



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN SIMON'S LOUNGE
PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS
LIGHTFOOT GREEN LANE, WOODPLUMPTON
on MONDAY 21st Mar 2022 AT 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors: P Bamber B Probin
M Stewart S Yates

City Cllr K Middlebrough and Mrs J Buttle Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr P Entwistle and Cllr M Entwistle.
Apologies were also received from the police and County Councillor Whittam.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – of the meeting held on 21st Feb 2022.

MIN 21/156 It was **resolved** that the amended Minutes be signed as a true record.

TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Interests were declared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 21/157 it was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that Catforth Village Hall will be holding an event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Further details are on the Village Hall website.

The Clerk was handed a complaint regarding the Legend Fires NW Rally along Rapley Lane at Eaves. The statement will be forwarded to the rally organisers along with a video of the incident.

Further to the traffic accident on Moorside Lane, City Cllr K Middlebrough confirmed that he would be meeting residents and the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner at Moorside Lane on the 22nd March. Members discussed an increase in speeding concerns in and around the area and stated that they hope the DPCC's involvement will trigger a review of speed limits on rural roads.

Further to MIN 21/145, Cllr K Middlebrough stated that City Council officers are yet to arrange a site meeting to progress the parking proposal at the Orchard. Further requests will be made.

Further to Min 21/152 relating to the odour issues at Ambrose Hall Farm, the residents have replied they do not want to pursue the matter through the Civil Courts when the matter should be addressed by the Environment Agency and the City Council. Further to the Clerk's email sent following the Feb meeting, Cllr Middlebrough stated he was still liaising with Ben Wallace MP to see if the City Council will take any action. Members stated that other farms were managing larger stock quantities without complaints and it was agreed that Members will try to establish what measures they are using with a view to assessing the replies in April.

It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATES

Further to the amendments approved under MIN 21/143, LCC have prepared an invoice for the next stage which covers the preparatory costs as follows

- Road Safety Audit Stage 2 (completed)
- Further development of detailed design information (completed)
- Preparation of Traffic Regulation Order documents (underway)
- Advertisement of TRO's
- Allowance for design revisions and / or preparation of Cabinet Report/s following TRO advertisement if necessary
- LCC Estates staff time to progress Whittle Hill turning head
- Project Management (ongoing)

MIN 21/158 Members noted that the invoice also relates to the preparatory costs of the Catforth scheme and whilst this scheme is not as advanced as Woodplumpton's, Members **resolved** to pay the invoice to avoid any delays and to ensure the Catforth scheme is progressed as soon as practicable after the Woodplumpton scheme.

The Clerk advised that in order to pay the Invoice before the 31st March financial year end, it would be necessary to transfer £10,000 from the CCLA account to the Council's current account.

Catforth Scheme – Members noted that LCC have advised that they will be reporting on the outcomes of the Road Safety Audit shortly and the draft S278 Agreement is being reviewed by their legal team.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Feb 2022

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

2021/22 PAY AWARD

MIN 21/159 Members noted the 1.75% pay increase approved by the National Joint Council and **resolved** to approve 11 months backpay of £248.71 to be added to the Clerk's revised salary.

LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT

MIN 21/160 Members **resolved** that the Chairman and Clerk sign the 2022/23 Lengthsman's contract on behalf of the Council.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 21/161 Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii)

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
Room Hire February	Preston Grasshoppers	30.00	FEB 105
Lengthsman 44 - 47	B Hill	900.00	FEB 106

MIN 21/162 Members resolved to approve the following invoices for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Mar salary (new rates) + back pay	J Buttle	1334.84
PAYE	HMRC	186.30
Employer N Ins	HMRC	113.97
Increased pension based on back pay	NEST	72.99

GUILD WHEEL FUNDING REQUEST

Members were forwarded a funding request from the 'Friends of the Guild Wheel' regarding the addition of fence panels on a section of the Guild Wheel between Nog Tow and Jackson's Quarry to protect users from spray. Members were informed that funding had since been received for the project, however FoGW still required a donation to assist with the purchase of tools, materials and trees for planting. **MIN 21/163** Members **resolved** to award a donation of £250 from the 2022/23 budget, subject to the group providing details of an appropriate bank account. On receipt of the donation, the group will be requested to provide an invoice for the goods purchased or a photograph to illustrate the donation has been spent in accordance with the request.

RED TELEPHONE KIOSKS

Members considered a proposal to purchase red telephone kiosks with the intention of using them as a book swap / exchange. Concerns were expressed regarding maintenance and weatherproofing, in addition to the location which will require a licence and approval from LCC.

MIN 21/164 Members **resolved** to add the proposal to the CIL Business Plan for further consideration once the traffic calming schemes have been completed.

