

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

on **MONDAY 21st Oct 2019 at 7.00pm.**

19/72 PRESENT: Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr P Entwistle Cllr M Entwistle,
Cllr B Probin, Cllr G Walker
Cllr S Yates

2 representatives from NW Rally, PC Geldard and PCSO Anyon

19/73 APOLOGIES: Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr M Stewart.

19/74 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 16TH Sept 2019.

The Chairman is required to sign the Minutes as a true record.

19/75 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Yates declared a personal interest in application **06/2019/1159** as she knows the applicant and also declared a prejudicial interest in the donation to the Catforth Carol Service as she is on the Village Hall Committee.

Members noted that the City Council has indicated that the Standards Committee will shortly commence 'dip sampling' of Member Interest forms. In practice, this may be a phone call with individual Members to ensure their form is up to date.

19/76 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Members noted that Stagecoach announced that they would be withdrawing the No 4 Service from the 3rd Nov. It will be replaced by a new No 15 service to be operated by Preston Bus. Details of the route have been added to the Parish Council website. The Clerk has contacted LCC regarding the use of Whittle Hill as a 'turning circle' as this will not be possible if Whittle Hill is closed to through traffic.

The Police Officers ran through the crime reports for the area which included a theft of some bikes at Whittle Hill, domestic incidents resulting in an assault and the theft of a car from Catforth. Cllr Entwistle requested that the reports are presented in the same format each month so that the statistics can be compared.

It was noted that a fire had been started in a disused building on Hoyles Lane and a drugs raid was carried out at Maxy House Road. Whilst these events prompted several concerns on the Cottam Facebook page, incidents are still not being reported to the police. The Clerk will forward the Facebook link to the Police and will ensure that the crime stoppers number is on the Parish Council website so that residents can report concerns anonymously. The police confirmed they are monitoring the area and are carrying out regular patrols in 'hot spot' areas.

Cllr Greaves offered to forward details of the Remembrance Service to the police so that they can assess whether they have a patrol available to attend.

Members were informed that the competitive elements of a NW Stages Rally will take place on closed public highways in Woodplumpton Parish on Saturday 21st March 2020. The organisers had circulated a briefing note with FAQ's to Members before the meeting.

Members expressed concerns regarding vehicles travelling at excessive speeds on rural lanes with an increased possibility of damage to verges, hedges, livestock and spectators. Concerns were also expressed regarding access to properties and the emergency services whilst the roads are closed.

The organisers stated that the Rally is closely supervised, all roads and verges are inspected in advance of the rally and LCC work with the organisers to ensure they rectify any damage. If damage occurs, LCC will retain a £35,000 bond. A vet is also on hand to assist farmers with any concerns about livestock.

850 marshals are placed 25m apart at strategic locations and are well positioned to stop spectators and other road users venturing on to the route. In an emergency, residents should call 999 as usual but will also be advised to contact rally control and a trained paramedic and ambulance will be directed to the scene. If necessary, the rally will be stopped and started once the incident has been resolved. The promoters stated that they had visited all the properties on the route and had left residents with contact information and further details. According to the promoters, there were no concerns from residents. Whilst the organisers noted the green and environmental concerns expressed, they stated that over 7,000 spectators attend the event in designated spectator areas but it was stressed that the Woodplumpton stage is not a designated spectator area. The organisers were thanked for their time and explanation regarding the rally. Members stated that the event sends out the wrong messages to drivers and residents and will have a negative impact on wildlife. It was noted that as the event is supported by LCC and the Police, and local concerns are unlikely to change the decision to run the rally in the Parish.

19/77 PLANNING APPLICATION COMMENTS

Members **noted** the following applications where comments were submitted under delegated authority as replies were needed prior to the meeting.

06/2019/0764 2no detached dwellings with vehicular access onto Bartle Lane on land east of White Gables, Bartle Lane, Preston.

