

**WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT**  
**CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH**  
**on MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 16 at 7.00pm.**

**64 PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr S Morgan  
Councillors B Dalglish, M Greaves, S Yates

6 members of the public.

**65 APOLOGIES** – Cllr P Entwistle, Cllr M Entwistle, Cllr B Probin, Cllr M Stewart

**66 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016.  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

Cllr S Morgan declared a personal interest in the shoot at Whinneyfield Farm as he was the complainant.

**68 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Following a query it was confirmed that the Christmas lights have been ordered for Woodplumpton and can be collected by contacting Cllr P Entwistle.

A resident from Whittle Hill expressed concerns that residents were not aware of the planning application for an anaerobic digestion plant at Ambrose Hall Farm and by the time they found out, the application had been approved. A small notice had been placed on site but it was in an inconspicuous place. The application states that the proposal will not affect residents living within 220m of the site. It was questioned whether that statement was true and if the distance had been checked. Concerns were expressed that the proposal could generate additional odour and the application had been determined without the submission of an odour management plan.

The Clerk replied that the City Council is responsible for advertising planning applications and concerns about the publicity should be raised with them. Planning applications are usually included on the Parish Council agenda but as the application was received during the holiday period, the application was considered by the Clerk under delegated authority. In considering the application, it was noted that waste produce is currently collected and spread openly over the fields and storing the waste in sealed tanks to generate electricity and fertilizer seemed a more environmentally friendly method. The resident was advised to put his concerns in writing and the Clerk will raise them with the planning department.

A presentation was given on a proposal for a 200 place children's nursery. It was explained that the applicant has secured planning permission for a site on Lightfoot Lane but is aware that the Parish Council and residents objected due to traffic concerns and the impact on a residential area. The applicant is keen to foster good community relationships and now wishes to discuss a proposal to move the nursery to Maxy House Farm, off Sandy Lane. The existing house will not be demolished and will be used by the nursery manager. The nursery will be single storey with a 2 storey frontage with no balcony areas. It will accommodate 200 places. If planning permission is granted, the nursery will provide LCC funded places. In response to a question it was stated that the provision would be different to Cottam nursery school which provides term time only places for pre-school children aged 2+. Ashbridge will offer full time care between 7.30am and 6.00pm for 52 weeks of the year. Concerns were expressed regarding the traffic and parking and it was stated that unlike a school, there will not be a main start or finish time. Collections and drop offs will be staggered between 7.30 - 10.00 and 3.00 - 6.00. There will be parking for 51 cars. LCC have requested a narrow access with wide footpaths to slow cars down at the entrance and enhance pedestrian safety.

The applicant was thanked for the presentation and it was confirmed the planning application is scheduled for consideration at the November meeting.

PCSO D Reid addressed the meeting and confirmed that police technology has been updated so that crimes are now being logged correctly for the Woodplumpton area. 7 crimes were recorded between July and September. These included the theft of a battery from a boat at Moons Bridge Marina, a burglary in a shed, a public order offence for which a fixed penalty notice was issued, a family dispute, theft of a birdbath on Woodplumpton Road, theft of a camera at Bartle Hall and a robbery at Cottam Post Office. With regards to the latter, the intruders had weapons and were disturbed by the occupiers who recorded the car number plate. A stinger was used and the intruders were subsequently arrested.

It was confirmed that there have been less thefts reported from the building sites and it is hoped they are now taking security seriously. It was also mentioned that the police are working with 8-13 year olds in the schools to explain about the police force and encourage them to join the police cadets.

#### **69 COMPLAINT RE SHOOTING - CANAL TOWPATH, WHINNEYFIELD FARM**

The police confirmed that a complaint had been received whereby a walker had been showered with pellets whilst walking on the canal tow-path near Whinneyfield Farm, however an offence has not occurred unless the guns are fired less than 50m away from people or footpaths. Concerns were expressed that the event has escalated from 'a few friends' shooting in a private field to a regular event with catering vans. The shooting areas are not marked and no-one appeared to be supervising the event. It was **resolved** that the Clerk make further enquiries to see if the event needs planning permission or any form of licensing. The matter will also be brought to the attention of British Waterways and the PROW officer at LCC.

#### **70 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)

**06/2016/0713** Outline dwelling - access only at Grove House, Newsham Hall Lane. Members **resolved** to object to the application as the replacement dwelling would be 50% larger than the existing building which is considered contrary to the Rural Development SPD and would set a precedent for other applications.

**06/2016/0717** conversion of barn to dwelling at Lawton House Farm, Bartle Lane. Members **noted** that the Clerk objected to the access but the application was **refused** as an environmental impact assessment has not been submitted.

**06/2016/0770** Extension to agricultural building at Blackleach House, Blackleach Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/0818** Two storey side extension and alterations to existing single storey rear extension at 12 Bideford Way. Members noted that the extension may restrict vehicular access to the garage but **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/0872** single storey side and rear extension, single storey extension to outbuildings and alterations to elevations at Woodsfold Barn, Lewth Lane. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/0892** 4no three storey dwellings and detaches garages following demolition of existing farm buildings at Garlick House, Green Lane, Catforth. Members **noted** that the application had been **withdrawn**.

**06/2016/0902** Variation of condition 21 (06/2006/0967) to alter the hours of business at Bartle Court Business Centre, Rosemary Lane.

