

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS REAR OF ST ANNES CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON

on MONDAY on MONDAY 16TH Oct 17 at 7.00pm.

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

15 members of the public.

- 84 APOLOGIES** Cllr B Probin, Cllr S Morgan.

85 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 18th Sept were a true record.

86 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Yates declared a prejudicial interest in the donation to Catforth Village Hall as she is a member of the Management Committee.

87 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PC Chris Banks advised that drivers faced 2hr delays between Cottam and Eastway due to an accident and various traffic lights being stuck on red. The police have contacted LCC regarding better communication regarding roadworks and diversions.

In response to a query the Clerk confirmed that Newsham Hall Lane will be resurfaced during the 4th – 19th January 2018.

Nearly a dozen reports were received regarding stolen mail from external post boxes. 2 people have been arrested. Any incidents should be reported to Action Fraud. It was suggested that concerned residents periodically check their details on Experian or another credit check site, to see if there are any unauthorised applications pending.

Reports are still being received about thefts from building sites, which affect small contractors supplying the developers. Number Plate Recognition cameras have led the police to east Lancashire and warrants have been issued for the arrest of 8-9 people.

Fly tipping is being recorded as a crime due to the number, type of offences and resources involved. Recent reports include asbestos, a dead dog and 3 bags of dead poultry. Several agencies are involved in investigating the source of the tipping.

With regard to the Parish Council Agenda item to purchase a CCTV, the police are very supportive of the idea and will provide advice on its location to ensure it complies with legislation and is mounted effectively so that any evidence obtained can be used in prosecutions.

Broughton Parish Council have requested that Broughton Police Station is included as a Heritage Asset which may help protect it from a change of use application. Everyone was requested to support the inclusion.

Mr Hill the Parish Lengthsman addressed the Council and reiterated the concerns regarding fly tipping and the need for a battery CCTV camera. He also reported that the grass verge had been damaged at Whittle Hill following an accident involving 3 cars. The Clerk will report this to LCC.

As in previous years, purple lights have been placed on the Christmas tree to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

A resident expressed frustration at the number of cars parked inconsiderately on junctions, pavements and verges and asked why they couldn't be prosecuted. PC Banks replied that the obstruction must be obvious and even if the case gets to court, the courts don't always rule in the police's favour.

It was questioned if the police or the Parish Council could put 'polite notices' on vehicles. A Councillor replied that this will be investigated. An article will also be included in the Parish Council Newsletter.

It was stated that lots of changes are taking place in Broughton and it was 'about time' Woodplumpton received some attention too. It was explained that the changes are taking place as a direct result of the Broughton by-pass. Woodplumpton Parish Council is intending to use CIL monies to bring results to Woodplumpton but LCC need to agree to and approve any works. Negotiations have been extremely hard going as reported under item 17 on the Agenda. A Councillor stated that the Parish Council is fighting its corner to improve parking, speeding and other traffic related issues but it would be helpful if residents supported the Parish Council by writing to the City and County Councils, MP, ward councillors and the police preferably enclosing photographs of the problems.

A resident from Catforth asked for an update on Swillbrook Bridge. The Clerk replied that the Canal and River Trust had stated that the works were complete and they were waiting for LCC to remove the concrete bollards.

A Councillor stated that he had spoken to the engineers on site and they had said some railings still needed to be installed. As the Clerk is going on holiday, she will forward the reply from the Canal and River Trust to all Councillors and the resident so that the matter can be questioned in her absence.

Mrs Leeming addressed the Council regarding application **06/2017/1056** for 2 dwellings at Whinneyfield Farm. She stated that the applicants had acted on the comments made by the Parish Council. The application is now supported by an agricultural needs assessment and photographs showing the site as a working farm. The application also includes a legal agreement confirming that the prior notification application will be revoked if the new application is successful. Mrs Leeming requested that the Parish Council supported the application.

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

88 FLY TIPPING AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

Members noted the increase in fly-tipping problems and **resolved** to purchase a battery powered CCTV camera from a company which the police have previously used. If use of the CCTV is successful, then others may be purchased although the unit is portable and can be moved to different locations.

Members noted that Keep Britain Tidy run Fixed Penalty training courses at a cost of £405 + VAT. Concerns were expressed that the public may become aggressive if issued with a Notice and it will be checked if this is covered in the training course. Members **noted** that the City Council are yet to comment on the possibility of a partnership scheme to prosecute offenders and it was confirmed that the training should not take place until this assurance is given.

89 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

06/2017/1056 Outline planning application for 2no. dwellings and associated works (all matters reserved) at Whinneyfield Farm, Whinneyfield Lane.

Members noted the comments made under public participation in respect of the Legal Agreement. The Clerk added that the agricultural needs appraisal confirms that there is an essential need for the applicants to reside on the holdings. Members felt that the applicants have addressed the initial concerns of the Parish Council and **resolved to support** the application as it will enable the applicants to sustain and possibly expand a rural business which complies with the Rural Development SPD.

06/2017/0366 Reserved matters application (namely access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 06/2016/0291 for 217 dwellings on land north off Maxy House Farm, Sandy Lane.

