

HOUSING SUPPLY

Despite the number of new housing developments taking place in the Parish, the City Council has conceded it does not have a 5 year housing supply. This increases the chances of applications being approved in areas contrary to the Local Development Plan. The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications and is working hard to oppose these types of applications, which can be viewed on the Agenda at www.woodplumptonparish.org.

We urge residents to write to the Planning Department as and when such applications are submitted, giving reasons why the application is considered to be unacceptable.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Changes to planning legislation means that up to 5 agricultural barns, may, in certain circumstances, be converted to dwellings without the need for planning permission. Obviously this will have an impact on the rural area and we will continue to work with the City Council to ensure that the rural character is retained.

With the above in mind, the Parish Council has contracted a Planning Consultant to assist the Parish Council in identifying local planning policies to protect the rural nature of the area and ensure that new housing developments to the south of the Parish, are well connected with access to public transport, local services and amenities. As part of this work, we are working with Developers, Local Authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure that roads, shops, schools, community facilities and improved healthcare services are all provided.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Developers are required to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy to the City Council and 15% of the total is passed down to the Parish Council to enable it to make infrastructure improvements in the local area. Details of the income and expenditure for 2017/18 will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in May and will also be available on the City Council website.

The Parish Council wants to **ease congestion and reduce speeding** in both Catforth and Woodplumpton and we have had several meetings with the County Council to assess what traffic calming measures can be introduced and improved. The County Council have been requested to produce a plan with some suggestions and we hope this will be available for consultation in the summer. A further update will be included in the summer newsletter.

LITTER AND FLY TIPPING

The Parish Council contracts a Lengthsman on a self-employed basis to improve and enhance areas in the Parish. This involves a variety of jobs such as mowing, strimming, maintenance of public rights of way, litter picking and general outdoor maintenance.



Recently, we have noticed a marked increase in the amount of litter and fly-tipping which we are trying to deal with. The Parish Council has purchased a mobile CCTV camera which will be located in the main fly-tipping areas and we are working closely with the City Council to identify offenders.

Please help us to stop this anti-social and environmentally unfriendly habit by reporting incidents to the City Council on **01772 906909** with an exact location, details of what has been tipped, vehicle registrations, etc. The information can also be supplied on-line directly to the City Council at www.preston.gov.uk

The Parish Council is also considering working with the Probation Trust to use the Community Payback service to improve problem areas and, as a separate activity, Members are considering a **Community litter picking day**. If you wish to be involved or have any comments on these initiatives, including the identification of problem areas, please contact the Clerk.

CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Work is now well under way on the housing developments to the south of the parish and the Parish Council continues to involve other agencies regarding traffic concerns and incidents where developers are not working in accordance with the agreed procedures.

Recently the Health and Safety Executive has inspected a site on Bartle Lane and officers from the City Council attended a Parish Council meeting to discuss parking concerns on Sandy Lane. Improvements have been noted at both locations and we are continuing to press Lancashire County Council to reinstate the pavement near the Taylor Wimpey site on Tabley Lane.

You may have seen in the press that the County Council are using a new machine to repair pot-holes. If you have any concerns about potholes or the state of the roads within the parish you can phone the County Council on **0300 123 6780** or report issues on their website www.lancashire.gov.uk or you may find it easier to use www.fixmystreet.com

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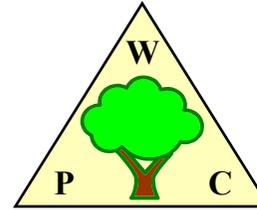
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public as they give residents an opportunity to comment on planning applications, roadworks or traffic problems, building works and any other issues of concern in the Parish.

Meetings alternate between **Catforth Primary School**, School Road, Catforth and **Woodplumpton Parish Rooms** at the rear of St Anne's Church, Woodplumpton. Meetings start at **7.00pm** usually on the 3rd Monday in the month. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Mon 21st May** at Catforth Primary School and the following meeting will be on **Mon 18th June** at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.

The Annual Parish meeting will also be held at **Catforth Primary School** on **Mon 21st May** at **7.00pm**.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal Council meeting - it is a meeting where residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council, community groups and activities / events in the area. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented.

Local schools, community groups, City and County Councillors are invited and are given the opportunity to update residents on their activities throughout the year. **If you represent a local organisation and wish to provide or present information to residents, please contact the Clerk.**

WOODPLUMPTON COMMUNITY FETE

The Parish Council supports Woodplumpton Community Fete held on the playing field at the top of The Orchard in Woodplumpton Village. The event started in 2012 as part of the Preston Guild celebrations and it is now in its 6th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 1st September from 11.00am** and is a great family day out.

If you would like to run a stall or help set up on the day, please contact Cllr M Greaves on **07727 989236**. Further details about the stalls and activities will be included in the Summer Newsletter.