

## WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

on **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00pm**

- 94 PRESENT:** Chairman - Cllr M Greaves  
Councillors - Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr M Entwistle, Cllr P Entwistle,  
Cllr S Morgan, Cllr B Probin Cllr M Stewart,  
Cllr S Yates

10 members of the public including City Cllr S Whittam.

- 95 APOLOGIES: None** – all Members were present.

- 96 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October.  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Oct Council meeting be signed as a true record.

- 97 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

- 98 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Residents attended the meeting to discuss the inadequate 'traffic calming' measures on Hoyles Lane where 'green tarmac' has been laid rather than junction tables and speed humps. In contrast, an excessive amount of humps have been installed on Cottam Way which has allegedly resulted in Hoyles Lane being used as an alternative, faster route. A resident stated that speed humps would not work on Hoyles Lane as it is used by HGV's who don't adhere to the agreed construction routes and a request was made for average speed cameras.

Members empathised with the concerns and the Chairman explained Woodplumpton Parish Council's belief that engineering works are necessary to ensure traffic calming is successful. As many of the new developments are required to install traffic calming as a condition of the planning consent, Woodplumpton Parish Council has resolved to use its CIL monies to prioritise traffic calming measures in Woodplumpton Village, Catforth Road and Rosemary Lane. However, if problems arise in other areas, the Parish Council will seek to address these and it was confirmed that the Clerk has already requested that LCC explain why raised junction tables were not installed and why residents were not consulted on the scheme. A reply has not been received.

As the majority of Hoyles Lane is in Lea & Cottam Parish and as it is understood that LCC are satisfied that the works comply with the developer's S278 agreement, it was suggested that the residents approach Lea & Cottam to establish if they are prepared to install traffic calming measures using their CIL monies. If so, Woodplumpton would work with them to ensure the measures are consistent and proportionate in both areas.

With regard to the use by HGV's it was stated that residents must continue to take photographic evidence and report any breaches to the City Council.

Flooding issues were also reported because the Morris homes site has been constructed at a higher level than existing properties and concerns were expressed regarding the 'overload' on the existing sewer. It was explained that meetings have already taken place between CoVAG, United Utilities, Lancashire Lead Flood Authority and the MP for the Lea & Cottam area but no one is taking responsibility.

As the affected resident lived in Lea & Cottam Parish it was stressed that the matter should be taken up by the appropriate Parish Council. However, the Clerk will keep in contact with CoVAG, United Utilities and the Lead Flood Authority as the problems may be repeated in other areas of Woodplumpton Parish such as Bartle Lane.

A resident explained his frustration at the lack of progress regarding the traffic calming measures in Woodplumpton and Catforth and stated that he had written to Ben Wallace MP who had agreed to arrange a meeting in the New Year and he hoped the Parish Council would now 'come on board'.

Members replied that the Parish Council has worked extremely hard to get the County Council to deliver a concept scheme and they share the resident's frustration at the lack of response from LCC officers. At the October meeting, Members had referred the matter to County Cllr Iddon (Cabinet member for Highways) and although he had not had the courtesy to reply, the Parish Council has finally been advised that the concept plans are back from the road safety unit and LCC will be able to produce the detailed design after Christmas. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council is in regular contact with Mr Wallace's PA and has already confirmed that Members of the Parish Council will happily attend a meeting in the New Year where it is hoped some progress will finally be made. A member of the public stated that she had contacts with Mr Wallace's PA and Cllr Iddon and she would ensure the Parish Council's frustrations were noted.

A Member stated that Mr Wallace MP supported fracking and increased HGV movements through the rural areas and as progress on the PWDR and E-W link road had ground to a halt, a meeting was not enough and we should be demanding more. The Chairman replied that a decision on how to progress the matter will be taken under the Agenda item.

The Council was requested to ask DEFRA to investigate practices at a poultry farm where 21,000 birds were recently killed in a fire. As there have been several other incidents at the farm, the Clerk was requested to add the matter to the January Agenda.

