

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

on MONDAY 18TH NOV 2019 at 7.00pm.

19/89 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr M Entwistle, Cllr P Entwistle, Cllr B Probin,
Cllr M Stewart, Cllr S Yates,

2 residents, Parish Lengthsman and City Cllr K Middlebrough

19/90 APOLOGIES: Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr G Walker

19/91 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 21st Oct 2019.

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

19/92 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

19/93 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

A representative from the Priory was unable to attend to discuss security arrangements and changes to the type of patients admitted, however they have invited Members to the site to see the facility first hand. The Clerk was requested to arrange some dates.

2 residents requested an update on the realignment of Hoyles Lane outside the Post Office as this has not been included in LCC's consultation for speed humps. They also expressed concern that Hoyles Lane is frequently flooded outside the Post Office and will be a severe hazard if it freezes. Concerns were also expressed regarding the parking situation on the Sandy Lane / Hoyles Lane junction.

The Clerk stated that Taylor Wimpey are required to do the realignment as a condition of their planning consent and although the Parish Council has continued to raise the matter at every opportunity, LCC are not proactively requesting that the works are done and the City Council are not prepared to enforce the planning condition. Members confirmed they will refer to the junction parking and road realignment under **Agenda item 6b**. As the flooding has already been reported online, the resident was requested to email the photographs to the Clerk who will forward them to the Highways District Lead Officer with a copy to City Cllr K Middlesbrough.

The Parish Lengthsman requested that the hedge trimmer (**Agenda item 11**) is purchased this financial year, so that it can be used during the winter whilst the hedges are not in leaf. He also stated that parking is still an issue outside Woodplumpton School and Members confirmed they will discuss the inclusion of yellow lines under **Agenda item 5c**. The Lengthsman advised that LCC use a company called NSL to enforce parking regulations and it was suggested that they are contacted to deal with the current problems.

The Clerk referred to an email from a resident regarding the Woodplumpton traffic scheme which had been sent directly to all Councillors. In the email, the resident expressed an opinion that the traffic calming scheme was a waste of money as low cost / free traffic calming measures had not been exhausted. In accordance with the resident's wishes, the opinion has been recorded alongside the other replies from the traffic engagement event.

19/94 WOODPLUMPTON PARISH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

a) Under **MIN 19/83** of the Oct meeting, Members finalised the location of the engineering works and **resolved** to go with round humps in accordance with LCC's advice. Since making that decision, LCC have advised that they wish to change the proposal to flat top humps at the request of the Public Transport Team. As the alteration will not adversely affect the scheme's ability to slow traffic, Members **resolved** to accept LCC's advice to change both schemes to flat top humps. Members noted that LCC have attended a site meeting at Whittle Hill and have been given contact details for the Running Pump owner.

b) LCC also stated that the Road Safety Team have advised that concerns have been raised by the headteacher of Catforth School. The email states the headteacher has not heard about the proposals but feels the parked cars create a 'safety barrier' between the children and the road. Members expressed disappointment that the School had not approached the Parish Council with their concerns and confirmed the plans had been taken into a School Governors meeting. Views were expressed that the parked cars are a hazard for drivers heading towards Moorside Lane as they are forced to travel on the wrong side of the road. In addition, they increase the risk of an accident as a child could 'run out' between the vehicles and if the cars are left idling, children are exposed to exhaust emissions. Finally, it was added that encouraging the children to walk a few meters from the new parking bays will help to support the Healthy School's initiative. Members **resolved** that the Clerk advise the Headteacher of the above points whilst requesting a meeting between the Headteacher, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

c) Under June **MIN 19/34** Members agreed to see if the traffic calming measures would have an impact on the parking problem outside Woodplumpton School. However, in light of the mounting concern that the parking situation needs enforcement, Members **resolved** that Cllr Greaves and Cllr Stewart check the current yellow line markings on site with a view to asking LCC if they should be extended to compliment the traffic calming proposals.