The proposal is for 2 self-build detached dwellings on land fronting Bartle Lane, with open countryside to the rear. The properties would be accessed from a driveway to the side of each house. The dwellings are sited to the north of Bartle Lane and are not in the NW Preston strategic location. The applicant is claiming that the dwellings are infill plots. Members have opposed similar applications in this location as the existing dwellings are too far apart to be classed as infill, however, as the planning authority have granted permission for 2 dwellings to the west of the site under application **06/2017/0378** and one dwelling to the east of the site under application **06/2018/1056** it is unlikely that this application will be opposed. **Representation was made to oppose the application.**

06/2019/1033 Permission in Principle for 1no. dwelling on land south of Brierley Lane. 2 applications have been received for new dwellings south of Brierley Lane and because the area is open countryside, the deciding factor is whether the sites can be classed as infill. 06/2019/0760 was refused due to its isolated location but an appeal has been submitted against the decision. Application 06/2019/0779 was approved as it was located between Willowfield House and Tanyard Farmhouse. This site lies between Tanyard Farmhouse on Eaves Lane and the junction with Brierley Lane and Ivy Dean to the north. As such it is likely to be considered as an infill site.

Representation - leave to planning.

06/2019/1068 Permission in Principle for up to 9no. dwellings at Laburnum House Farm, Bartle Lane, Preston.

The application site consists of Laburnum House which fronts Bartle Lane with associated agricultural buildings to the rear. The agricultural buildings are in keeping with farm buildings in this location and are screened by Laburnum House. The indicative layout plan shows that Laburnum House will be demolished with 3 properties built along the frontage of Bartle Lane and 6 properties built to the rear. The site is in the open countryside, outside the NW Preston strategic location with no demonstrable need for the development. In addition, the 6 properties to the rear would constitute 'back land' development which, would not constitute infilling within a group of buildings.

Representation was made to oppose the application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

06/2017/0978 3no. dwellings and new vehicle access from Hoyles Lane on land adjacent, 91, Hoyles Lane, Cottam.

Members have previously opposed the application on the basis that it relies on the realignment of Hoyles Lane and noted that LCC had requested a condition to that effect.

However, LCC have accepted that the City Council can't add the condition as the realignment is not within the control of the applicant. Consequently, LCC have raised no objections to the application but request that the hedge frontage is reduced to 1m to improve visibility. Members stated that the Hoyles Lane / Sandy Lane junction is extremely dangerous due to the amount of new development in the area and more should be done to ensure Taylor Wimpey realigns the road outside the Post Office as soon as possible. Members **resolved** to oppose the application until the road alignment has been resolved.

06/2019/1082 Outline application seeking approval for 3no. detached dwellings (access applied for only) with all other matters reserved on land north of East View, Cinder Lane. Members noted that the application is in the open countryside and is contrary to Policy EN1 of the Local Plan unless the site can be considered as an infill plot. Given that the site proposes 3 detached dwellings along the frontage with Cinder Lane, Members do not consider the site to be infill especially as it has open aspects to the rear and **resolved** to object to the application. Concern was expressed that there appears to be a lot of inconsistency regarding what can and can't be classed as infill and the Clerk was requested to question some of the recent decisions with the planning officer.

06/2019/1089 Reserved matters application for erection of 33 dwellings (including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2016/1108 on land to the east of, Tabley Lane, Higher Bartle, Preston. Members were informed that the application relates to the Redrow site application **06/2014/0354**. That application shows a 4th arm of the Tabley Lane roundabout, linking the site with the E-W link road. A further site lies to the south, exiting on to Lightfoot Lane. Both plots would have accommodated 71 dwellings.

