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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Spring 2023

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Parish Council Newsletter updating residents on matters in Woodplumpton Parish Council's area.

2023 Parish Council Elections

Parish Councillors are elected for a 4 year term, and on the **4th May 2023** all the seats on Woodplumpton Parish Council will be open to an election. For more details on the Parish Councillor role, please contact the Parish Clerk or attend a Parish Council meeting.

Existing Councillors and members of the public may stand for election, provided they are at least 18 years old and are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.



- Applicants must meet at least **one** of the following qualifications:
- you are and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector in Woodplumpton Parish. If you are not on the electoral register, you can apply online at <u>GOV.UK - Register to vote</u>.
- you have occupied as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in Woodplumpton Parish during the whole of the preceding 12 months
- your main or only place of work during the 12 months has been in Woodplumpton Parish
- you have lived in Woodplumpton Parish, or within three miles of it, during the whole of the 12 preceding months.

If you wish to stand as a candidate, please contact Preston City Council Electoral Services 01772 906482 for a nomination pack which must be returned to the City Council between the **27th March** and **4th April 2023 before 4.00pm.** You must call the City Council first to collect and return the packs.

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Mon 15th May at 7.00pm in Woodplumpton Primary School. At this meeting, newly elected Councillors will be required to agree to the Code of Conduct and sign a Declaration of Office for the next 4 years. The Council will also confirm the administrative policies and procedures for the forthcoming year.

On the same evening at **6.30pm**, there will be an **Annual Parish meeting** which will recap on the Council's activities during 2022/23.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Community Infrastructure Levy - often abbreviated to CIL - is a planning charge that applicants pay to Preston City Council for most new dwellings and developments which create additional floor space of 100 square metres or more. The City Council is required to pass a proportion of the charge to the Parish Council on the understanding the Levy will be used **to improve local services or infrastructure.**

Based on feedback from residents, Members decided that CIL monies should be used to slow traffic speeding through the villages of Catforth and Woodplumpton and since making the decision, the Parish Council has been working in partnership with the County Council to **introduce traffic calming measures**.

In addition the Parish Council has used CIL monies to

- Meet accessibility requirements on the Parish Council website
- Provide 3 defibrillators including at Maxy Farm Pantry
- Improve the play area at The Orchard
- Clean and enhance the War Memorials on Woodplumpton Road and at Catforth Village Hall
- Increase the Lengthsman's hours to provide grounds maintenance and improve Public Rights of Way
- Provide new information signs for landmarks in the Parish

The list of ideas for CIL projects needs refreshing, particularly as the Parish has expanded in size, and as Councillors will be elected for a 4 year term in May 2023, it provides an ideal opportunity to ask residents for new expenditure ideas within the Parish.

Ideas **must** relate to **improved infrastructure** or **services** which will benefit **residents of the parish.** Unfortunately, we can't request improvements to roads or amenities affected by construction works, partly because the works are ongoing and partly because developers may need to provide improvements as a condition of their planning consent.

On average, the Parish Council has been receiving £120,000 a year and whilst this can be accumulated to fund large projects, such as the traffic calming schemes, ideally the funds should be spent annually. So, if you have any ideas to improve the parish within this budget, please email the Parish Clerk whose details are on the back of this Newsletter.

Police Cover

Following reports that Lancashire Constabulary has recruited over 300 new officers - with 120 due to finish their training in April - Members met with a senior police officer to ensure the officers work **in the local area** and were pleased to establish that PCSO Chloe Pearson **07814 913160** will be working alongside PC Rumandeep Takhar **07929 713979**. Please note these mobile numbers will only be answered when the officer is on duty. A further PCSO will also be appointed in the next few months.

In addition, a police vehicle will be used as a **'mobile police surgery'** for the public to attend and discuss concerns. Suggested locations include the carparks at Catforth Village Hall and Preston Grasshoppers. Once confirmed, a rota of dates will be advertised by the police and will be included on our <u>website</u>.

Residents can find out exactly what's happening in the local area by registering with <u>In the Know</u> an online alert service. You decide who you want to hear from and the type of alerts you want to receive. The website also allows you to complete a 'Lancashire Talking' survey which provides feedback to the police regarding any local concerns. As a reminder, you can also report suspicious activity on 101 or if you wish to remain anonymous call 0800 555 111 or fill out an online form at <u>Crime Stoppers</u>

Litter Picking

Due to a worrying trend of people throwing takeaway cartons out of vehicles or not using the litter bins provided, Members have agreed to increase the Parish Lengthsman's hours over the summer in an effort to keep on top of the litter situation. The City Council also provides support to residents wishing to litterpick locally. More details including where to put collected rubbish, is on our <u>website</u>.

Easter Festival Catforth Village Hall is holding an Easter Festival on **Saturday 8th April** from **12pm to 4pm.** There will be Stalls, an Easter Egg hunt, raffle & much more. Please come and join in the fun.



Church Services

Residents are also invited to attend the following Church services

- Palm Sunday 2nd April at 10.15
- Maundy Thursday 6th April at 7.00pm
- Good Friday 7th April at 2.00 pm
- Easter Sunday 9th April at 10.30 am

For more details, please contact St Anne's Church 07483 805110