Members noted that the consultation letter refers to 217 dwellings but the application states the revised submission is for 211 dwellings.

Of particular concern is the fact that only 62 of the dwellings will be affordable which equates to **29%** which is contrary to the affordable housing policy. Concern is also expressed that the affordable dwellings are grouped in 2 main clumps towards the centre and North West of the site - which is also contrary to the pepper potting policy for affordable dwellings.

Finally it was noted that a large scale apartment block had been added to the eastern corner at the junction with the the E-W link road. Whilst this may help to define the boundary of the development and may be in keeping with the frontage along the E-W link, Members consider that it will detrimentally alter the character of Sandy Lane.

In addition to the above points, member reiterated that it is unclear how and when connecting sections of the E-W link will be built. Until that clarity exists, traffic will use country lanes which are not of a specification to cope with the additional traffic.

Based on the above, Members **resolved** to object to the application.

06/2017/0982 Single storey side extension following part demolition of outbuilding and wall at Rays Farm, Roots Lane. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2017/1024 1no. dwelling following demolition of existing farmhouse (revised scheme to previously approved application 06/2015/0153) at Beech Grove Farm, Malley Lane. Members had no objection to the original or amended scheme and **resolved** to reiterate the original comments that consideration should be given to the safety of pedestrians using the public right of way adjacent to the site.

06/2017/1121 Prior notification submission for change of use from agricultural building to 1no. dwelling at Carr House Farm, Preston Road.

Members noted the application was a prior notification and may be approved as permitted development. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2017/1134 Two storey 74no. bed care home and 40no. parking spaces at Preston Grasshoppers, Lightfoot Green Lane.

Members were reminded that the scheme was for a 74 bed care home for primarily bed ridden patients. 40 car parking spaces are to be provided. Additional traffic will include GPs, ambulances and deliveries of materials and resources. There will be 30 full time and 10 part time staff. 50% of employees will be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport. Others will be allocated car parking spaces or encouraged to car share. Visitors will be encouraged to use other modes of transport but will be allowed to sign in and use a car park space if one is available.

Members expressed concern that the above was not in touch with reality as there is a limited bus service. In addition, staff are more likely to depend on a car during unsocial hours and visitors and staff will park in the neighbouring streets which is contrary to policy MD2 of the adopted Local Plan - which seeks to ensure *the sensitive integration, of car parking and servicing areas within the development and ensure that such areas do not have a negative impact in terms of appearance or function of adjacent sites.*

Members noted that match day parking had been addressed by the inclusion of a car park to the north of the site, but questions remain regarding how the application will affect the hospital park and ride. Members also stated that the adopted NW Preston Masterplan states that Preston Grasshoppers would be the preferred location for community events – this may not be achievable if parking is restricted - and events will cause noise and distress to residents of the care home - most of whom will be bed ridden. Similarly the Master Plan indicates that there will be provision for health services in the main local centre and it is felt that this will be a better location as it will be more accessible for staff and visitors. Based on the above, Members **resolved to oppose** the application.

90 FEEDBACK FROM NW PRESTON STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Members **noted** the following updates from the Stakeholder meeting

- Planning permission has been given for the **PWDR and E-W Link Road** but it is likely to be another 2yrs before work takes place. Residents objected to the use of Tabley Lane but LCC state there are no capacity issues.

- As the roads will be delayed, LCC have been requested to produce figures for the local **road capacities** as developments continue to be approved with no supporting infrastructure. It was also reported that the build out rate for new properties has increased from 30 dwellings a year to 50 dwellings a year.
- **Tabley Lane roundabout** is not 'complete' until the entrance to the Taylor Wimpey site is opened. LCC stated the **pavement on the Nog Tow bend** is scheduled for completion as part of the roundabout S278 works. As the pavement is a health and safety hazard, they have been asked to speed this up.
- The realignment of **Hoyles Lane** at the Post Office will take place 9 months after the roundabout is complete. Discussions are still taking place on the traffic calming.
- LCC have been asked to look at the lack of pavements outside the **nursery on Sandy Lane** which were linked to the housing applications 06/2013/0140 and 06/2011/0473.
- Discussions have started regarding the delivery of **schools** and Taylor Wimpey should shortly be submitting their phase 2 application, which includes **community facilities**.
- Drew Gough has been appointed as the part time NW Preston Liaison officer. He works for PCC and also processes CIL monies. Members **resolved** to invite him to the January meeting.
- Marcus Hudson publicly confirmed that LCC will work with the Parish Council to providing traffic calming measures but we still need meeting dates – see CIL matters.

91 CONSULTATION ON HOUSING NUMBERS

Members were informed that the Government has released a consultation called 'Planning for the right homes in the right places'. The consultation refers to a new formula to calculate the number of new homes. Using the proposed new formula, Preston's figures could drop from 507 to 225pa. It is understood that PCC will release new housing needs figures but the Core Strategy would need to be inspected again before any weight can be attached to the figures. Members noted that authorities with a Local Plan do not need to comply with the proposed figures until the Local Plan needs to be reviewed. Members **resolved** not to reply to the national consultation but to wait for any local announcements.