d) Members noted that all residents on the electoral register and the new estates receive a copy of the Newsletter but businesses may be less well informed. Members **resolved** to hand deliver the next Newsletter to local businesses to ensure everyone is aware when the final traffic calming proposals are on the website.

e) Further to **MIN 19/83**, where Members approved the location of the engineering works, the gateway features and the relocation of the bus stops, the Clerk requested an updated cost analysis for the scheme. LCC have supplied this, along with a summary of the contract required to take the scheme further. The Clerk advised Members that under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 it is desirable to treat proposals and counter proposals in negotiations for contracts as confidential. With this in mind Members **resolved** to discuss the draft contract at the end of the meeting where it was determined that a further meeting is required with LCC.

19/95 OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

a) Bartle Lane – Temporary Road Closure

Members noted that LCC are proposing a temporary road closure on Bartle Lane from the 27/06/2020 until 30/06/2022 (2 years) to allow for the safe construction of the Preston Western distributor - with the diversion using Sandy Lane and Hoyles Lane.

In the interests of the safety of pedestrians along Sandy Lane, Members **resolved** to request that the new footpath and speed limit reduction outside Ashbridge Nursery (conditions of the planning consent) should be carried out before the diversion takes place and in order to minimize the inconvenience to road users, the traffic calming along Hoyles Lane (described below) should also be installed before the diversion takes place.

b) Hoyles Lane

Members noted that LCC are proposing to introduce a 20mph restriction along Hoyles Lane and part of Sandy Lane - along with road traffic humps on Hoyles Lane. The road humps will have a maximum height not exceeding 75mm, will be 3m long and 2.1m wide. Members recalled that they objected to the use of 'green tarmac' without any engineering works and on that basis, they welcomed the proposal - however, when advising the Parish Council on traffic calming proposals in Woodplumpton, LCC advised that the Road Safety Team recommend flat top humps (which cross the full width of the road) where bus services are in use. As Hoyles Lane is on a bus service - which should increase as more properties become occupied - Woodplumpton's preferred option would be for flat top humps. In addition, further to the comments under public participation, Members believe the increased use of the Sandy Lane / Hoyles Lane junction is a significant safety hazard and Woodplumpton Parish Council expresses grave concerns that the proposals do not deter cars from parking on the junction and do not include the realignment of Hoyles Lane outside the Post Office which was a condition of the Taylor Wimpey development.

19/95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

06/2019/1114 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 89no. dwellings with landscaping and associated works with access from 248 Lightfoot Lane.

Members noted that an email has been received from a resident objecting to the proximity of the proposed dwellings to her property. Members were informed that the site covers 3-4 parcels of land which have previously received permission for small developments, however the latest submission 06/2018/0597 was for 61 dwellings across all the parcels of land. Members were advised that they objected to that application because all vehicles will enter and exit the site via the access on Lightfoot Lane instead of using the E – W link road. The layout of this application is broadly similar but the number of houses has increased to 89 dwellings 100% of which will be affordable. Members **resolved** to oppose the application as the site is contrary to Policy MD2 as it does not provide access to the East – West link road and will result in an increase in traffic using Tabley Lane.

06/2019/1154 Extensions and alterations to existing clubhouse following partial demolition of existing building, creation of additional outdoor seating and play area, and alterations to car park at Preston Grasshoppers, Lightfoot Green Lane.

Members noted that the proposals will improve and enhance the existing facilities at Preston Grasshoppers and although the café and play area will be 'new attractions' they are primarily for cyclists on the Guild Wheel and are unlikely to generate additional traffic. On this basis, Members **resolved** to support the proposals as they will help an existing business expand and will provide an additional community facility on the Guild Wheel.