The Lengthsman asked if he should clear undergrowth from traffic signs as LCC were not maintaining them. As this is not a specified job role and as the job is primarily LCC's responsibility, the Clerk was requested to place the matter on the January Agenda.

It was resolved that the meeting be reconvened at 8.05pm

#### **99 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – HOYLES LANE**

Members **resolved** that the Clerk update Lea & Cottam on the Hoyles Lane traffic calming concerns and establish if they would be prepared to use their CIL monies to improve the measures and if so, what measures would they propose. To ensure similar problems do not occur with the Taylor Wimpey proposals, the Clerk was requested to press Mr Gough for a reply to the actions listed in **MIN 82** of the October meeting.

#### **100 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES WOODPLUMPTON AND CATFORTH**

As stated under public participation, Mr Hudson has replied that *responses have been received from the road safety team and these need to be incorporated into the concept plans. His email also confirms that once the concept plans are drawn up, LCC will be able to produce the detailed design – but this will not be until after Christmas.*

In view of the above and the suggested meeting with Mr Wallace MP, it was **resolved** to arrange the meeting with Mr Wallace MP and press for the detailed designs **prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> January meeting**. Concerns were noted that a more forthright approach was needed but it was agreed this would be considered at the 21<sup>st</sup> January meeting if the matter fails to move forward.

#### **101 FEEDBACK FROM THE POLICE MEETING**

Cllr Greaves and Cllr M Entwistle attended a meeting with Chief Insp Clegg and Insp Dixon regarding policing structures. It was stated that the Community Beat Managers would reduce from 25 to 13 and as a result Police Officers would no longer operate from Broughton station. It was stressed that the station would not be sold or closed but it would operate differently. As part of the plans, the rural area will be served by 2 PCSOs and an Incident Response Car. The IRC will cover the whole of Preston but when it is not attending incidents its default base will be Broughton so there will be a visible police presence.

Members were informed that the 2 PCSOs will have to 'sign in' at Preston and as a result they may be deployed elsewhere leaving the rural areas with no cover at all. It was acknowledged that we do not have the violent crimes experienced in other areas, however crimes still occur and they are often of high value. Concerns were expressed that criminals will target the area and as the population grows, the police presence should increase per capita.

Members understood that the Police and Crime Commissioner had agreed to the proposals and it was **resolved** to arrange a meeting / invite him to the January Parish Council meeting to express the Parish Council's concerns. The letter will be issued by Cllr P Entwistle due to the Clerk's holiday. A copy will also be sent to the Chief Constable and Chief Insp Clegg.

The Clerk stated that the matter will be on the Agenda for Preston Area Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Grimsargh Village Hall. Members are welcome to attend to encourage other parishes to propose some further actions.

## 102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

**06/2018/0561** 1no. detached dwelling at Dale Cottage , Newsham Hall Lane.  
In principle Members remain opposed to new dwellings in the open countryside when demand can be met from NW Preston. However, as the City Council does not have a 5yr supply and as the dwelling will be within the curtilage of an existing dwelling, using the existing access, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/0994** 1no. agricultural building at Willow Farm, Blackleach Lane, Preston.  
Members noted that the application was for an agricultural building which will provide additional winter housing to accommodate ewes and lambs during the winter months. It will also be used for the storage of farm equipment and feed during the remainder of the year. As the application was for agricultural use, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1091** 9no. dwellings with associated infrastructure following demolition of existing structures at Kingsway Nurseries , Newsham Hall Lane.  
Members noted that the application had received outline planning permission and concerns regarding the proposed access had been addressed at that stage. Members also noted that whilst the dwellings were of a modern design, they were well set back from the road and as self-build plots they were in keeping with each other.  
Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1147** Single storey side extension, two storey and single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing rear extensions and installation of first floor window in side gable at Whittle Hill Cottage , 129 Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton,  
Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1185** Single storey side extension at 1 Westward Close, Preston.  
Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1187** Single storey rear extension to existing detached garage at Bedlington Lodge, Benson Lane, Catforth, Preston. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1213** Change of use from stables and extension to form 1 new dwelling, detached garage and stable block.  
Members noted that as the stables were an existing structure, the change of use to a new dwelling could be considered as brownfield development, however, Members expressed some concern that as a new stable block was proposed, it may be an over intensification of the site which lies in the open countryside. As the application states that the new stables are required for the stabling of the applicant's horses and farrier business on balance, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