Members noted that many of the business units have been vacant since they were built nearly a decade ago and acknowledged the need to encourage new businesses to the area. However restrictions were placed on the opening times as the site is located in a residential area. The proposal requests opening hours of 07.00 – 19.00 7 days a week including Sunday's and Bank holidays. Whilst it is acknowledged that the number of staff is likely to be no more than 4 – concerns were expressed that the request will set a precedent for other units (with significantly more occupants) to request the same terms. On this basis members **resolved** to oppose the alteration to the opening hours.

**06/2016/0912** Extension to rear of 150 Hoyles Lane, Preston. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/0942** Outline application for 58 dwellings (access only) at Bridge House, Tabley Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the site lies within the NW Preston strategic location and approval is being sought for the access only. Members noted that whilst there are 2 cul-de-sacs to allow connectivity to the east and south, the proposed plan states it is for pedestrian access only meaning that the sole vehicular access will be to and from Tabley Lane. The site is located in phase 3 of the NW Preston Masterplan and early approval will result in the site being developed before the supporting infrastructure is in place. Furthermore, the access is in a location which is currently approached in excess of the speed limit. Members **resolved** to oppose the application on the grounds that the site is premature with no confirmed connectivity to other sites, resulting in a significant increase in traffic on Tabley Lane with no traffic calming mitigation between the access and the proposed E-W link road.

**06/2016/0956** Change of use of former church to residential dwelling and 2 storey side extension following demolition of extension (vary approved plans 06/2016/0275). Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/0987** prior notification for change of use from agricultural building to 3 dwellings Whinneyfield Farm, Whinneyfield Lane.

Members noted that the application is a prior notification and as such the application may be classed as permitted development. However, the barn is served by an un-adopted road which is also a public right of way FP60 and FP61. Members **resolved** to express concern that the access track is not suitable for joint use by pedestrians and construction traffic or the additional cars the development will generate.

**06/2016/1004** detached dwelling, boundary wall and gates to front following demolition of existing barn at land to side of Lewth Lodge, Cinder Lane, Preston. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2016/1013** two storey rear and single storey side extension, alterations to roof following demolition of conservatory at Wrainhow House, Lewth Lane, Preston. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

#### **71 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

#### **72 HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 16 – Sept 16**

Members **noted** the half yearly budget analysis and the use of CIL monies to fund the administration of Cil and the additional hours for the Lengthsman. No variances were considered necessary.

#### **73 BRITISH LEGION**

Members **resolved** to approve the purchase of the poppy wreaths under S137 of the LGA 1972. Members also **resolved** to return a Memorial Cross to the British Legion on behalf of the residents of Woodplumpton Parish.

#### **74 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

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| Clerk's Oct Salary       | £1016.62 | BACS    |
| HMRC                     | £96.76   | CQ 1178 |
| Lengthsman Contract      | £705.00  | CQ 1179 |
| Quarterly Admin expenses | £49.30   | CQ 1180 |
| Royal British Legion     | £40.00   | CQ 1181 |

## 75 UPDATE ON CIL DISCUSSIONS

**Highways** – At the September meeting, Members had a private meeting with highways to discuss LCC's thoughts regarding traffic calming measures in Woodplumpton and Catforth. Draft plans for Woodplumpton were presented and discussed at the meeting and Members were requested to discuss the plans and provide feedback to LCC.

Members stated that they were not happy with the philosophy of trees, painted lines and surface changes and wish to request specific, traffic calming engineering works consisting of 5-6 elongated platforms to replace the current chicanes.

Currently traffic using Newsham Hall Lane from Broughton has to give way and turn right / left at the junction with Woodplumpton Road. With regard to changing the priority so that traffic from Woodplumpton has to give way instead, concerns were expressed that this may make Newsham Hall Lane more attractive to HGV's and through traffic and Members decided this proposal needs more consideration.

Members were supportive of a roundabout at Whittle Hill / Ambrose Hall Lane.

Members noted the suggestion of a courtesy crossing to the 'police station' but wish to point out this building is no longer a police station and there are no pavements leading up to the proposed crossing point. It was felt that the crossing point should be positioned nearer to The Orchard where the option of a further mini-roundabout should be explored.

It was **resolved** to submit the above comments to LCC and ask them to provide an approx. quote for the elongated platforms and roundabouts. Once the estimate is received, the Parish Council will request a formal plan for consultation purposes.

**Play Area** – Further to MIN 53b Preston City Council have been advised that Members **resolved** to fund the new equipment for the play area. Members **noted** that the Clerk has also submitted a grant application to Groundwork UK – TESCO bags of help.

**Defibrillator** – Quotes were provided for the 2 defibrillator devices further to MIN 53c but it was **resolved** to defer the item to the November meeting.

**Flooding** – Members **noted** that an application has been submitted to Community Foundation for £5,000 towards the French drain.

## 76 CONSIDERATION OF 17/18 BUDGET ITEMS

Members **noted** that the November meeting will focus on the 2017/18 budget. No new items were put forward for costs to be provided.

## 77 NEWSLETTER

Members discussed the Woodplumpton carol service and the Clerk was requested to see if a joint service could be arranged with the Church. Members **resolved** that the Winter Newsletter will include articles on

- the Christmas carol and tree services
- How to raise concerns about speeding sites
- LCC Winter awareness campaign

Members noted that the Clerk will produce the Newsletter and arrange the printing but due to a forthcoming holiday, will be unable to issue it. It was agreed that Cllr Yates would collect the newsletters from the Town Hall, insert them into the envelopes (pre-printed by the Clerk) and take them to the Post Office. A cheque for the postage will be signed in advance at the November meeting.

## 78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016** at 7.00pm in Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.