This application proposes that the northern end of the site will accommodate 33 dwellings all of which will exit on to Tabley Lane. Proposals for the southern end of the site are not part of the application. Members **resolved** to strongly oppose the alteration because

- it is contrary to the Masterplan as there is no connectivity to other sites or the E-W link road and will increase the amount of traffic on Tabley Lane.
- There is uncertainty regarding the access to plots 1-3 and 32 - 34 as these appear to also be accessed via Tabley lane
- It necessitates the removal of the hedgerow along Tabley Lane
- there will be 21 x 4 and 5 bedroomed homes and 12 x 2 and 3 bedroomed homes which is contrary to the aspiration to provide smaller units for first time families.
- The 10 affordable housing plots are located to the east of the site and will not be accessed from Tabley Lane
- The proposed pedestrian crossing is immediately after the bend as you drive north to Woodplumpton

06/2019/1095 1no. dwelling and workshop/office building to form live/work premises on land adjacent, 211, Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton, Preston. Members were informed that that new workshop will incorporate a garage, office and workshop on the ground floor, with offices and a store above. The house will be used by the applicant. The workshop will be used between 8.00 and 6.00 Mon – Fri with a few deliveries taking place during those hours.

Members noted that the site is set back from the road behind 211 Woodplumpton Road and would have experienced more noise and traffic movements when the buildings were used as a vets. As the dwelling would be on brownfield land there were no objections to the proposal. Members **resolved** to support the application as it would bring an empty building back in to use and would provide an opportunity for a small business to expand.

06/2019/1159 Outline application for 2no. dwellings (Access applied for only) with all other matters reserved at Paradise House, Moorside Lane, Preston. Members are opposed to new dwellings in the open countryside when demand can be met from other areas but note that Policy EN1 permits infill plots. The application site is located between Paradise House and Moorside Farm with open countryside and the Lancashire canal to the south. Members note that one access is proposed to serve both dwellings which will front on to Moorside Lane. Members **resolved** to leave to planning on the basis that the application is likely to be considered as an infill plot.

06/2019/1174 Prior notification for agricultural building to be converted to 3 dwellings at Beech Grove Farm, Malley Lane.

Members noted that the application may be permitted development but questioned the sustainability of the site due to its rural location.

19/78 AMBROSE HALL FARM

Further to **MIN 19/51** Cllr Walker presented a report on the number of incidents.

Members **resolved** to invite Mr Leeming and Mr Boocock of the Environment Agency to a future meeting to ensure the Parish Council has a balanced view regarding the number of incidents and action taken.

19/79 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

19/80 HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 19 – Sept 19

Members considered the current expenditure against the budget and assessed progress on outstanding expenditure. As a result of the analysis, Members **resolved** to approve the payment of £25 towards refreshments at the Catforth Carol Concert on Weds 4th Dec. Cllr Probin volunteered to do a reading with Cllr M Enteistle in reserve.

19/81 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Members **resolved** to approve the purchase of 2 poppy wreaths under S137 of the LGA 1972 at a cost of £52.00.

Further to MIN 19/48 it was felt that metal poppies may be too heavy so plastic ones were authorised by the Clerk under delegated authority. These were considered a cost effect, suitable replacement for future years.

19/82 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension and the receipt of £21.59 from Whittingham towards the Viking stationery invoice.

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

Clerk's Oct Salary	£1125.82	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£101.36	BACS
HMRC Employer N. Ins	£74.24	BACS
Lengthsman & Postcrete	£762.69	BACS
Plastic Poppies	£25.95	BACS
July – Sept Admin expenses	£42.15	BACS
Viking – Paper & rubber bands	£48.33	BACS
Gateway lease of Garden land	£1.00	BACS

19/83 TRAFFIC CALMING

Prior to the September meeting, Members received copies of the engineering plans for both Woodplumpton and Catforth and having considered the schemes, Members met with LCC on the 30th Sept. The key points from the meeting were summarised on the Oct Agenda. In both schemes LCC recommended that the flat-topped tables be replaced by round humps.

Following a discussion on the schemes, Members **resolved** that

- the **locations** of the engineering works cover Member's requirements with the exception of 2 sites – which LCC agreed to change at the 30th Sept meeting. These areas will be progressed respectively by Cllr Greaves and Cllr Entwistle.
- as the Parish does not have many bus services, **round humps** would be used in accordance with LCC's suggestion, on the assumption that they should not be a problem to vehicles providing they are travelling at the correct speed.
- the 'Longstanton' **Gateway feature** should be supplied in white.
- there were no objections to the relocation of the **bus stops** providing any resident concerns are taken into account

At the 30th Sept meeting, LCC stated they may need to complete one scheme followed by the other rather than complete the works simultaneously. Members understand that a **'hard and sharp'** approach may lead to more upheaval in the short term, but stated this was their preferred approach rather than having the works drag on for weeks. Members **resolved** to request guidance and advice on which scheme should be commenced first but stated that as soon as one scheme ends, the other scheme should be started immediately.