Members were informed that the hedgerows that were the subject of application **06/2018/0834**, had been removed because the City Council was unable to determine the application within the 42 days required by the regulations. Members **resolved** that the Clerk press for an explanation on why the application was not determined within the timescales as the hedgerows were of historical significance and can not be replaced.

## 103 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017 / 18

Members noted that the external audit had now been completed with no matters arising and been published on the Parish Council website.

#### 104 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled. Members noted the CIL receipt of £70,522.43 which has been paid in to the current account.

#### 105 CHARLES ARNOLD BAKER

Members **resolved** to purchase the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Charles Arnold Baker containing GDPR legislation. It was noted the cost would be £103.99 + £7.00 p&p to be shared equally with Whittingham Parish.

#### 106 PURCHASE OF A NEW LAWN MOWER

Members **resolved** to purchase a new lawn mower at a cost of £675 with a 5 year warranty. The Invoice will be sent to the Clerk.

#### 107 DONATION TO REMEMBERED CHARITY

As part of the There but not There campaign, Members **resolved** to make a donation of £250 CQ 1280 under S137 of the Local Government Act, to a registered Charity 'Remembered' who will arrange individual silhouettes to be placed in St Anne's Church on Remembrance Sunday. It was also noted that in addition to the Woodplumpton service, 16 people were present to witness the laying of the poppy wreath at Catforth Village memorial hall.

#### 108 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension. Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk's Oct Salary	£1106.00	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£108.84	BACS
HMRC Employer N. Ins	£73.19	BACS
Lengthsman Contract – 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	£750.00	BACS
Lengthsman materials wooden planter	£33.27	BACS
Viking paper and stationery (half to be reimbursed by Whittingham)	£58.60	BACS

#### 109 CONSIDERATION OF 2019/20 BUDGET ITEMS

Members considered the DRAFT budget and the proposed increase in the precept to accommodate the variances in expenditure, new projects and items requiring renewal or repair. Members noted that as the precept is divided by the number of properties, as the number of properties continues to grow, each household will pay less.

Members queried if it was possible to establish how much the precept could be increased by - whilst still ensuring that residents pay a similar amount.

The Clerk replied that the precept should meet the demands of the budget and if the precept was increased, the budget would need to be increased too, as the Parish Council should not seek to accrue funds in excess of the services it delivers, however, the Clerk will research the matter and bring a more detailed explanation to the January meeting. In the meantime, Members requested that the Precept should be increased to fully fund the budget and the improvements to the PROW network rather than using CIL. Members also suggested that the full cost of any elections should be added to the budget rather than the uncontested cost.

The revised workings will be presented to the January meeting.

#### 110 CIL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019/20

Following the receipt of the October CIL monies, Members noted that the Bank account is now in excess of £100,000. Members also noted from the CIL Business Log that ongoing projects are likely to incur expenses of £38,920 this financial year. With this in mind, members **resolved** to transfer £70,500 to the Public Sector deposit fund.

CQ 1281

### **111 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Members noted that the Clerk had been in touch with the consultant following several queries on the grant submission. Replies have now been supplied and a decision on the next funding stage is expected on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **112 WINTER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER**

Having noted that the School had not provided a date for their carol service, Members **resolved** to approve the December edition of the Newsletter with the date printed as the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School, School Lane Catforth.

Following the meeting the Clerk was requested to report a vandalised caravan on land opposite the chipping lay-by on School Road, Catforth.