



WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN
THE LEIGH GALLERY, PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS
LIGHTFOOT GREEN LANE, WOODPLUMPTON
on MONDAY 25th April 2022 AT 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors: Cllr P Bamber Cllr M Entwistle.
Cllr P Entwistle Cllr S Yates

Deputy Police Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt and Mrs J Buttle Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllr B Dalglisch, Cllr B Probin and Cllr M Stewart
Apologies were received from the rural police officers and City Cllr K Middlebrough.

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

MIN 21/171 It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr P and Cllr M Entwistle declared a pecuniary interest in the payment to Catforth in Bloom as they are members of Catforth in Bloom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 21/172 it was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Deputy Police Crime Commissioner, Andy Pratt was welcomed to the meeting. He circulated copies of the Police Crime Commissioner's Crime Plan for 2021-2025 and a link will be added to the website. He explained that in order to change a problem, there needs to be proof that the problem exists and often with speeding incidents, the police are only called out if an injury occurs so there is no record of the accident. He confirmed he has met with Cllr K Middlebrough and the residents along Moorside Lane and stated that LCC are trying to pull together a proper speed assessment of the area so that the limits can be reviewed. He agreed that the amount of building work and the number of HGV's in the area is also a concern.

He explained that the Road Safety Partnership is working towards an ambitious vision where there will be no road deaths in the County. Previously resources have only been available where people have been killed or seriously injured, but the Partnership is now moving away from this. LCC, Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance services are working together alongside Highways England (Motorways) and the Driving Vehicle Agency to 'pool resources' to resolve issues by providing more lighting and incentives to reduce speed and respond quickly to accidents.

He advised that Cllr Pat Hastings was the Parish Council representative on the Road Safety Partnership executive Members were unaware of this and requested that the Clerk establish how the appointment was made and how the work of the executive will be fed back to Parishes.

In addition to the above, funding is also provided through fees generated by the Driver Speed Awareness Courses. There has been a swing away from drink driving to drug driving and the course fees pay for improved technology to detect offences. GPS data is also more readily available to assess speeds, however if used next to a carpark where vehicles are driving slowly, the information can be inaccurate.

It was stated that over 70,000 motorists trigger GATSO enforcement cameras so they alone do not solve the problems. More 'covert' measures are being introduced such as radar devices and cameras which are triggered if motorists increase speed to go through a red light.

Concern was expressed that the mobile enforcement vans seem to be in the areas at the 'wrong time' and Members were asked to forward the most appropriate times so that the timings can be looked at. Members expressed their belief that a combination of measures are needed and the traffic calming measures in the Parish were discussed. The Clerk was asked to forward a link to the plans for information.

Concern was expressed that measures often overlook cyclists and horse riders and work needs to be done to improve driver attitude as everyone appears to be in a hurry to get somewhere.

It was stated that following the NW Stages rally, rural roads seem even more attractive to 'budding rally enthusiasts' particularly because the roads aren't actively policed.

The Deputy Police Crime Commissioner referred to the Road Safety Partnership Tool Kit and stated that some funding may be available if the Council wished to pursue any of the suggestions. The Clerk was requested to include the Tool Kit on the next Agenda and the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner was thanked for attending.

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

2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR END

MIN 21/173 Members **resolved** to note and approve the following invoices already paid to complete the financial year end in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii)

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
Room Hire March	Preston Grasshoppers	30.00	113
Service & Sharpen Lawn mower	A & SM Singleton	98.94	114
Check & lubricate hedge trimmer	A & SM Singleton	27.60	115

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

MIN 21/174 Members noted the variations in expenditure against the budget and **resolved** to approve the End of Year Account Statement.

RENEWAL OF LALC MEMBERSHIP 2022/23

MIN 21/175 Members **resolved** to renew the LALC Membership and contribute to the administration of the Area Committee at a cost of £618.92.