92 HERITAGE LIST

Members considered the Heritage List consultation and noted that 17th century cottage at Cookstool Farm has not been included and nor has the junction of School Lane and Catforth Road. Members **resolved** to support the remaining items on the List.

Members noted that Hit Paranormal would like to conduct an 'investigation' in the old mortuary which may be featured on their YouTube channel. Access will be arranged through the Parish Lengthsman.

93 CONSULTATION ON BIN CHANGES

Members noted that Preston City Council are proposing changes to the bin collections. Changes include a 2 day limit on reporting a missed bin, no longer collecting bins where residents forget to put them out, requiring householders on private roads to move their bins to the highway and not collecting textiles.

Members **resolved** to request confirmation that the elderly and infirm will still receive help moving bins on private drives.

94 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

95 BRITISH LEGION

Members **resolved** to approve the purchase of 2 poppy wreaths under S137 of the LGA 1972. Wreaths will be laid by Cllr Yates in Catforth and Cllr Stewart in Woodplumpton.

96 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

HMRC Nat Ins	£57.36	BACS
Clerk's Oct Salary	£1004.16	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£104.20	CQ 1234
Lengthsman Contract	£705.00	CQ 1235
New Tools for PROW	£221.93	CQ 1236
Quarterly Admin expenses	£109.99	CQ 1237
War memorial plaque & engraving	£41.50	CQ 1238
Royal British Legion	£44.00	CQ 1239

97 HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 17 – Sept 17

Members **noted** the half yearly budget analysis and **resolved** to contribute to Catforth Carol Service refreshments. Payment will be made at the November Agenda.

98 HALF YEARLY CIL ANALYSIS Apr 17 – Sept 17

Members considered the income and expenditure on CIL items and noted that a CIL payment is due in October. Members **resolved** to include phase 2 of the Catforth Village Hall plans for further consideration and approve the 2016/17 annual return which needs to be published on the website.

99 CONSIDERATION OF 18/19 BUDGET ITEMS

Members noted that the November meeting will primarily focus on the 2018/19 budget. Members confirmed that the following items should be included

- Fixed penalty notices training and administration - £450
- S137 donation to Air Ambulance* - £500
- City Council green space maintenance - £814
- Community bin charges - £100
- Catforth in Bloom £150

Members noted that Cllr Stewart will attend the Air Ambulance* event to thank sponsors during 2016/17.

100 UPDATE ON CIL DISCUSSIONS

- **Parish Traffic calming** – LCC confirmed their intention to involve engineering expertise in the discussions on traffic measures. They arranged a meeting but it was cancelled on the same day and has been rescheduled to the 18th October. Members stated they were appalled at the lack of courtesy particularly at a time when Cottam is gridlocked and traffic is cutting through rural areas. The public need to be aware that LCC are preventing the Parish Council from spending developers' money (not tax payers money) on improving the local area. It was **resolved** that if the meeting does not go ahead or LCC continue to block attempts to design the requested traffic calming measures, the press will be notified.
- **Catforth Village Hall** – Quotes for the tarmac, gates and railings total £9,420. The Village Hall will contribute £2,000 and the Parish Council has been requested to donate £7,420 from CIL monies to improve the entrance to Catforth Memorial Hall. Members **resolved** to approve the donation for phase one and the cheque will be presented in November. Although funding has not been agreed, phase two for the garden area and obelisk will be added to the CIL business plan for 2018/19.
- **Dog / Litter Bins** The bin at Catforth Road has been replaced but there are still problems emptying the bins at the Running Pump. PCC are still to decide on an additional bin at Whinneyfield Lane.
- **Phone Boxes** – Members have received the City Council email stating that an apology may be in order, but they are not legally liable to compensate the Parish Council for any loss as the asset value is only £1. BT will not install replacement kiosks as they removed them in good faith. Members agreed the matter cannot be taken further without buying new kiosks at £6,000 each.

101 NEWSLETTER

Members **resolved** that the following items will be included the Winter Newsletter.

- Update on traffic concerns
- Inconsiderate parking
- Details of the Christmas carol and tree services – Cllr Yates & Cllr Greaves
- Neighbourhood Plan aims and objectives – Members requested that an update be included on the November Agenda
- Information on local policing concerns
- Street naming suggestions for new developments

A draft of the Newsletter will be circulated to all Members prior to publication.

102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 20th November 2016** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School, School Lane, Catforth.

Following the meeting the Clerk informed Council that in response to points raised at the last meeting and various emails / phone calls received

- An email has been sent to the planning agent regarding concerns about the conversion of the former Methodist Church on Moorside Lane
- A new access on Woodplumpton Road has been reported to PCC / LCC following concerns about debris blocking Woodplumpton brook
- Residents who raised concerns about the drainage plans at Bartle Lane have been advised that new plans have been submitted
- The developer building the new houses on Bay Horse Lane has confirmed discussions are now taking place with the builders