

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

on MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00pm

- 67 PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr M Greaves
Councillors Cllr B Dalglish
Cllr B Probin
Cllr M Stewart

6 members of the public.

- 68 APOLOGIES** Cllr S Yates, Cllr S Morgan, Cllr M Entwistle, Cllr P Entwistle

69 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Council meeting, held on the 17th July 2017 and the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting, held on the 21st August 2017, be signed as a true record. Members **noted** the planning applications considered under delegated authority during August.

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

Cllr Dalglish declared a personal interest in Plumpton Field due to its proximity to his home address.

71 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Following concerns expressed by residents near Swillbrook Bridge, the Clerk will make enquiries to see if LCC will extend the 30mph limit through Catforth round to the motorway bridge at the Priory. The Clerk will also contact the Canal and Rivers Trust to ask why the repair to Swillbrook Bridge is taking so long.

It was confirmed that the new houses off Bay Horse Lane had not been completed due to a business dispute. The Clerk will contact the developer to see if there is an update.

Gary Walker who volunteered to set up Woodplumpton's Resident Association, has drafted letters to go to the MP and LCC officers expressing concern about the volume and speed of traffic in Woodplumpton. The Chairman confirmed that LCC had finally expressed a desire to progress the matter but a meeting has still not been arranged.

A resident stated that a 30mph speed limit is also needed near Honeywells on Eaves Lane. As LCC's reply to the traffic measures, stated they were willing to look at traffic issues in the surrounding area, this area will be added to the list.

Concerns were expressed regarding cars parking on the pavement in Woodplumpton and, as there is no visible police presence, it was questioned if the Parish Council could issue Fixed Penalty Notices. The Clerk stated this had been looked into previously and whilst it is possible for the lengthsman to attend a training course, arrangements need to be in place to deal with the administration of the FPN and prosecution of those who don't pay. It was hoped this could be done in partnership with the City Council but the matter did not go any further. The Clerk will look at the matter again.

It was confirmed that the City Council have contacted their insurers to advise if they were negligent with regard to the removal of the phone boxes.

Fly-tipping is still a concern on Rosemary Lane and in the latest incident, the CCTV monitoring signs were ripped off the gate and placed on top of the rubbish! Enquiries will be made to see if the gate can be move forward to prevent vehicular access. If that can't be arranged, it was suggested that a CCTV camera be installed. This needs to be an agenda item

It was reported that Woodplumpton fete was a success and thanks were expressed to Cllr Greaves for organising the event. Cllr Greaves thanked other volunteers, sponsors and everyone who attended and stated the bus from Catforth to Woodplumpton was a success. It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

72 PLUMPTON FIELD PROPOSAL

Pringle Homes consulted residents on a proposal to build 11 detached and 6 semi-detached houses on Plumpton Field. The information stated that an outline application would be submitted in August but this has not yet been received.

Policy 1 of the Core Strategy states development within villages should typically be small scale, infill sites, to meet a local need – however, the village boundary is defined by Policy AD1 of the Local Plan and the site lies in the open countryside - not in the village settlement area. This should be a strong reason for objection.

The site was considered as a Rural Exception Site in the draft Local Plan under reference PO97 – but it was not taken forward. Until the application is submitted, it is not possible to ascertain if it meets the criteria of a Rural Exception Site under policy HS4. Research has been carried out into the relevant policies and it was confirmed that once an application is submitted, the Parish Council will be in a position to issue an objection leaflet to assist residents.

73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3 applications were received after the agenda was printed and it was **resolved** that the Clerk will make representation under delegated authority.

06/2017/0978 3 dwellings and new vehicle access adjacent to 91 Hoyles Lane Cottam. **Representation will be to object.** A previous application for 4 dwellings was withdrawn. Whilst the site may be considered as an infill plot at the rear of other properties, it is not part of the NW Preston proposals and should not come forward until other construction works in the area have been completed. The application is subject to the realignment of Hoyles Lane outside the Post Office and as such the application is premature because works cannot take place until after the road has been realigned.

06/2017/1030 Re-plan the northern portion of Connemara, Lightfoot Green Lane to allow for an increase in 12 dwellings **06/2017/1038.**

The principle of development has been established through the outline and approved matters applications. It is noted that a cul-de-sac to the NW of the site is being redesigned to allow the addition of more houses. Additional houses are also being added to the eastern boundary and there is an alteration to the house type fronting the open space to the north. In total 12 new houses will be added. On the whole, the layout will remain as previously approved and the number of affordable houses is still in line with policy. **Representation will be to leave to planning.**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Greaves and Cllr Stewart will attend the NW Preston Stakeholder meeting on 4th October at 6.00pm. An update should be given on the NW Preston distributor and EW link roads which are due to be determined on that day.