2022/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 21/176 Members **resolved** to note and approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii)

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
Website Hosting fee	Easy websites	£27.60	Monthly DD
Lengthsman up to 1 st April 2022	B Hill	£900.00	001
Equipment donation MIN 21/163	Friends of Guild Wheel	£250.00	002

MIN 21/177 Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
CPRE Membership	CPRE	£36.00
LALC Membership (agenda item 6)	LALC	£618.92
Data Protection renewal	Info Commissioner	£35.00
Catforth In Bloom (Jubilee Year)	Catforth In Bloom	£300.00
Jan – March end of year expenses	J Buttle	£44.66
April Salary	J Buttle	£1170.50
HMRC PAYE	HMRC	£111.88
Employer N Ins	HMRC	£83.70

NEST PENSION

Members noted that the Clerk has updated the Nest Pension deductions to reflect the inflationary pay increase and qualifying earnings of £520. **MIN 21/178** Members **resolved** to approve the continuation of payment by Direct Debit.

END OF YEAR CIL REPORT

MIN 21/179 Members **resolved** to approve the end of year CIL finance report for 2021/22.

Members noted that a further payment is due at the end of April. The Clerk stated that there still seems to be a 'gap' between the number of applications approved and the amount of CIL received. Primarily this is due to a lack of information on whether the development has commenced. The Clerk was requested to challenge the gaps with the City Council and report any concerns to the Director of Planning.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Since paying the Invoice for the preparatory costs, LCC have advised that the Traffic Regulation Orders for Woodplumpton will be advertised in June and the outcomes of the Road Safety Audit for Catforth will be available shortly. Notwithstanding this, the Catforth Legal Agreement has been prepared and the Solicitor has asked for the Parish Councils instructions.

MIN 21/180 Members **resolved** that the Legal Agreement should only be progressed once the results of the safety audit are known. If there is a problem with the safety audit, the scheme may need revisiting and it seems premature to sign the Agreement at the stage.

Cllr K Middlebrough has advised that a meeting regarding the Orchard parking has been arranged w/c 16th May. **MIN 21/181** Members **resolved** that the Clerk forward the final details to all once confirmed to allow Members to attend.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

MIN 21/182 Members **resolved** to approve the delegated planning comments noting that appeals at Taigh Mor and Moorside Lane had been dismissed by the Planning Inspector. The Moorside Lane application related to the definition of infill and the Clerk was requested to note the comments expressed when opposing other infill applications.

AMBROSE HALL FARM

As there were no updates on this matter, the item was deferred to the May meeting pending further information for Cllr Middlebrough.

NEWSLETTER

The Spring Newsletter needs to be published shortly to advertise the Annual Parish meeting on the 16th May. **MIN 21/183** It was **resolved** that the Newsletter should include an update on speeding / police issues in addition to an article on the Queen's Platinum jubilee event at Catforth Village Hall and a request for volunteers for Woodplumpton Fete and Catforth in Bloom. Articles should be forwarded to the Clerk by the 29th April.

UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

Members **noted** the following matters which are still pending

Woodplumpton Stocks - Cllr Bamber met Chris O'Flaherty from UCLAN regarding the renovation of the Stocks and a quote has been received from Bullen Heritage consultants which should provide enough information for a listed building application to be submitted to Preston City Council. The Clerk was requested to forward the email confirming that LCC own the stocks and have no objections to the renovations.

Drainage Works – United Utilities are yet to confirm the final design for the Hoyles Lane drainage works and there have been no more updates from Cllr Whittam.

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

Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk will request an update from the consultant.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting on **Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.30pm** which will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Min 21/184 As there are no venues available in Catforth, rather than try to rotate the meetings across the Parish, Members **resolved** that meetings for the forthcoming year should be held at Preston Grasshoppers, preferably in the Leigh Gallery.

Following the meeting, Cllr P Entwistle raised a concern that the LCC website will not allow you to report flooding problems unless the flooding is located near a blocked surface water gully. He will take this forward through the Parish Council Charter Partnership Group.

Cllr M Greaves informed Members that there has been a change of licensee at the Wheatsheaf in Woodplumpton. He also requested that funding for the Woodplumpton Fete be added to the May agenda.