

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS
REAR OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON
on MONDAY 19th Oct 2015 at 7.00pm.

75 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr S Morgan
Councillors B Dalglish, M Greaves
M Stewart, M Entwistle,
P Entwistle S Yates

8 members of the public, Cllr S Whittam, Mr M Kelly (PCC Parks)

76 APOLOGIES B Probin, Alex Toogood (LCC PROW)

77 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting on the **21st Sept 2015.**
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved as a true record.

78 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
There were no declarations of interest in respect of items on the Agenda.

79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mrs Stringman - Woodplumpton and Catforth Community Group - addressed the meeting regarding the fracking appeal. She raised concerns about errors on the LCC consultation letters and the lack of publicity regarding the appeal. Her objections included the site's proximity to a high pressure gas main, the potential to contaminate and affect the water supply, the amount of diesel required in the process, likely contamination if cracks appear in the concrete casing due to earth movements and the presence of faults in the Fylde area. Concerns were also expressed that the monitoring stations could be changed to wells at a later date under permitted development. Mrs Stringman urged residents to submit updated objections to the Planning Inspectorate.

Concerns were expressed that several PROW paths were overgrown. Footpaths 69 and 94 were impassable and major works are needed on footpath 83 over the motorway. It was confirmed that all the concerns have been logged with LCC. The concerns were noted and will be included in the reply to LCC later on the Agenda.

Cllr Mrs Entwistle gave an update from the police as they were unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Following speeding concerns in Woodplumpton, a SPID will be erected and will be monitored by the Road Safety team. If the results reveal that speeds are in excess of the permitted threshold, a van will be deployed to the area - providing there is a safe place for it to park. Cllr Greaves stated there were 3 suitable areas. A view was expressed that LCC may take the chicanes out if residents continue to complain.

Woodplumpton School are considering staggering their start times and using a pupil drop off zone. As a police volunteer, Cllr Entwistle has been asked to assist the police with its implementation. Concerns were expressed regarding the practicalities of the scheme and Members were advised that the matter was for information only. The Parish Council was not being asked to support or oppose the scheme which is a joint venture between the police and the school.

Members were informed that concerns had been raised at the highest level regarding the proposed cuts to the police service. It was reported that if the cuts go ahead as proposed, there would be no neighbourhood policing and rural areas in particular, could be facing the prospect of a 999 service only. Information is on the police website and residents are encouraged to protest against the cuts. The Clerk was requested to include this as an Agenda item for November so that the Council can submit a formal letter opposing the proposed cuts.

Mr Kelly addressed the meeting regarding the play area in Woodplumpton. He confirmed that a piece of equipment had been taped off for 3 weeks and explained that the play area is inspected weekly and an annual inspection is also carried out in March in accordance with ROSPA guidelines. The reports have indicated that the equipment was rusty and corroding and although attempts have been made to rub it down and repair it, the latest reports indicated that the equipment was unsafe and the decision was taken to remove it. Replacement equipment meeting BS1176 standard is likely to cost in the region of £10,000 but the City Council doesn't have the money to replace it. The Council has 63 play areas to look after and Woodplumpton is down for maintenance, not replacement. There are various playground schemes available and Mr Kelly has attended the meeting to request that the Parish Council and community groups work together to replace the equipment.

Members responded by saying they felt that the equipment had been neglected as they had not seen any inspections carried out. They felt that if the equipment had been inspected once a week, repairs should have been flagged up and carried out much earlier. Members stated that if new equipment is installed, they would want it properly maintained not on a 'make do and mend' basis.

In response to a query about the surfacing, it was stated that the rubber tiles are a concern but they still comply with current standards. If a new piece of equipment is installed, it would be sensible to replace the tiles with a wet pour surface.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council understood that CIL monies were to be spent on infrastructure projects which *addressed the demands of new development*. It was questioned whether CIL monies could be used to replace the existing equipment as the demand for new play areas, will be met by the play areas proposed within the new housing schemes and due to the low number of houses built, the new development is not currently placing a demand on the existing equipment. Mr Kelly confirmed that the City Council was satisfied that CIL monies could be used and the Clerk requested that this be confirmed in writing.

He also stated that if there were maintenance concerns associated with the new equipment, it may be possible to put a maintenance agreement in place.

