



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN
THE LIBRARY, WOODPLUMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODPLUMPTON ROAD, PRESTON
ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Chairman Cllr Paul Entwistle
Councillors: Pauline Bamber Maureen Entwistle
John Green Daniel Guise Barry Probin

County Cllr Sue Whittam, City Cllr Stephen Whittam, City Cllr Keith Middlebrough
B Hill - Parish Lengthsman,
3 members of the public

Mrs J Buttle (Parish Clerk) Arrived late due to a delay on the M6. Public participation notes were recorded by Cllr Maureen Entwistle.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs Matthew Greaves and Martin Stewart.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on **19th June 2023**.

MIN 23/24.44 Members **resolved** to approve the Minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Guise declared a personal interest in planning application 06/2023/0718 as he lives next door.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 23/24.45 It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Cllr Whittam stated that the elected County and City Councillors would be hosting monthly surgeries which will rotate around the rural areas. The first event will be on Sat 16th Sept at Catforth Village Hall between 10.30 & 11.30. As the event may also include a visit by the mobile police van, Members agreed that the surgery would be advertised in the Parish Council Newsletter and the Parish Noticeboards.

County Cllr Whittam also explained how Grimsargh Parish Council were working in partnership with another Parish to erect temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDs) on existing SPID plates. Mr Pinder will erect the SPID on the plate and present the data to the Parish Council. It was stated that the data might be useful when assessing the speed issues on Bartle Lane – providing there is a SPID plate there.

Cllr Green stated that the East West link road had finally been added to Google maps.

Following an incident on School Lane, Catforth, Cllr P Entwistle had pursued the matter with the police and had written confirmation that the incident could be traced back to Hope House. A representative from Hope House had been invited to attend the meeting to offer reassurance regarding their safeguarding procedures but they were unable to attend. Cllr P Entwistle will follow the incident up with them.

Local police officers had been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting but sent their apologies. The attempted theft of a camper van was noted but the exact details need to be forwarded to the police.

It was noted that a local resident who usually supplies the electricity for the fete would be unable to do so this year. This was noted by Cllr P Bamber who is involved in the event organisation.

A resident from Rosemary Lane thanked the Parish Council for their efforts in processing the Catforth traffic calming scheme, however concerns were expressed that once the traffic calming is introduced, the stretch of road between the Saddle roundabout and Bartle Hall will go from 30mph to 60mph and back to 30mph in a short space. This will be raised with LCC Highways in the hope that they will make the whole stretch 30mph.

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LCC's Slow Down - Save Lives stickers have been to supplied to residents in Catforth. County Cllr Whittam has also provided another banner.

Mr Hill advised that the mobile speed enforcement van has been used in Catforth layby and it was questioned if any statistics were available.

Cllr Green questioned when Taylor Wimpey would be providing the parking spaces near Cottam Post Office as the planning application to extend the store has been submitted. County Cllr Whittam stated that she will enquire when the carpark will be finished and in response to a question, she stated that whilst a pedestrian crossing is not proposed at the moment, a risk assessment would probably indicate that one is needed.

With regards to a CIL request to widen the narrow footbridge connecting Maxy House Road with Ribbleswood Chase, Mr Hill advised that the bridge is a County Council asset as it lies on a Public Right of Way. As the footbridge is safe, widening it may not be a priority for LCC.

As there were no further points, it was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st April – 30th June 2023

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

REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS

Members considered the expenditure against the budget for the first quarter April to June.

MIN 23/24.46 Members **resolved** that

- a) the CIL income and expenditure log to date should be included on the website - in addition to the CIL annual report.
- b) CIL interest will be vired to pay for the donation to Catforth Village Hall as agreed under MIN 23/24.21
- c) The report be signed by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

MIN 23/24.47 Members **resolved** to note and approve the following accounts which have already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2023 15 (b) xii

Lengthsman Invoice weeks 8 - 11	B Hill	£1216.00	Ref 34
Bin Bags	B Hill	£4.55	Ref 35
May & June Garden Invoices	B Hill	£450.00	Ref 36
TRO Woodplumpton The Orchard	LCC	£3,000.00	Ref 37

MIN 23/24.48 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk's July Salary	£1259.87	BACs
HMRC PAYE July	£105.74	BACs
Employer Nat Ins July	£88.71	BACs
Fidelity Guarantee Increase	£78.01	BACs

SPEEDING ISSUES – BARTLE LANE

Further to the information on the agenda and the update provided during public participation, Members confirmed that Bartle Lane, Sandy Lane and Moorside Lane should be considered as potential locations for the SPIDs. It was also stated that the new roads which link to existing roads should also be considered.

MIN 23/24.49 Members **resolved** to check the location of the existing SPID plates and the Clerk will contact LCC to establish how and if new plates can be erected.

Members **noted** that PC Takhar is trained to use the speed gun and the Clerk has requested checks along Bartle Lane as well as other 30mph roads in the parish.

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL DOG CONTROL ORDERS AND LITTER BINS

Members considered a consultation from Preston City Council relating to the renewal of 4 Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders.