74 CLOSURE OF LIGHTFOOT LANE JUNCTION

LCC are proposing to close the junction of Lightfoot Lane and Tom Benson Way for one year to allow major development works to be carried out. Concern is expressed that the closure relates to motor vehicles, cycles and pedestrians and may affect bus services. Residents were aware that the access may be closed permanently once the Redrow site was established, however, they understood that Sandyforth Lane would also be closed to prevent it being used as an alternative route. As part of the S106 agreement, a new crossing point was also proposed on Tom Benson Way before Walker Lane. Given the duration of the closure, LLARA have requested that LCC respond to the above concerns and clarify if and when the Mayflower Drive junction will be altered. Members **resolved** to respond to LCC with the above comments and to question exactly what the works are and why they will take a year to complete.

75 ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Boundary Commission have issued draft recommendations to alter the ward boundaries of the City Council. Currently there are 57 Councillors and altering the ward boundaries will reduce this to 48. Woodplumpton's will remain entirely in Preston Rural North. Members **resolved** that a reply was not necessary.

76 CITY COUNCIL GREENSPACE PROPOSALS

Members were reminded that the City Council added £50,000 to its 2018/19 budget and announced an intention to invoice Parish Councils in respect of grounds maintenance. Maintenance in parished areas costs the City Council £278,000 and as £50,000 represents 18% of the total, each Parish is requested to pay 18% of the maintenance costs in their area. The maintenance of the play area and field at The Orchard is £4,532 and Woodplumpton is requested to pay £814.00 to the City Council. If Parishes do not pay, maintenance will be reduced by 18%.

Members challenged the accuracy of the maintenance schedule and questioned when the mowing, trimming and play area inspections were carried out. Members noted the email from Lea & Cottam Parish Council and agreed the charge was unfair – but felt it was equally unfair for residents to have a reduction in the maintenance service, particularly when the Parish Council had spent nearly £33,000 improving the play area. Members **resolved** to include the sum in the 2018/19 budget but as the Parish will be part paying for the service, Members requested regular confirmation of the dates and details of the maintenance to be carried out. Members requested that the Clerk inform the Council that payment should not be accepted as a long term solution and the Parish Council wishes to engage in discussions to transfer the asset at the earliest opportunity. Until the City Council are in a position to transfer the land, it was considered unlikely that a hedge or fence can be erected at the top of the Orchard but the question will be asked as part of the above response.

77 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members noted the external audit has been completed and no issues have been raised. Members **resolved** to approve the Annual Return and Certificate and approved the payment of £360.00 by BACS

78 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

79 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension and noted and approved the following account already paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

Memorial Plants, CCTV signs, and additional cement for the notice board	£188.70	CQ 1230
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Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

HMRC PAYE Sept	£104.20	CQ 1231
Clerk's Sept Salary	£1004.16	BACS
HMRC Employer N Ins Sept	£59.81	CQ 1232
Lengthsman Contract	£705.00	CQ 1233

80 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

Members **resolved** to approve the purchase of a battery powered saw and a sledge hammer to help the lengthsman repair and maintain stiles. If possible, the Clerk will request that an invoice be sent to the Parish Council to reclaim the VAT.

81 REVIEW OF CIL ITEMS

Members noted the following updates relating to CIL expenditure.

- **Parish Traffic calming** – LCC have confirmed their intention to involve City Deal transport and engineering expertise in the discussions regarding traffic measures. Dates were proposed but a meeting has not been arranged. It was **resolved** that this would be followed up by Cllr Greaves.
- **Catforth Village Hall** – An update was provided to the meeting but as there were no Catforth Councillors present and as there was a query with the amount requested, it was **resolved** to defer a decision until the October meeting. The Clerk will seek confirmation regarding phase 2 and whether the Village Hall can claim back the VAT.

- **Dog / Litter Bins** – PCC are still to advise if a new bin can be installed and emptied at Whinneyfield Lane. The bin at Catforth Road should be replaced.
- **Phone Boxes** – As stated under public participation, the City Council have confirmed the matter is now with their insurers who will consider if the Council was legally liable for the loss of the kiosks.

82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 16th Oct 2017** at 7.00pm at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.

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06/2016/0956 The Clerk was requested to contact the applicants renovating the old Methodist Church on Moorside Lane, to ask how long they envisage the work taking.

Members noted that the resurfacing of Newsham Hall Lane has been delayed until January due to the Broughton by-pass. Members requested that the Clerk query this information as the Broughton by-pass is scheduled to open to vehicles on the 5th October.

The Clerk was requested to circulate some menu choices for the Christmas meal.