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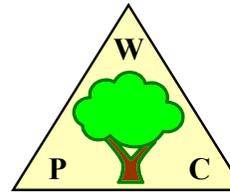
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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter October 2020

A warm welcome to the October edition of the Parish Council Newsletter which updates new and existing residents on matters concerning the Woodplumpton Parish area. We usually issue the Newsletter on a quarterly basis but earlier editions were cancelled due to Coronavirus. Inside this edition there is an opportunity for you to comment on a proposed **Neighbourhood Plan** to help us in our response to local planning applications. You can also learn how to find about road closures including the **closure of Sandy Lane** from the **2nd Nov until the 25th Jan 2021**.

Parish Council Meetings

Whilst the Council has been unable to hold face to face meetings, we have continued to meet remotely via Zoom with the Agenda and Minutes published on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org

Meetings take place on the **3rd** the month and start at **7.00pm**. Members of the public may observe the **Monday** of meetings and there is usually a **time limited** session for public participation. Residents are requested to notify the Clerk of any issues or concerns **in advance** of the meeting, as matters requiring a Council decision must be included on the Agenda at least 4 days prior to the meeting taking place. Further information is available from the Parish Clerk.

Coronavirus

Obviously Coronavirus has had an impact on local events and regrettably the **Woodplumpton Village Fete** which takes place in September, was cancelled. Discussions are taking place to see if a Christmas event can be held and we will issue a further update in the winter edition of our Newsletter along with details of any **Christmas Carol Services**.

Frustratingly, we have been unable to make further progress on the proposed **Traffic Calming schemes**. Councillors have worked closely with LCC Highway officers to agree measures to reduce the volume and speed of traffic travelling throughout the villages, but just as we were about to finalise the schemes and costs involved, LCC officers were redeployed to Covid related traffic issues and we are waiting for them to confirm when we can resume the actions to progress the works.

A copy of this Newsletter is posted on the Parish Council website
www.woodplumptonparish.org

Please use the electronic version to access any of the weblinks.

Police Incidents

Woodplumpton has always been a rural area which benefits from very little crime, however, with the all the new homes being built, we are seeing an increasing number of 'visitors' to the area. Initially this related to **thefts from the building sites**, but as the homes become occupied, we are getting several reports of opportunist thefts through **insecure sheds, car doors and windows especially during warm weather**.

As police resources are deployed to areas with the most incidents or crimes, we urge residents to **report any local concerns** no matter how insignificant, as this will help the Parish retain a local police presence.

You can report crimes on the **101** number or to Preston Police station on **01772 614444**. For emergency assistance call **999**. Alternatively, you can report incidents on-line at <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Residents on the new estates may also be interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. To set up a scheme, **a resident needs to be appointed for each road or small area of an estate**. The resident, supported by an experienced NHW co-ordinator, contacts residents in the specified area and people are encouraged to pledge support for the scheme. The resident co-ordinator will be issued with **signs and stickers** which residents are encouraged to display. Participation in the scheme can lead to **a reduction in household insurance**. Further information is available from www.ourwatch.org.uk/support/support-schemes/set-and-run-local-scheme

If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme **please contact the Clerk** so we can work in partnership to record the incidents and monitor the areas being covered.

Hedge cutting, street lights and potholes

Lancashire County Council is responsible for repairing pot holes and ensuring that overgrown hedges are cut back. Residents can easily report these matters directly to LCC, along with **street lighting issues, blocked drains and mud on the road**. Simply use this link, select the appropriate concern and enter the location on the map. Once you have submitted the details you will receive a reference number by email which allows you to check on any progress. www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it

Although the recycling centres are now open, **fly tipping** has increased. You can log the location of an incident online at www.preston.gov.uk/article/899/Report-fly-tipping or call 01772 906909 to get it removed.

Alternatively, if you are unsure who to report the issue to, you can report it on <https://www.fixmystreet.com> and they will forward the problem to the correct authority.

In addition to the **Community Infrastructure Levy**, the Parish Council is funded through a **Precept** collected through the City Council Tax.

In accordance with Local Government legislation, our budget, expenditure and audit information are all published on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org under 'documents / finance'.

The **2019/20** external audit has just been completed and a summary of the accounts is included below.