Members questioned whether the £10,000 was based on the City Council doing the work or whether a private contractor could be used. It was also questioned whether it would be worth improving the whole area rather than just replacing one piece of equipment. It was suggested that if a steering group is set up, this detail would be on the agenda for discussion. Mr Kelly suggested that the City Council could design the area and the Parish Council could lead on the public consultation. Once the design and preferred type of equipment was ascertained, funding could be passed to the City Council and they would carry out the procurement and installation.

Mr Kelly was thanked for his attendance.

80 WOODPLUMPTON PLAY AREA

Further to the discussion on the play area equipment, Members stated that the equipment is well used by 20 / 30 local children a day, more in the school holidays. Members **resolved in principle** to work towards replacing the equipment.

In order to facilitate this, it was agreed that a steering group would be set up comprising members from the City Council, Parish Council, Woodplumpton Action Group and Woodplumpton Primary School. It was suggested that the group contacts play equipment suppliers such as Playdale who can offer designs and advice on whether to replace all or part of the equipment with associated costs. It was further **resolved** that Cllr Dalglish would attend the working group on behalf of the Parish Council.

81 PROW DIVERSIONS

Due to the absence of the PROW officer, it was not possible to progress the discussion on the alterations to the network caused by the proposed PWDR. It was stated that many of the PROW were old and part of our heritage and should be redirected or re-routed. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would contact LCC and the Ramblers Association to discuss the difficulties and the options available.

82 FRACKING APPEAL

Members noted that an inquiry will be held in relation to the appeal against the Fracking refusal. It was confirmed that the planning inspector will receive copies of all original objections and it was clarified that the appeal documents relate to 3 matters of dispute – the traffic impact, the height of the rig and the noise generated.

Members **resolved** that the Clerk respond to the appeal by writing to the planning inspector submitting comments on the route, height and noise limits and referencing the previously submitted objections. A copy of the final objection letter is to be circulated to members prior to submission.

83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Members considered the following planning applications.

06/2015/0786 Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of dormer extension to rear of dwelling at Sunnybank 31 Woodplumpton Road Woodplumpton Preston.

It was clarified that the applicant is required to prove that the extension has been lawfully erected. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2015/0818 Erection of single storey building to form coffee shop (Class A3) following demolition of existing glasshouse, erection of patio area to rear to form external seating area and canopy to front at Ribblesdale Nurseries Newsham Hall Lane Woodplumpton. Members noted the alterations were replacing an existing building and there would be no change in the floor area. The existing access will not change and the number of parking spaces will increase from 13 to 19. Members **resolved** to support the application as it is for a limited extension which allows an established local business to expand commercially in accordance with policy 13 of the Core Strategy.

Members have previously opposed a planning application on Hoyles Lane which involves opening up an access which was originally intended for emergency and bus use only. At the September meeting, Members were informed that the planning committee had reconsidered its decision to refuse the application and the application had been approved. In light of the altered decision, residents suggested that the internal road layout be amended to restrict the traffic flowing through the Hoyles Lane access. Members confirmed that they were broadly in support of the suggestion but could not comment further as the detailed plans were not available.

Revised plans have now been received but as the application is listed as Lea ward, the Parish Council was not consulted and the revised plans were not included on the Agenda. As Members were familiar with the application it was **resolved** that Members would collectively comment on the revised plans.

06/2015/0530 erection of 350 dwellings and new vehicular access from Hoyles Lane. Members remain opposed to the creation of an 'all vehicles' access off Hoyles Lane, but acknowledge the principle has been established through the outline approval 06/2015/0456. With this in mind, Members welcomed the amendment to the internal road layout which attempts to restrict a direct flow of traffic from the Wain Homes site through to the Hoyles Lane access.

Members noted that several accesses will be created onto Hoyles Lane to serve the new properties fronting Hoyles Lane but a pavement has not been provided along the frontage. Strategic objective 3 of the NW Preston Masterplan seeks to reduce the need to travel and manage car use and it is considered that a restricted pedestrian access does not meet that objective.

It is noted that traffic calming is proposed along Hoyles Lane and that the detail and location will be determined by a condition on the application. The Parish Council requests that a condition is attached ensuring the traffic calming plans are subject to full public consultation rather than 'plans for a traffic calming scheme shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority' prior to the occupation of the first dwelling.

