residents.

Councillors were reminded of the requirement to update their notification of interest forms if they became a member of any organisation. Some Councillors advised that they had attended a Fracking group meeting and had collected email addresses with the intention of emailing attendees further information about Fracking. As this could be regarded as being an active member of a group, a campaign member offered to issue the emails instead.

#### **120 SUMMARISING PLANNING COMMENTS**

At the February meeting it was explained that Parish Council planning comments are summarised in the officer's report presented to planning committee. Councillor Morgan submitted a proposal stating *that the Parish Council should complain in the strongest possible manner, that it considers it abhorrent that officers should take it upon themselves to alter, edit or redact in any way shape or form an official communication from duly elected councillors.*

Members considered the proposal but felt it was acceptable for the comments to be summarised providing the summary does not change the Parish Council objection. The Clerk confirmed that where the Parish Council has commented on applications presented to planning committee, she usually checks the officer recommendation and reads through the report and would be aware if the objection was not properly recorded. For delegated decisions which go against Parish objections, a copy of the officer report can be requested and the summary of the Parish comments can be checked. Members **resolved** not to pursue the matter.

#### **121 NOG TOW ACCESS**

At the February meeting Members were advised that construction traffic concerns should be reported to the site manager or the planning department. Complaints have been reported but developers are still using unauthorised accesses and it was alleged that the planning officers are powerless to do anything.

Members **resolved** that the Clerk continues to forward all concerns to senior councillors and officers until action is taken.

## 122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

**06/2015/0097** Retrospective application for a stable block and construction of a hard standing on land at Blackleach Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to advise planning that PROW 96 runs next to the stables and they will not support any development that takes place without securing planning permission first.

**06/2015/0140** Certificate of lawfulness for 2 dormer windows and a roof light to rear of The Willows, Moss Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2015/0153** Detached dwelling and detached double garage following demolition of farmhouse at Beech Grove, Malley Lane, Woodplumpton  
Members **resolved** to advise planning that PROW 105 shares the access to the site and consideration should be given to the safety of pedestrians if the development is approved. Members had no objection to the replacement dwelling as it was considered a visual improvement to the site.

**06/2015/0175** Replacement porch at 469 Tag Lane, Higher Bartle. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

## 123 LOCAL PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS

Members considered the main modifications put forward by the Inspector examining the Local Plan. Members **resolved** that the Clerk should reply with reference to the following points.

**MM3** Refers to the *North West Preston East – West Distributor*. This is unclear and should either be the NW Preston Distributor Road (NWPDR) or the E-W Link Road. (EWL) As the EWL is considered essential to the development and safe flow of traffic through NW Preston, it should be included in Policy IN1.

**MM8** Having submitted a case for the inclusion of Policy MD2, it is welcomed and supported, however the Parish Council has consistently stated that the supporting infrastructure should be built first and is deeply concerned that the policy states *development will be allowed in advance of the completion of the entirety of the PWDR and the E-W Link road*. This reference should be deleted.

**MM11** The Parish Council objects to the deletion of Policy HS2 which covered the phasing of the NW Preston location. Without phasing, applications could be submitted anywhere in MD2 right up to the M55. The policy map should reflect the phasing shown in the NW Preston Masterplan.

**MM13** There is no reason to remove *conversion of existing buildings* from policy HS5 relating to Agricultural workers dwelling. Conversion is preferable to a new dwelling.

**AM14** Refers to the NW Preston Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document yet MM8 refers to it as a Local Development Document. Consistency is requested.

**AM17** states the strategic location will provide 5,200 dwellings yet the table in **MM10** indicates 5,322 will be provided. Consistency is requested.

**AM32** The Parish Council is disappointed that Traveller site allocations are not included as a modification to the Local Plan and requests that AM32 should state a Development Plan Document will be adopted by the end of 2015 at the very latest.

## 124 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman verified that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

## 125 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Clerk's March Salary	£773.70	CQ 1060
HMRC	£53.45	CQ 1061
Lengthsman Contract	£352.50	CQ 1062
E-ON Electric Bill	£6.18	CQ 1063
Printing of the Winter Newsletter	£180.00	CQ 1064

## 126 CIL MEETING

Members noted that a presentation on an additional bank account has been arranged for the April meeting. Members **resolved** that a date to discuss the CIL expenditure will be arranged at the Annual Parish Council meeting following the May elections.

## 127 NEWSLETTER

Members **resolved** to include the following items in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter

- Date of the Fracking meeting
- Notification of the Elections
- Date of the Annual Parish Meeting
- Update on construction traffic
- Newspaper delivery in Woodplumpton from Cottam Post Office

## 128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015** at 7.00pm in Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.