The financial year started with a carried forward balance of **£387,858** of which CIL monies totalled **£353,431** leaving Council reserves of **£34,427**. **Income and expenditure for 2019/20 is itemised below.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1st APRIL 2019 TO 31st MARCH 2020

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance Fwd	387,857.54	Salary, Tax, NI, Pension	16,242.84
Precept	63,300.00	Admin & Office Purchases	472.81
Refunds	377.87	Website	270.00
Bank Interest	159.21	Newsletter	1,244.94
Lengthsman Grant	250.00	Election expenses	1,776.23
CIL Interest	2,899.33	Fees, Subs, Insurance	1,599.00
VAT Refund	1,029.70	Community Donations & Fete	1,935.00
CIL Receipts	130,652.19	Garden & PCC Maintenance	2,630.68
		Lengthsman Contract	9,000.00
		Lengthsman materials	143.93
		Assets inc Hedge trimmer	852.10
		N Hood Plan Grant expense	7,899.62
		S137	73.63
		VAT	2,879.48
		CIL expense LCC Plans	12,500.00
		Expenditure TOTAL	59,520.26
		Carried Forward TOTAL	527,005.58
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During **2019/20** the Council received **£130,652** in CIL monies and spent **£15,000** on LCC's traffic calming plans leaving the 2019/20 CIL balance as **£469,083** This money has been earmarked for traffic calming schemes in both Woodplumpton and Catforth Villages.

The year-end balance of **£527,006** less the CIL balance of **£469,083** leaves the Council with reserves of **£57,923** however **£33,300** relates to the **2020/21** Precept which was paid before the 2019/20 year end due to Covid 19. This leaves the Council with actual reserves of **£24,623**

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is continuing to monitor odour complaints at Ambrose Hall Farm following a change in farming practices. A Complaints Procedure and Odour Complaint Form are included in the **Odour Management Plan** which can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Mr Leeming is happy to speak to residents and can be contacted on **01772 690111**, however, to ensure an accurate log is recorded, incidents must also be reported to the Environment Agency on **0800 807060**.

Bartle Hall Application

Residents may be aware of a planning application to create a new roundabout and up to 1100 homes on land near to Bartle Hall. The application also has an option to build 1050 homes and a primary school but as we know from NW Preston, applications were approved with 'options' to build schools, a health centre and community facilities - but none have materialised.



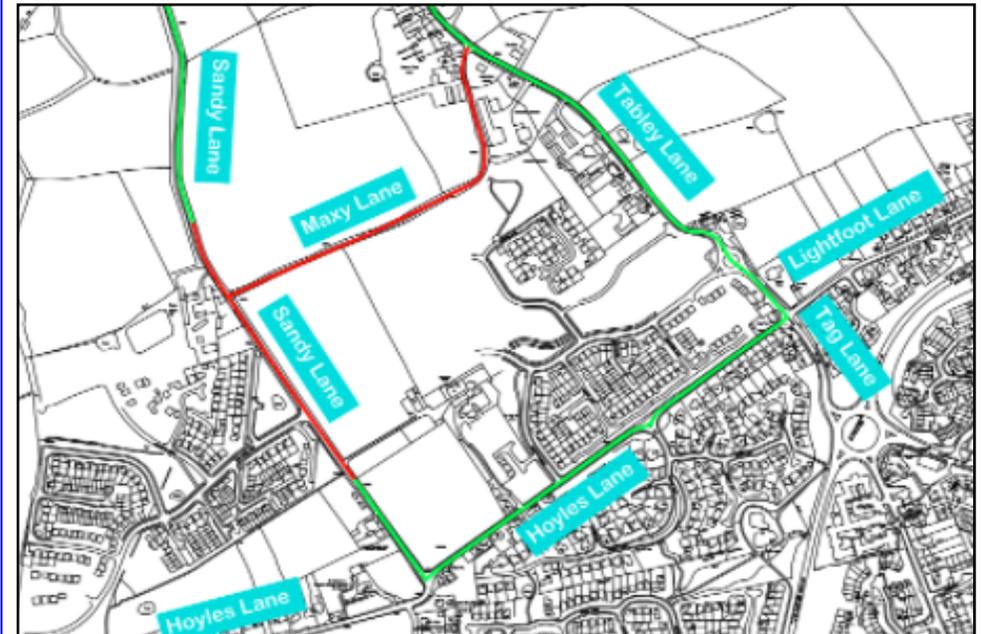
The Parish Council feels that Woodplumpton has taken its fair share of new housing development and given the proximity of the land to the M55, believes that if the land is developed, it should be for employment use as an out of town shopping complex, leisure / health facilities or business opportunities. Please see our website for full details on how to object to the application **06/2020/0888** or email devcon@preston.gov.uk

Road Closures

The Parish Council is notified of **major** roadworks and we try to include these on our website, however we are not always notified of minor road works in relation to utility works to the new developments but you can check progress on these on the County Council website www.mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx

LCC have advised us that they propose to construct the East - West link road junction with Sandy Lane over the winter months from the **2nd Nov until the 25th Jan 2021**. Most of the works will be ongoing and will allow access to **Maxy House Road** from the South / Post Office end of Sandy Lane. However they have advised that "they will also be installing a drain along **Sandy Lane** from the junction to an outfall south of Maxy House Road. For a time during that period, **it will be necessary to change the access to come from the north**".

