

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

**on MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 14 at 7.00pm**

- 46 PRESENT:** Chairman Cllrs S Morgan  
Councillors C Singleton, M Stewart, B Dalglish,  
B Probin, M Greaves

4 members of the public, PC Chris Banks

- 47 APOLOGIES** P Entwistle, M Entwistle

- 48 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting on the **21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**.  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

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

Due to the proximity to their own properties, Cllr M Stewart declared a personal interest in application **06/2014/0665** and Cllr C Singleton declared a personal interest in application **06/2014/0630**.

- 50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

A representative from the Ramblers Association thanked the Parish Council for their assistance in dealing with PROW 83 which was blocked by an invasive weed. At the same time it was mentioned that there are many stile repairs outstanding. The Clerk explained there was a backlog of cases and it was requested that the matter be placed on the October Agenda to decide how this can be addressed.

A member of the public reported poor visibility at the pumping station on Sandy Lane due to extensive overgrowth. This will be reported to LCC.

2 cars are now parking on the bend at Nog Tow causing a danger to oncoming traffic. The matter has previously been referred to the road policing unit and PC Banks stated he would speak to the occupiers.

PC Banks advised that following previous warnings two 16/17 year olds had been prosecuted for using tractors for non-agricultural use. Crime was still very low compared to other rural villages which are being targeted for insecure properties. The police messaging system 'In the know' is being changed and feedback will be welcome.

5 staff are now based at Broughton and efforts are being made to ensure they will attend different Parish Council meetings so that we get to meet them all.

It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

- 51 WOODPLUMPTON CHICANES**

Several letters were received from residents expressing concerns about the chicane system in Woodplumpton. Members considered the letters and **resolved** that the Clerk issue a generic reply containing a summary of how the chicanes came to be installed and confirming that the County Council (as Highway Authority) was responsible for the decision on what could be installed and the costs involved. Copies of the letters will be sent to LCC so that they are aware of the current concerns.

Members also **resolved** to request an update on the scheme - along with the likelihood of it being revisited - in light of the additional traffic likely to be generated by the new homes proposed in NW Preston. This update will be reported back to the **November** meeting as this will be held in Woodplumpton.

- 52 CATFORTH 30MPH SPEED LIMIT**

The County Council is considering reducing the speed limit to 30mph in Catforth. The police confirmed they will be consulted on the scheme but as with other schemes enforcement remains an issue. Members **resolved** to respond to the consultation requesting a commitment that it would be enforced.

### 53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk). Members made representations on the following applications

**06/2014/0579** Single storey ext to side of Holmlea Farm Blackleach Lane Catforth. Members noted that the application was a smaller version of a previous scheme which exceeded the 50% extension allowance. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2014/0598** Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2013/0140 proposing the appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for the erection of 288 no. dwellings at Maxy House Farm, Sandy Lane, Cottam. Members noted that it was unclear how the application would be phased and they **resolved** to defer comments until a revised phasing plan was received.

**06/2014/0599** Erection of single storey extension to side of public house following demolition of existing chimney at Running Pump Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2014/0630** Erection of single storey dwelling at Fair Oaks, Roots Lane, Catforth. Members noted that the application was described as a granny annex but was a separate bungalow not attached to the main dwelling. Members **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that it was a new build property to the rear of the existing property which could later be sold as a totally independent dwelling. If the proposal is approved, concern is expressed that the approval will set a precedent for other similar applications particularly in the area edged blue on the site plan.

**06/2014/0665** Erection of two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling Summerdale 145 Woodplumpton Road Woodplumpton. Members noted it was a sizeable 2 storey extension and **resolved** to leave to planning.

### 54 TRAVELLER POLICY PROVISION UPDATE

Following the extension to the time limit for the Traveller site at Rosemary Lane concern was expressed that Travellers may settle on other land in the Parish. Members **noted** the reply from the City Council which confirmed that planning permission would be required and each application would be considered on its merits. The situation has changed since the Rosemary Lane site was granted temporary permission as the City Council has now identified a suitable site in accordance with the requirements of the Core Strategy. Members questioned whether this would be a 'serviced' site such as the one at Leighton Street or whether it would be for transient Travellers who may have horses and may need a more rural location. The Clerk stated these details were not yet known but she would raise the question with planning. The Clerk confirmed that a septic tank needs to be installed at the Rosemary Lane site by the 8<sup>th</sup> October and she has made a note in the diary to check with planning that this has been complied with.

### 55 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed the accounts had been reconciled with the bank statements for the end of August.

### 56 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **resolved** to note and approve the following accounts already paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

S Dearnaley Mower Repairs	£165.49	CQ 1023
S Dearnaley maintenance	£48.46	CQ 1024
Lengthsman Contract 27 - 30	£352.50	CQ 1025
Clerk's Aug Salary	£769.44	CQ 1026
HMRC	£39.51	CQ 1027
Postage W/P newsletter	£425.59	CQ 1028

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

Lengthsman Contract 31 - 34	£352.50	CQ 1029
Clerk's Sept Salary	£761.04	CQ 1030
HMRC	£47.91	CQ 1031

**57 LENGTHSMAN COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE**

Members **resolved** that it would be in order for the Parish Lengthsman to undertake one off community projects for a maximum of 2hrs a month providing all jobs were confirmed in advance with the Clerk.

**58 BROADBAND AND FACEBOOK**

Members were advised that the facebook request had come about following the success of the village fete but the fete would be setting up its own facebook page next year. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council could include a link to the facebook page as it does with other community groups and external organisations.

Members **noted** that areas in Woodplumpton and Catforth may not be covered by fibre optic broadband and the Clerk was requested to **note** that this may be something the Parish Council wishes to finance out of CIL monies.

**59 LALC AGM & LCC CONFERENCE**

Members noted that the LALC AGM will be held on Saturday 8th November and **resolved** that the Chairman should attend as in previous years. This may be changed if the Chairman is unavailable to attend.

**60 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 20th October 2014** at 7.00pm in Catforth primary school.