

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH

on MONDAY 17TH FEB 2020 at 7.00pm.

19/135 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr M Entwistle Cllr P Entwistle
Cllr M Stewart Cllr G Walker Cllr S Yates,
2 residents

19/136 APOLOGIES: Cllr B Dalglisch and Cllr B Probin.

19/137 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th January 2020.

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

19/138 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs M and P Entwistle declared a personal interest in application **06/2020/0065** as they are friends of the applicant and did not participate in the application discussion.

19/139 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

A resident stated she was unaware of the traffic calming proposed in Catforth. It was explained that information has been included on the Parish Website and in the Parish Newsletters as well as 2 public consultation events. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed narrowing of Square Lane and it was stated that the Parish Council recognised that this could be an issue and the plans have been changed following consultation with LCC. It was also explained that whilst the measures give an illusion of being narrow due to different coloured tarmac, removal of centre lines etc. LCC have given assurances that the measures will be suitable for HGV's and farm vehicles to get through. It was confirmed that a final version of the plans are not yet available as LCC are still working on some amendments.

Parking problems outside the school were also discussed and the resident welcomed the news the scheme would provide additional parking spaces as School Lane will get busier with the new developments proposed.

It was stated that the frequency and speed of traffic approaching Bartle Court on Rosemary Lane has increased significantly. It was noted that Bartle Court has been used by contractors associated with the new road construction but it is understood that they will be moving to a new location shortly. It was claimed that in excess of 80 cars are based at the premises with many travelling at excessive speeds along the approach road, which has no pavement and no street lighting. Whilst it is understood that LCC won't act unless an incident occurs, residents should not have to wait until then. It was confirmed that a S106 agreement was attached to the planning application and finances were passed to LCC for highway improvements. The Clerk will check the records to establish if the promised 'improvements' were delivered but as the application was approved in 2006, it is unlikely that any retrospective works will be authorised. Members stated that they would ask LCC if the speed limit can be reduced as part of the traffic calming proposals but residents should also write to the City and County Councillors as well as Highways to ensure they are all aware of the concerns. It was also confirmed that once the traffic calming measures are in place, work will take place with the PCSO's to monitor the changes and ensure the measures are effective in slowing people down.

Concerns were expressed regarding a shot gun being fired in local fields but it was felt that no action could be taken as the incident is not within 50ft of the highway and it does not affect a bridleway or footpath. Concerns about trespass or harm to livestock would be a civil matter with the landowner. However, the Clerk was requested to contact environmental health as the gun is being discharged at all hours.

The Clerk informed Members that New Mill Brook bridge had been damaged by a vehicle (later confirmed as a HGV) and there has been a significant increase in damaged road signs. A grass verge at Whittle Hill also needs maintenance. LCC are aware of all the incidents.

19/140 AMBROSE HALL FARM

Members noted that Mr Leeming was not present although his office had been contacted by phone and the invitation to attend the meeting had been followed up by email. It was **resolved** that Mr Leeming should be invited to the March meeting as this will be held in Woodplumpton.

19/141 ROSEMARY LANE

Further to the discussion under public participation it was **resolved** that the Clerk will confirm whether the S106 money was spent and if so on what, and that Members will liaise with LCC regarding whether any speed reductions or engineering works can be included as part of the ongoing discussion on traffic calming.

19/142 TRAFFIC CALMING - WOODPLUMPTON AND CATFORTH

Cllr P Entwistle advised that the meeting with LCC had gone well and we are now waiting for LCC to produce the final plan which is likely to result in significant savings.

Cllr Greaves advised that the landowners have been unable to agree to a turning circle at the end of Whittle Hill and LCC are unable to make the road one way. Consequently, the road will be reduced to 20mph along with appropriately spaced traffic calming measures. Concerns were expressed that a pavement will not be provided but it was noted that this is the case with many rural lanes. Once the costs are known both schemes can proceed subject to the wording of the draft contract which has still not been received.

19/143 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO DETERMINE

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

06/2020/0050 34no. dwellings on Land to the east of Tabley Lane, Higher Bartle.

Members noted that this was a 'resubmission' of application **06/2019/1089** which proposed 33 dwellings off Tabley Lane - using the existing road network in preference to the E-W link road. Members **resolved** to object to the application, reiterating the reasons outlined in the withdrawn application..

06/2020/0065 Reserved matters application (namely access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2017/0449 for 1no. dwelling and garage at The Garden House, Catforth Road, Catforth

Members noted that the property was of a modern design however it is not visible from the road and every effort has been made to ensure the development does not overlook the existing dwellings. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2020/0069 Construction of new vehicular access from Moorside Lane following closure of existing vehicular access to Paradise House on land adjacent, Paradise House, Moorside Lane, Preston. Members noted that new access would result in vehicles, accessing the civil engineering business, using a dedicated route with less impact on the residents of the new dwellings. As this would improve safety, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2020/0071 Two storey rear extension at Saville Den, 10 Woodplumpton Road.

Members noted that the existing property is a large detached house set in its own grounds so there would be no impact on the street scene or adjoining properties. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

19/144 WOODPLUMPTON STOCKS AND MOUNTING STONE

Concerns have been expressed that the stocks and mounting block, presently located outside St Anne's Church are not visible and are falling into disrepair. Both items are Grade 2 listed assets but the ownership of the items is unclear. Members **resolved** that the Clerk establishes who the owner is and makes enquiries whether funding for their preservation can be obtained from an English Heritage grant

19/145 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

19/146 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension in addition to the following accounts already paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

Barry Hill Lengthsman duties 7 th Jan – 1 st Feb	£750.00	BACS
Transfer to Whittingham for ½ SLCC web training	£20.00	BACS

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

Clerks Feb Salary	£1125.82	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£101.36	BACS
HMRC N Ins employer	£74.24	BACS

19/147 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members were informed that there will be an Information Session on the Best Kept Village Competition on Monday 24th February. It was felt that all residents need to be motivated to improve the area but as response to the article in the summer Newsletter was poor, Members **resolved** not to submit an entry.

19/148 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY SPRING CLEAN

Members noted that Keep Britain Tidy are inviting Parish Councils to take part in a Spring Clean between the 20th March and 13th April. As the Parish Lengthsman already does litter picking and knows where the 'hotspots' are, it was **resolved** that the Clerk should approach him to ask if he will spearhead an event. The Clerk was also requested to organize publicity via the Newsletter and establish if additional litter picking equipment and hi-vis jackets will be available for volunteers.

19/149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 16th March 2020** at 7.00pm at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms rear of St Anne's Church.

19/150 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FORMAL COMPLAINT

Members considered the reply to the formal complaint received following the January meeting. The complaint was assessed to be in 3 parts,

- 1) the Clerk did not forward the complainant's correspondence to the Councillors regarding an issue where there was no obvious breach that the Parish Council could take action against
- 2) a Councillor allegedly breached the Code of Conduct by not treating the complainant with respect and bullied and intimidated the complainant during the January meeting
- 3) the Chairman and other Councillors 'supported' the intimidation as they did not make any attempt to intervene or suspend the discussion.

The reply included a detailed explanation of Council procedures and explained the context of the discussion during public participation. The reply concluded that all 3 elements of the complaints were dismissed. Members **resolved** that the response should be issued by recorded delivery and should include the procedures for referring the matter to the Standards Committee at the City Council should the complainant not be satisfied with the response.

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