2020/21 INTERNAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Members noted the revised Terms of Reference and the following documents which had been produced in preparation for the 2021/22 internal audit.

- A. Risk Management Strategy
- B. Risk Management Register
- C. Council's Asset Register

MIN 21/165 Members **resolved** to confirm that the above documents were up to date and were appropriate to assess the effectiveness of the Internal Audit. Members also **resolved** to approve Mr Slade as the Council's Internal Auditor. Members were informed of the Audit changes following the issue of the 2020/21 JPAG Guidance and noted that it may be necessary to contract professional auditors in 2022/23.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

MIN 21/166 Members **resolved** to approve the delegated planning comments for March.

Members considered the following planning application which was not considered to be routine.

06/2021/1414 Hybrid Planning Application comprising of: 1. Full planning application for erection of 42no. dwellings; and 2. Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 480no. dwellings seeking approval for access (all other matters reserved) on land south of Bartle Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the full permission for 42 dwellings related to the northern section of the Wain Homes site **06/2020/0967** which was refused because it would prejudice the delivery of strategic green infrastructure in the North West Preston Strategic Location. When the application was refused, it was understood that a 60m buffer zone was required either side of the power lines, however, as the voltage of the lines is significantly lower than first thought, the applicant now proposes a 30m zone which would allow the green space to be developed in addition to 42 dwellings. Members **resolved** to object to the full application on the basis that the green space should be enhanced and take precedence over the need to squeeze more houses next to the power lines – where the voltage may need to be increased in future to accommodate the number of new developments.

With regards to the outline application for 480 homes, Members acknowledged that the site is in the NW Preston strategic location where over 5,000 homes have been proposed, however, Members support the comments made by the CPRE which suggest the need for large-scale development should be reassessed as the Central Lancashire authorities have successfully delivered over 3 times the required number of dwellings in the last 3 years. It has become clear to residents and Councillors that development on such a vast scale cannot continue without additional drainage, schools and medical centres and with this in mind – the Parish Council suggests that there should be moratorium applied to further housing in NW Preston (as occurred at Cottam Hall) to slow the housing growth, until the supporting infrastructure is in place – particularly as the Council has created a ‘windfall site’ of 1,000 new homes in Bartle Village.

MIN 21/167 Members **resolved** to object to both elements of the application based on the reasons above.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members noted the update on the NHP and **MIN 21/168 resolved** to express their extreme disappointment that the City Council has questioned the content of the plan at this late stage, when they were requested to comment at the consultation stage. Members noted that the City Council has arranged a meeting with the Clerk and consultant to establish what is required to rectify the situation and allow the next steps to proceed.

The Clerk explained the grant situation and the finances to date and confirmed that there is an outstanding payment due to the consultant. **MIN 21/169** Members **resolved** to pay the invoice.

UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

Members **noted** the following updates

Further to the site meeting on the 8th Nov, County Cllr Whittam has advised that a couple of meetings - involving Officers from both Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council - have been held with Hoyles Lane residents affected by the flooding. The Officers have also held separate meetings with developers to look at flooding issues on their sites. There are a number of actions that the Officers are now working through, which should reduce the probability of flooding in the area. Further meetings have not been scheduled until some of the outstanding actions regarding drainage have been completed. An update will be provided to the Parish Council, when hopefully things will begin to move forward.

With regards to UU’s proposal to improve the drainage issues along Hoyles Lane UU are still advising that *they will be able to provide a more accurate start date and further detail about the work involved when the final design has been approved.* Works taking place on Sandy Lane from the 21st March to the 29th April are to allow AJ Cornwall contractors to install a new sewer to the Breck Homes development. In response to a query, LCC have stated that Tyneham Way cannot be used as an alternative diversion route as the road is not yet adopted.

LCC and the Canal and Rivers Trust are still investigating what can be done to protect Blackleach Lane bridge from vehicular damage.

Cllr Bamber met Chris O'Flaherty from UCLAN regarding the renovation of the Stocks and a further site visit is being arranged with heritage consultants.

Further to MIN 21/141 regarding concerns about the realignment of Hoyles Lane, Members were informed that LCC replied

The 'priority working as point of the road realignment' is working quite well now that road users have adjusted to the new road layout. There will be a few changes made with regards to the signing and street lighting works that will help make this clearer to approaching vehicles.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MIN 21/170 Organisations have been approached regarding venues for future meetings but as not all have replied, Members resolved to hold the April meeting at Grasshoppers and reassess the bookings in May. Due to the Easter holidays, the next meeting will be on Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

Concerns were expressed regarding the number of construction lorries travelling through Woodplumpton. A registration number has been recorded and the Clerk was requested to establish which site they were working at and whether Woodplumpton Road is an agreed route on the construction method statement.