84 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members considered the revised Financial Regulations which were circulated by email and include electronic payments and maintaining an effective system of performance management. Members **resolved** to alter para 3.3 relating to the annual budget proposals to include the statement '*as and when appropriate*'. Members will continue to make payment by cheque but will consider electronic payments as and when the need arises. Performance is acknowledged via the Chairman's report and any concerns will be addressed as and when the need arises in accordance with the contract of employment.

85 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

86 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Defibrillator donation	£250.00	CQ 1110
Clerk's Oct Salary	£775.58	CQ 1111
HMRC	£51.17	CQ 1112
Lengthsman Contract weeks 25 - 28	£352.50	CQ 1113
Postage of August Newsletter	£418.50	CQ 1114
Paper, 2 boxes of Envelopes News & clips	£72.41	CQ 1115
Quarterly Admin expenses	£94.00	CQ 1116
Royal British Legion	£40.00	CQ 1117

Members **noted** a receipt for £60 compensation from United Utilities and £45 from Inskip Parish Council relating to the printing costs for the fracking presentation.

87 HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 15 – Sept 15

Members considered the current expenditure against the budget and noted that the balance for community events is £200 credit not £200 debit as shown on the summary, so the purchase of the defibrillator box will result in unbudgeted expenses of £50. Members **resolved** to approve the purchase of the poppy wreaths under S137 of the LGA 1972.

88 UPDATE ON CIL DISCUSSIONS

The Working Group has generated a list of ideas for CIL expenditure based on the existing Parish Plan and wishes to consult residents to ascertain whether they wish to add to the list, support or oppose the suggestions or remain neutral. A copy of the proposed consultation was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

MIN 83.1 Members **resolved** to include the sheet in the December edition of the Parish Council Newsletter.

In addition to the items on the list, Members were reminded that LCC have requested that Members highlight the areas of concern for road traffic issues. Cllr Greaves has done this for both villages and has marked possible solutions on the large scale maps provided. Solutions included 20mph zones, raised platforms, pinch points, chicanes, potential for a roundabout, pavement improvements and zebra crossings. Cllr Greaves suggested that Members research the proposed measures and look at examples provided in other areas so that the Council can justify any options dismissed by the County Council. Cllr Greaves was thanked for the work.

Members stated that whilst the plans identified possible solutions, LCC had also requested a 'script' of the problems so that appropriate measures could be identified.

MIN 83.2 It was **resolved** that the Clerk would scan the plan to Members who would discuss the measures and provide an accompanying script of the problems to be solved. Once this has been completed, LCC will be invited to a working group meeting to go through the problems and ascertain if the proposed measures are feasible.

89 CONSIDERATION OF 16/17 BUDGET ITEMS

The November meeting will primarily focus on the 2016/17 budget and Members considered new items of expenditure bearing in mind that several projects may be financed through CIL monies.

It was resolved that more research should be carried out on costs associated with the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices, why the Lengthsman is contracted and not employed by the Council, new pension regulations and the provision and maintenance of a new website.

90 PRESTON LICENSING REGULATIONS

Members **noted** the City Council licensing policy. No comments were put forward.

91 PURPLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members **resolved** that purple lights could be placed on the Christmas tree in Woodplumpton during November to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer. The lights are to be provided by the resident who will be requested to contact Mr Hill for assistance in displaying the lights. The Parish Council will not accept responsibility for theft or damage to the lights.

92 NEWSLETTER

Members considered the content of the Winter Newsletter. Catforth Carol service will be held on Wednesday the 9th of December. The 17th December was suggested for the event in Woodplumpton and the Woodplumpton Councillors were requested to establish if anyone from the Church would be available and if mince pies could be served in the Wheatsheaf afterwards.

Other items suggested included the provision of a mains sewer in Catforth and a reminder of the contact details for construction traffic concerns in NW Preston.

93 LALC AGM

It was confirmed that the Chairman would be attending the LALC AGM on Saturday 7th November 9.30 – 13.00 at County Hall, Preston.

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 16th November 2015** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School, School Lane, Catforth.

Members were requested to note that a response to the CoVAG mal-administration complaint should be received by the 21st October and a response to the Redrow and Planning procedures complaint should be received by the 9th November.

The Clerk was requested to make enquires for a Christmas meal on Friday 4th December.