

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

on MONDAY 17th November 14 at 7.00pm

- 81 PRESENT:** Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors M Entwistle M Stewart,
B Probin, M Greaves S Morgan

10 members of the public, PCSO D Reid

- 82 APOLOGIES** Councillors B Dalglish and C Singleton,

- 83 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting on the **20th October 2014**.
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

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

The Clerk declared that she is representing Lea Ward residents in their objections to application **06/2014/0847** to change the access arrangements to use Hoyles Lane.

- 85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding planning application **06/2014/0847** to remove the emergency bus only access on Hoyles Lane and to use the access as a permanent vehicular access.

Concerns included comments that CEG are amending the application to make it 'commercially viable' and are ignoring the impact the development will have on residents. Hoyles Lane has a weight restriction and is not suitable for construction traffic, access should be taken from the E-W spine road and Sidgreaves Lane as originally proposed. Developments in NW Preston should not impact on existing communities and development should not go ahead until the new road infrastructure is in place. Concerns were also expressed that there has been a lack of publicity regarding the application and who will enforce the condition that once 60 units are occupied, all construction traffic must access the site from Sidgreaves Lane.

A member of the public requested an update on the Travellers. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council was aware that a new caravan had been delivered to the site and the planning department had confirmed it is a replacement for an existing caravan not an additional unit. Planning are still monitoring the site and will be there on Wednesday to check the septic tank has been installed. A different member of the public accused Members of 'hounding' the Travellers and stated that they are entitled to be there under European law. The Chairman replied that the Council was simply responding to concerns by residents. The Clerk provided the contact details of the planning department so that residents can complain directly to planning if they prefer.

It was questioned whether a Speed Indicator Device could be located on Hoyles Lane. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had used portable SPIDs previously and was looking at the possibility of solar powered fixed devices. 4 locations had been determined – 1 either end of Woodplumpton and 1 either end of Catforth. It was queried why Woodplumpton was chosen as the village already has traffic calming. It was explained that the purpose was to slow the traffic down before it gets to the village. Those present stated they would prefer the Council to address other blackspots especially as the building works were due to start soon. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has limited funds but other options may be considered once the CIL money is received. It was also explained that Woodplumpton Parish mainly covers the Post Office to the junction with Tabley Lane – it does not cover the Sidgreaves Lane end where most of the residents were from. This comes under Lea and Cottam parish.

PCSO Reid explained there were several types of solar SPID devices on the market. Prices were around £895 for one that shows the speed only, £1295 for the speed and a warning message and £1495 for the speed, warning message and a green or red emoticon. From the police perspective a device showing the speed and a message is the most effective and since one was installed at Grimsargh, there has been a difference in driver attitude. The Road Safety Partnership will attend Parish Council meetings to give a talk about speeding. PCSO will arrange this for the Parish Council.

PCSO Reid gave an update on police activity. The police are working with the RSPCA following an increase in poaching rabbits, foxes and badgers. Keep farm property locked as there has been an increase in thefts. There has also been an increase in the theft of 'sat navs'. A new style black fiesta with fake plates is believed to be involved. 9 lorries have been issued with a fixed penalty for breaching the weight restriction on Sandy Lane. In response to a question about other rural roads, residents were advised to email the police with the company and registration number. The police are covering Woodplumpton School issuing fixed penalties to sort out parking and traffic problems.

Attendees were thanked for their contributions and it was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

86 WOODPLUMPTON CHICANES

At the September meeting Members considered several letters from residents regarding the traffic chicanes in Woodplumpton. A reply was issued and LCC were notified of the concerns. The matter was placed on the Agenda to enable Members to make a decision should any further concerns be raised by residents. It was noted that none of the residents responded to the reply, nor were they present at the meeting. Members noted the reply from LCC which stated that LCC are not carrying out a review of the traffic calming and do not have the resources to fund its removal and replacement with something else and any cost associated with this would have to be met by the Parish Council. Members acknowledged that the matter may need reassessing in the future once development in the area is established and funding may be available from CIL monies. Members **resolved** not to undertake further consultation at this stage. Any concerns regarding the safety of the scheme will be referred to County highways as they have the overall responsibility for road safety.

87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

06/2014/0785 Conversion of barn to 1no dwelling house following the demolition of existing farm buildings at Spar House Farm Lewth Lane Woodplumpton. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2014/0786 Erection of 12no. detached dwellings and creation of new vehicular access from Lightfoot Lane following demolition of existing dwelling (Resubmission of application 06/2014/0025) on land rear of 242 Lightfoot Lane Higher Bartle Preston. Members noted a letter of objection from a local resident.

The Clerk explained that permanent access into the application site is required from the Redrow application **06/2014/0351** which was approved on the 28th October 2014, however the S38 Highway works required for the Redrow site shows the proposed access from the link road into this site to the east of the site's boundary but the application clearly shows that the site access road will run along the western boundary before linking with the E – W link road – in other words the proposed permanent access does not join up with the approved plan for S38 works submitted by Redrow.