In response to our query regarding the notification of residents and local businesses, LCC replied, "Costain who will be carrying out the works, operate an excellent communications team and will keep residents informed of the timing of the changes to the access routes.



As soon as we are advised of any further details we will add them to our website www.woodplumptonparish.org If you experience any particular concerns with regards to diversions or roadworks you can contact your County Cllr George Wilkins by email george.wilkins@lancashire.gov.uk or phone **01772 861009**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document which provides **Planning Policies for the Parish Council area** in addition to the Planning Policies that cover Preston as a whole. This means the Parish Council can **influence and shape the growth** of development outside the NW Preston area, to **ensure the rural character of the Parish is retained**.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan process, the Parish Council can **protect and enhance the green, open spaces** and can **identify the local heritage and contribution to the economy**. The Parish Council is also keen to ensure that all residents have an **easy access to footpaths and cycleways** to the facilities and amenities in the NW Preston area to encourage a united community and **reduce traffic congestion**. Further information is detailed in the Vision and Objectives on the adjoining page.

Developers must pay a **Community Infrastructure Levy** to the City Council to improve the roads and community facilities in the area affected by development. Currently the Parish Council receives 15% of this - capped at £100 per property on the electoral register. The remainder of the fee is passed directly to Lancashire County Council.

If the Parish Council adopts a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council receives 25% of the fee - uncapped - which means **a substantial amount of funds can be spent entirely in the Parish Council area**, allowing the Parish Council to improve, provide and support initiatives which will help us to deliver the Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan can only be adopted if it is supported by the majority of Parish Council residents and following an initial consultation on the draft Policies in July last year, we now invite you to comment on the pre-submission consultation. This is probably **the biggest opportunity** the Parish Council has had to **influence and provide new facilities and infrastructure** in the area and we hope everyone will engage as fully as possible.

The Consultation will be available from **5th October** for 6 weeks until the **13th November**. You can download a copy from our website www.woodplumptonparish.org along with a **Character Assessment**.

Hard copies are also available from the Parish Councillors or you can ask to view a copy in Woodplumpton and Catforth Primary Schools, Ashbridge and Cottam nurseries and the site office of the new estates.

You can let us know your views by **completing the 'contact us' page** on the website or downloading and **posting a feedback form** to the Parish Clerk, whose address is at the back of this newsletter.

Please support us by taking part in this important consultation.

Neighbourhood plan - Vision, Objectives and Policies

Our Vision is for a Parish that better meets the needs of existing and new residents while maintaining and enhancing its distinctive character and appearance. We want to maintain and develop a strong and inclusive community spirit and greater cohesion. We believe safety and security are key elements for the wellbeing of the Parish as a whole and we are committed to protecting, maintaining and improving our green, open spaces for the benefit of all the community, now and in the future.

Our Objectives *(derived from the vision)*

- Develop and enhance the Parish by actively supporting and promoting a diverse range of housing in sustainable areas, developing local amenities and facilities and supporting new and existing businesses.
- Promote, maintain and improve policing and security in the Parish including the provision of appropriate resources / facilities
- Actively seek and support improvements to highways and pavements to promote safe and efficient movement through and around the Parish
- Identify and improve appropriate methods of communication and inclusion for the benefit of the community (e.g. broadband access, literature, notice boards, community & social events)
- Actively maintain and improve public rights of way, bridleways and green / open spaces and publicise and promote their use.

The above objectives will be achieved through the following Policies, the detail of which is included in the Neighbourhood Plan document.

Policy Number	Policy Name
COM 1	New and Improved Community Facilities
COM 2	Protecting Existing Community Facilities
HOU 1	Layout and Design of New Housing
HOU 2:	Conversion of Agricultural Buildings (falling out of use) within Woodplumpton parish to residential use
ECON 1	Protection of Rural Economy
ECON 2	Support for Rural Economy
MOV 1	Improvements to Footpaths, Cycle-paths and Bridleways
MOV 2	Promoting Walking and Cycling in New Development
ENV 1	Land Use in Rural Woodplumpton
ENV 2	Open Landscape Views
ENV 3	Nature Conservation And Biodiversity

The Consultation will be available from **4th October** for 6 weeks until the **13th November**. The adjoining page details how to reply to the consultation.