

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

on **MONDAY 17th March 2014 at 7.00pm.**

128 PRESENT: Chairman S Morgan
Councillors B Dalglish M Entwistle,
P Entwistle B Probin
C Singleton

7 members of the public

129 APOLOGIES Cllr M Stewart, (Cllr M Greaves)

130 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting on the **17th February 2014.**

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

131 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr M Entwistle declared a pecuniary interest in Catforth in Bloom as she is a Committee Member. Cllr P Entwistle declared a personal interest in the same subject and confirmed he is not on the Committee.

132 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr Dearnaley of the Rambler's Association requested that members note that Public Right of Way 13 runs alongside the proposed barn conversion at Old Woodsfold Farm. He also stated that 43 footpath complaints are outstanding within the Parish and stated that 17 are with the Parish Lengthsman. The Clerk replied that there had been some difficulties with the Lengthsman scheme particularly with locating some of the problems and with LCC providing utility maps for the works. As the Parish Council does not get a report of cases outstanding, it is difficult to clarify the situation. Mr Dearnaley stated he would send a copy to the Clerk who promised to look at the procedures again especially as a new Lengthsman will be starting.

A member of the public raised a query regarding the reduction of Newsham Hall Lane to 40mph. The Clerk stated she thought it had been on the Environment Bulletin but will check the records and get back to him.

A resident queried the Parish Council's reasons for submitting an objection to the Traveller site. He stated that the City Council needs to develop further sites and if the application is refused and goes to appeal – the Travellers may win as no other sites are available. It was stated that the Parish Council wishes to take into account the opinions expressed by local residents. Many had objected to the proposal and the Parish Council was representing their objections. The City Council will determine the planning application and in doing so, it will balance the Inspectors previous comments that the site is not suitable against any shortfall in provision. Currently the City Council is recommending an extension of the temporary consent until new sites can be found.

The Clerk was asked to report resurfacing is needed on Rapley Lane Woodplumpton and new street name plates are needed on Blackleach Lane at Catforth.

133 WAR MEMORIAL

A representative from Catforth Memorial Hall outlined the renovation work which the Parish Council has agreed to contribute to. Details of the stonemason will be passed to the Parish Clerk to help with the renovation of Woodplumpton memorial.

134 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk. Members made representations on the following applications

06/2014/0093 Reserved matters application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the erection of 3 detached dwellings following the demolition of existing workshop buildings and outline approval 06/2012/0944, Catforth Joinery, Catforth Road. Members noted that all previous applications on this site have been opposed, but application 06/2012/0944 was granted on appeal. The appeal decision acknowledges that the application is infill, back land development and also notes the concerns regarding an increase in traffic – but all these concerns were dismissed. Members considered the detailed submission and **resolved** to raise concerns that the properties are substantial executive properties and are not in keeping with the surrounding cottages. Members still have reservations regarding the access and would support the highway comments to maintain highway and pedestrian visibility along Catforth Road.

06/2014/0128 Change of use from agricultural barn to residential dwelling following partial demolition and installation of septic tank at Old Woodsfold Farm, Lewth Lane. Members noted that the conversion includes the demolition of some outbuildings but does not alter the overall design or footprint of the barn. Members noted PROW 13 as mentioned under public participation and noted that the Ramblers had made no objection to the application. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

TRAVELLERS APPLICATION

06/2014/0032 Variation of condition no.1 attached to appeal decision allowed on E/2010/00029 to allow use of land permanently for parking of caravans on land south of M55 Rosemary Lane Bartle

Members objected to the permanent use of the site and noted that the planning officer is recommending a temporary approval for 2 years. Members reflected on the discussion under public participation and discussed whether to remain opposed to the application or whether to request a shorter temporary term. Members **resolved** to remain opposed to the application both for permanent and temporary use. Cllr Paul Entwistle will speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the planning committee meeting and will circulate a copy of speech to members prior to the meeting.

135 WYRE CALL FOR SITES

Wyre Borough Council have asked developers and interested parties to put forward sites for future development. Members **resolved** to reply by stating that nearly 5000 homes are proposed to the south of Woodplumpton and with this in mind, Members would be strongly opposed to any development on the northern boundary with Wyre and wish to be kept informed of any proposals put forward.

136 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

137 CATFORTH IN BLOOM

Members **resolved** to donate £150 to Catforth in Bloom.

138 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Clerk's March Salary	£647.16
Completion of Lengthsman Contract	£352.50
E-ON Electric Bill	£6.02

139 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.

140 PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Members noted that the temporary lengthsman has met with the Clerk and a temporary contract, insurances and a work schedule have been exchanged. Members noted that the job specification, person specification and application forms have all been drawn up and Members **resolved** to approve the wording of the advert with a closing date of the 4th April. Once the number of applicants is known, Members will consider the shortlisting and interview process.

141 NEWSLETTER

Members **resolved** to approve the content of the Newsletter which includes the lengthsman vacancy, an update on the Traveller application and notification of the Annual Parish Meeting including the option to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan.

142 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 28th April 2014** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School.