Taking into account the above decisions, it was **resolved** that the Clerk requests a final cost for the works - broken down for each scheme – to be considered at the November meeting.

19/84 WOODPLUMPTON SCHOOL SIGNS

Members were reminded that Woodplumpton School approached the Parish Council for a donation towards some child friendly 'do not stop here' signs and under **MIN 19/34** it was resolved that the Clerk check that the School has permission from LCC to display them. The School have replied that the yellow A board signs were removed by LCC as they caused an obstruction but as the signs are a condition of their insurance, alternative signs are proposed. As the alternative signs are significantly bigger than the yellow A boards, concerns were expressed that these may also be an obstruction. Members **resolved** to reconsider the matter, if approached by the school, once the traffic calming works are completed.

19/85 CCTV SIGNS

Under **MIN 19/50** Members agreed to erect additional signs on the highway to advertise the use of the CCTV camera to deter flytipping. Unfortunately, LCC have stated that the signs don't meet a prescribed standard and can't go on the highway, but they can be erected on sites with the land owners permission. Their reply is being challenged and Members **resolved** to defer the item.

19/86 CONCERN RE LACK OF ACTION ON HEDGE CUTTING

It was noted that LCC request that overgrown hedges are reported on their online system, however, whilst reports have been logged, there are no updates on the system. The Clerk has discussed this with LCC and it appears that the delay is often due to the landowner not acting on the complaint - which means LCC needs to issue several reminders. As the reminders are not logged on the system, residents assume nothing is happening. Members **resolved** to send a letter to LCC asking why the logs are not updated and requesting that they take a firmer approach with landowners.

19/87 CONSIDERATION OF 2020/21 BUDGET ITEMS

As the November meeting will primarily focus on the 2020/21 budget, Members were requested to consider any new budget or CIL items so that an estimate of the costs can be produced for the November meeting.

Members noted a request to provide the Lengthsman with a hedge cutter to be used in communal community areas and it was stressed that the equipment would not be used for private use or to cut hedges belonging to a landowner. Members also noted the advice from HMRC regarding the supply of equipment to contractors but were of the opinion that as the device would belong to the Parish Council, would be listed on the Council's assets and would be stored in Council property, there was no cause for concern.

Members **resolved** to agree to the principle of the purchase with the use restrictions to be specified in the Lengthsman's contract. Quotes for the equipment will be presented to the November meeting.

Under **MIN 19/53** Members resolved that Cllr Entwistle make further enquiries about a drone photographic survey of the parish. However, due to the prohibitive cost of the survey, Cllr Entwistle has requested that the item be withdrawn.

19/88 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 18th November 2019** at 7.00pm in Catforth Primary School.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Members noted the following

- the PWDR ceremony, to be attended by the Chairman, has been moved to the 24th October.
- Cllr Entwistle advised that a cherry picker has been sourced to erect the Christmas lights at Catforth as the tree top can't be reached from ground level.
- The Clerk was requested to make enquiries regarding venues and menus for the Christmas meal.
- The December Newsletter will advertise the Carol Services and the Clerk was requested to add the Schools to the distribution list.
- The Chairman reminded all Councillors not to raise items at external meetings if they are not on the Agenda, as this could result in the item being investigated or undertaken without the prior agreement or approval of the whole Council. This is particularly relevant if the Member could be perceived as having a personal interest in the matter.
A view was expressed that the comments were directed at an individual Member who felt singled out. The Chairman apologised if his comments had been interpreted that way, but stressed that the comments had been made collectively as a reminder to all, rather than singling out an individual Member.