It is noted that the applicant intends to demolish an existing property (242 Lightfoot Lane) build 11 houses to the rear (as phase 1) - then add a 12th house as phase 2. The 12th house will close the 'interim' access created by the demolished property. Members feel this proposal is a high risk strategy and poses many questions regarding phasing of the development and the NW Preston Area.

The 12th house cannot be built until Redrow complete their section of the E – W road or the 12 houses will be sealed off without any access!! If Redrow complete the E – W

road first - and the 12th house is not built until much later – a condition must be added to ensure the interim access created by the demolition of 242 Lightfoot Lane does not link all the way through to the E – W road or traffic will be able to travel through the ‘interim’ access to access / leave the E – W road which will result in additional traffic using Lightfoot Lane.

Members understand the developers desire to commence work in NW Preston, but as this is an ‘infill’ plot, Members feel the preferred approach should be for the E – W road to be built first, with access to be taken from the Redrow site. This would mean that the demolition of 242 Lightfoot Lane would not need to go ahead and the above concerns will be eradicated. Members **resolved** to object to the application.

06/2014/0844 Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed laying of concrete or stone flags for the creation of a new pathway to burial site at St Annes Church Woodplumpton Road Woodplumpton Preston

Members stated that they understood the land was gifted to the Church a number of years ago and a member of the Parish Council attended the consecration service. Exact dates were not known and the period of lawful use could not be substantiated but members **resolved** to support the application.

06/2014/0847 Variation of condition no.1 attached to outline planning permission 06/2013/0428 to amend the delivery of the vehicular accesses into the CEG site (to remove the emergency /bus only access restriction from Hoyles Lane on land North of Hoyles Lane and East of Sidgreaves Lane Lea.

Members **resolved** to object to the application citing the reasons expressed by residents under public participation. The Clerk was requested to formulate the comments into an objection in keeping with previous comments by the Parish Council.

LCC/2014/0151 Construction of a control kiosk and replacement field access gate at Lower Tabley waste water pumping station, off Tabley Lane, Woodplumpton. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

88 PRESTON CITY CENTRE PLAN

Members discussed the City Centre Plan and expressed concerns regarding the section ‘a sense of place’ relating to the public realm improvements and the shared space for cars and pedestrians on Fishergate. Members noted that the City Council is only consulting on the soundness of the plan and recognised that the concerns would not be a consideration in terms of soundness. Members **resolved** to note the consultation.

89 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

90 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Clerk’s November Salary	£761.04	CQ 1040
HMRC	£47.91	CQ 1041
Lengthsman Contract	£352.50	CQ 1042
Printing of Newsletter and Annual Report	£250.00	CQ 1043
Replace broken bolts on Mower	£39.60	CQ 1044

91 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Members received a presentation on CIL in January 2014 and were aware that the Parish Council is under no obligation to accept the levy which has the potential to be substantial in the Woodplumpton area. Members acknowledged that the principle authorities could cut back services on the assumption that the Parish Council will ‘foot the bill’ from Cil monies.

Members further acknowledged that there will be additional work associated with community engagement and administration of the scheme. Members noted the public participation comments on SPIDs and acknowledged that there will also be criticism from residents who will want to see CIL spent in their own particular area.

a) Members **resolved** to accept the CIL money on the basis that the Parish Council could chose to opt out each year if the demands were too onerous.

Members stated that CIL should be awarded to good causes and there needs to be an ongoing consultation process with residents having the opportunity to say how the finances should be spent. Members also stated there needs to be a refresh of the parish plan to ensure the priorities are still the same and it may be necessary to introduce a scoring mechanism to ensure the money is spent wisely. Members noted that a new bank account may be required to ensure the money is 'ring fenced'.

b) Members **resolved** to call a separate CIL meeting to discuss the above points.

c) Members **resolved** to include an article in the Parish Newsletter informing residents of CIL and requesting that residents put forward ideas for consideration.

92 CONSIDERATION OF 15/16 BUDGET ITEMS

Members were asked to consider the draft budget estimate which detailed the projected end of year balances and estimated costs of projects suggested for 2015/2016.

Members noted that if all the projects were approved in 2015 / 2016, the expenditure would total £26,382 and the precept of £18,375 and other income would not meet the costs. Members debated whether to increase the Precept or reduce the expenditure. Some Members felt strongly that the Precept should not be increased if the Council is receiving CIL monies – however, the CIL monies are 'ring fenced' for infrastructure projects and cannot be used for general expenditure.

Members noted that £13,000 is earmarked for SPIDs and other traffic calming measures which will worsen due to the increased housing. Members felt there was a good case for Cil to finance this purchase. Members **resolved** that the Clerk redraft the budget to show the £13,000 as reserves which can be attributed to projects / general expenditure.

Due to the ongoing maintenance costs of the mower, Members **resolved** to allocate £1,000 towards the purchase of a new machine.

A revised budget showing these alterations will be presented to the January meeting and Members will be required to agree the Precept. The Clerk was also requested to provide an estimate of what the Precept will cost the average household.

93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 19th January 2015** at 7.00pm at Catforth Primary School, School Lane, Catforth