

PLUMPTON WARD

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1 Vacancy

To be filled by election on
Thursday 6th May 2021.



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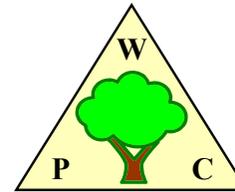
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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Spring 2021 Newsletter

A warm welcome to the Spring edition of the Parish Council Newsletter which updates new and existing residents on matters concerning the Woodplumpton Parish area - which continues to expand rapidly – **see the article on page 2!** The Newsletter, weblinks, Clerk and Councillor details can be accessed from our website www.woodplumptonparish.org

Most of the new housing developments are referred to as 'Cottam' or 'Bartle' and it is worth noting that **Maxy House Road** off Sandy Lane and **Hayfield Park** off Tabley Lane are actually in Woodplumpton Parish which extends from **Hoyles Lane** to Hollowforth and Cuddy Hill to the north and Carr House Common and Catforth to the west. An A4 map of the Parish boundary is included on the Parish Council website.

ELECTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Democracy is important and as advertised on our website and Parish Council Notice boards, an election will take place on the **6th May** for a new Parish Councillor to fill a vacancy in the Plumpton Ward. Parish Councillors are elected for a maximum of 4 years and the next full Parish Council election will be held in 2023.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public to give residents an opportunity to comment on any issues of concern in the Parish. During the Coronavirus pandemic, the Parish Council has continued to meet remotely with a link to the meeting published on the Agenda, however as the legislation allowing Councils to meet remotely expires in May, Councillors are making plans to return to **face to face meetings**. All meetings will be risk assessed but in order to comply with Covid regulations, it is likely that a new venue will be required. Once this is confirmed, further details will be published on our website.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Council meeting - it is a meeting where electors can find out more about the Parish Council. An Annual Report and a Financial Report will be presented and City and County Councillors are invited to update residents on their activities. As the number of attendees can not be predicted, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held remotely by Zoom on **Monday 19th April at 7.00pm**. The meeting will be followed by a scheduled Parish Council meeting. Zoom links will be published on the Parish Council website but it is advisable for residents to **email the Clerk in advance of the meeting** if they wish to ask a question or raise a concern. clerk@woodplumptonparish.org

Bartle Village Application

As reported in our October Newsletter, a planning application to create a new roundabout off the Preston West Distributor Road was submitted to Preston City Council. The roundabout will provide access to the adjoining farmland and will lead to **the creation of over 1,000 new homes.**

Woodplumpton Parish Council strongly opposed the application as this area was not included for housing in the Local Development Plan and has not been subject to wider public consultation. However, despite our objections and the fact the City Council has declared it already has **13.6 years** of deliverable housing land (the requirement is 5 years) the City Council has decided that *as the PWDR will change the function, purpose and appearance of the area, the proposed development can be considered as a sustainable urban extension to Preston.*

It is understood that the applicant will be required to sign a legal agreement requiring them to pay **£8.513m** towards 418 primary school places and **£3.805m** towards 110 secondary school places - which is **in addition** to the **£6.938m** Lancashire County Council has already secured for school places when the new developments were approved off Sandy Lane and Tabley Lane.

The Parish Council believes that as the new homes are being built in Woodplumpton Parish, the new schools should be built there too. Currently LCC are expecting parents to travel to Lea, Cottam and Ingol to fill places in those schools first. As Covid has brought home the need to restrict travel and maintain social distancing, this is not sustainable and may lead to a situation **where new schools are promised but are never delivered** - which seems to be the case with many of the 'promised' community facilities in NW Preston. The Parish Council continues to make this point on every planning application submitted.

CIL Monies

The City Council collects a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the developers and passes this to the Parish Council. Members decided that this would be spent on **installing traffic calming measures and improving the road network throughout the Parish.** Any works have to be agreed with the County Council as they are responsible for road safety, but finally, after several delays, we are pleased to report that a legal agreement has been prepared with the County Council and work should commence in Woodplumpton by the Autumn.

In addition to the traffic calming initiatives, CIL monies have been used to clean and upgrade **Woodplumpton's war memorial** and provide **Defibrillator** devices - with the newest one soon to be installed at Cottam Post Office. Parish **information sign boards** have also been commissioned to illustrate the key points of interest in both the Woodplumpton and Catforth areas of the Parish.



Great British Spring Clean

Members have been dismayed at the amount of litter strewn about the Parish during lockdown. Our Parish Lengthsman works hard to clear this but is fighting a losing battle and we would like to thank residents who have taken the initiative to clear their local areas. Keep Britain Tidy have launched a litter picking campaign running from **28th May - 13th June.** The Parish Council will be pledging its support to organise litter picking days during that period. **You can pledge your support as an individual** or email the Clerk and be contacted to join the Parish Council's efforts. For more information see <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick>

Litter and fly tipping incidents can also be reported directly to the City Council at www.preston.gov.uk/article/899/Report-fly-tipping or call **01772 906909** to get it removed. You will need to give a precise location.

Catforth in Bloom

The Parish Council supports Catforth In Bloom which is a small group in need of more volunteers to help with the planting, caring and watering of the summer bedding throughout the village. This would entail half a day planting at the end of May and one week in four watering, when needed, through the summer months. If you like to see the village looking colourful and cared for, please contact Maureen Entwistle on **01772 691107**

Police Incidents

Following an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, the Parish Council has contacted Sgt. Lovick who has promised to attend a Parish Council meeting to answer any policing concerns when face to face meetings resume. If you have any questions for him or wish to be notified of the meeting date, please email the Clerk. Meanwhile, please ensure you lock sheds, car doors and windows especially during warm weather. Incidents can be reported on the police **101** number or log an incident on-line at <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>

Road Closures

The Parish Council is notified of major roadworks which we try to include on our website but we are not always notified of minor roadworks or traffic lights. The duration of these can be checked on the County Council website www.mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx

Sandy Lane has been closed to allow the construction of a new junction with the East - West link road. This work will be completed soon and once Sandy Lane reopens, work will commence on the junction with Tabley Lane. Access along **Tabley Lane** will be available with **temporary traffic lights in place from April until August 2021.**