06/2019/1172 Change of use from Stables (Sui Generis) to mix use of Office (Class A2) and Store (Class B8) at Lewth Farm, Lewth Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the conversion was for the site owners personal use and would bring a redundant building back into use. As the change of use took place in June and the Parish Council have not received any objections, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2019/1182 Change of use of land for B1/B2/B8 and construction of 8no.units following demolition of existing buildings at Bell Fold Yard, Moorside Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the site is currently used as a builders yard with 5 storage buildings and external racked storage and the proposals will provide 8 small starter units for new businesses along with an energy storage facility. Members expressed concern that the existing access is narrow but noted that this will be improved and vehicles will be able to enter and exit the site at the same time. On balance, Members were supportive of the provision of starter units for small businesses, but due to the lack of information regarding the type and hours of use, Members **resolved** to leave to planning on the understanding that relevant conditions will be attached to any approval.

06/2019/1191 Outline application for up to 4no. dwellings and 1no. detached garage following the demolition of existing buildings (All matters reserved) at Spar House Farm Cottage, Lewth Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the site currently has an agricultural building, with land on either side, which was approved for conversion into 2 dwellings under 06/2019/0498. This application seeks to demolish the building and build 4 dwellings across the whole site which will be accessed by an existing access on Eaves Lane. As there is existing development on the junction of Lewth Lane and Eaves Lane and as the principle of development has been established by the conversion of the agricultural building, Members **resolved** to leave to planning on the basis that the site is likely to be considered an infill plot.

06/2019/1193 Permission in Principle for 1no. dwelling at Moorside House Farm, Moorside Lane, Preston. Members noted that the application site includes a barn and an application to convert the barn to a dwelling was allowed on appeal under 06/2015/0281. Although the application is in the open countryside and is not an infill plot, as the site has approval though an appeal, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2019/1214 Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with pergola, extension to side roof / canopy and fenestration alterations at the Plough at Eaves Hotel. As this is a replacement building, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2019/1219 Single storey detached hospital building and associated works at the Priory Hospital, Rosemary Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the proposed building will be located to the left of the existing entrance and turning circle and will be clearly visible from Rosemary Lane. However, as the building is single storey and will be set back from the road in its own grounds, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

19/96 LOCAL PLAN

Members were informed that the Central Lancashire Authorities are working on a new Local Plan to cover Preston, Chorley & South Ribble and as part of the 'call for sites process' developers have submitted 'an expression of interest' for sites to be developed in both Catforth and Woodplumpton. As replies need to be submitted by the 14th February, Members **resolved** to hold a separate meeting in the New Year.

19/97 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled. Members noted the receipt of £50,814.30 in CIL monies which has been paid into the bank account.

19/98 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 Nov Salary	£1125.82	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£101.36	BACS
HMRC Employer N. Ins	£74.24	BACS
Lengthsman Contract – 9 th Nov	£750.00	BACS
Postcrete for PROW signs	£12.69	BACS
LCC Design of traffic schemes	£15,000	BACS

19/99 CONSIDERATION OF 2020/21 BUDGET ITEMS

Members compared the increases and decreases in expenditure against this year's budget and discussed the changes required for 2020/21. Members noted that costs, such as the newsletter, will increase as more residents are included in the distribution but the costs will also be distributed amongst more residents. Members were satisfied with the draft budget amounts and **noted** that the proposals will require the use of reserves or an increase in the Precept. A decision on this will be taken when the Precept is set in January.

Under **MIN 19/87** of the October meeting, Members agreed to the principle of purchasing a hedge trimmer subject to 3 quotes being received. Members considered the quotes and noted the request made during public participation, to purchase the item this financial year. When considering the variances between the budget and current expenditure, Members noted that a charitable donation has not been proposed this financial year and Members **resolved** to vire the amount to enable the hedge trimmer to be purchased during 2019/20.

19/100 CIL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019/20

Members considered the master log of CIL income and expenditure and noted that CIL monies are currently held in the bank account. Members **resolved** to approve the payment of the LCC invoice for the traffic calming plans and noted that the phase 2 TRO payments will become due once the Parish Council is completely satisfied with the scheme. Members **resolved** not to transfer an amount to the CCLA account until further discussions have taken place with LCC.

19/101 WINTER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Members approved the draft content of the December Newsletter which includes dates for the Christmas Services.

19/102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 20th January 2020** at 7.00pm in Woodplumpton Parish Rooms, Rear of St Anne's Church, Preston