MIN 23/24.50 Members **resolved** that they were supportive of the City Council renewing the Orders as they provide the legal powers for the City Council to take action relating to the offences, however, given that the Orders have been in place for 3 years and dog fouling is still a problem, Members believe that the Orders are ineffective and more should be done to take enforcement action against offenders. Members requested details of the number of dog owners who received sanctions for dog fouling during 2022/23.

As dog fouling is linked to the provision of litter / dog bins, prior to the meeting, the Clerk asked the City Council to clarify when and where litter / dog bins can be erected. Members **noted** their reply, which will be included in the Parish Newsletter.

*The Council can install litterbins on the adopted highway and PCC owned land only. **It can not install litterbins on private property including new estates where the highway has not been adopted by LCC.** When a request is received, the location is monitored and a bin may be installed if it is deemed to be required and a suitable location can be found to enable it to be emptied safely. A safe location is where interference with sightlines or access is limited and there is somewhere a vehicle can park, to easily access it for emptying. Residents wishing to request bins or report litter issues that meet the above criteria can do so via the PCC website.*

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/grotpots>

In response to a question relating to the Lea and Cottam Lengthsman emptying the bins on Miller Green, the Clerk confirmed that the land is in the private ownership of Lea & Cottam Parish Council so they can make their own collection arrangements.

MIN 23/24.51 It was **resolved** that the Clerk contact LCC Highways to establish when the roads on the new estates will be adopted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

At the June meeting Members resolved to object to applications **06/2023/0587** for a convenience store and **06/2023/0599** for a 72 bed care home off Sandy Lane. The Clerk forwarded the Council's objection to all Members for information. As stated on the agenda, Cllr Green proposed that the Parish Council sends a representative to the Planning Committee to object to the Liberty Care Home application.

MIN 23/24.52 After considering the Council's objection to both applications, it was **resolved** that the Clerk would attend the planning committee to express the Council's concerns that the community facilities identified in the NW Preston masterplan are being watered down and the developers have not consulted on the revised proposals. Cllr K Middlebrough was given a copy of the Parish Council's objection letter and stated he would also speak against the application at the planning committee

MIN 23/24.53 Members **resolved** to approve the delegated planning comments for July.

BIODIVERSITY - LOCAL DELIVERY GRANT SCHEME 2022/23.

When applying for the PROW Local Delivery Scheme, LCC offered a bio-diversity grant of £300 to provide nest & bat boxes, bird feeders, hedgehog houses, wildflower areas, communal gardens etc

MIN 23/24.54 Members **resolved** to include an article in the Newsletter asking residents to contact the Council if they had any suggestions on how to spend the grant or want to set up a local project.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Members confirmed the dates of the coffee mornings as Saturday the 12th August at Catforth Village Hall and Saturday the 9th Sept at Woodplumpton Bowling Club both from 10.00 – 12.00. The Clerk will confirm the date with the Bowling Club. Depending on the attendance levels at both events, a further session may be held in Woodplumpton Parish Rooms with the date to be confirmed when all the Woodplumpton Councillors are present.

Members requested that the Newsletter includes an article on defibrillator training.

MIN 23/24.55 Depending on the space available, Members **resolved** to include a statement advising that as the Newsletter is hand delivered to every property on the new estates, it is not possible for the delivery people to skip individual houses to accommodate those who wish to receive the Newsletter by email. Similarly, as the postal envelopes are printed directly from the electoral role, it is not cost effective to scroll through the data to delete a property requiring an email version. Members reiterated their belief that the newsletter should be widely available so that it is seen by as many residents as possible.

As several new articles were proposed, a draft will be emailed for approval after the meeting.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE / UPDATES

Neighbourhood Plan - The Clerk, Cllr P Entwistle and the planning consultant attended a zoom meeting on the 17th July to discuss the examiners comments on the Neighbourhood Plan. In summary the examiner has stated that the Vision and some of the Objectives - safety, developing community spirit, community inclusion and promoting information - cannot be addressed through planning policies. She has suggested that we amend the Vision and Objectives or create a separate document as a Community Action Plan. It was agreed that Cllr P Entwistle and the Clerk would agree the wording to amend the Vision and Objectives.

The Examiner has also recommended dividing the policies into 3 sections - the whole plan, the strategic site of NW Preston and the villages. This City Council agreed this would add clarity.

Other changes were proposed to the wording and detail of several of the Policies. The Consultant has agreed to work through these with the Clerk, in accordance with a quote, to be agreed. The NHP can't be submitted without the alterations and as we have come this far, it was agreed that the Clerk will check the account balances and confirm the quote with Cllr P Entwistle.

All the changes must be completed by the 4th August so that the Examiner can complete the draft examination report by the 25th August. Assuming there are no further amendments, the City Council is hoping to present the NHP to the November Cabinet meeting. It will then be ready to go out to Referendum in May 2024 – providing the Government doesn't call a General Election.

Members were advised to use the Love Clean Streets app to report a hedge cutting request near Cuckstool Farm.

The Clerk was requested to check the signage details for the Woodplumpton Road closure.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 18th Sept 2023** in Woodplumpton Primary School at 7.00pm.