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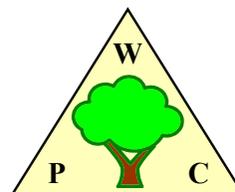
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# Woodplumpton Parish Council Newsletter - Summer 2023

A warm welcome to the Summer edition of the Parish Council Newsletter which is **hand delivered** to the majority of homes in the Parish. Please use the **electronic version** on the Parish Council website to access the weblinks. [www.woodplumptonparish.org](http://www.woodplumptonparish.org)

Councillors have considered creating an email distribution list, however as a **delivery agency** delivers the Newsletters, it is not possible to exclude those wishing to receive a copy solely by email. In addition, whilst some Newsletters are posted to those living outside the delivery routes, it was not considered to be cost effective to match an individual email address with a property address before printing the envelopes from the electoral roll. The situation will be kept under review but it is hoped, that the hard copy will be **shared within a household** and kept for easy reference.

### PARISH ELECTIONS

The Parish Council is back at full strength following the May elections with **Cllr John Green** elected to Plumpton Ward and **Cllr Daniel Guise** elected to Catforth Ward. All Councillors can be contacted using the details on the back page. Meetings take place at **7.00pm** on the **3rd Monday** of the month in the library at St Anne's Primary School, Woodplumpton. There is usually a **time limited** session for public participation but to assist with seating arrangements and to provide answers to any questions, **please contact the Clerk before attending.**

### MEET AND GREET COFFEE MORNINGS

Members are aware that not everyone can attend the formal Council meetings, so 2 coffee meetings have been arranged.

- **Sat 12th Aug** at Catforth Village Hall **10.00 - 12.00** and
- **Sat 9th Sept** at Woodplumpton Club, Bartle Lane **10.00 - 12.00**

Please pop along, say hello and share your thoughts on local issues with the Parish Councillors.

### LOCAL COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Issues affecting the Parish are the responsibility of Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council and the Parish Council has a good working relationship with both the elected County and City Councillors whose contact details are on the back page. The elected Councillors will be hosting monthly surgeries starting on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** at Catforth Village Hall **10.30 - 11.30**. The surgeries will rotate around the rural areas and there is no need to book. Further details will be added to the Parish Notice Boards, **Facebook Preston Conservatives & Councillors** and **Twitter - @PrestonConserv4**

## WOODPLUMPTON PARISH SUMMER FETE

The Parish Council continues to financially support this community event which will be held on the recreation ground at the top of The Orchard in Woodplumpton on **Saturday 2nd Sept** from **11.00 - 5.00pm**. There will be a bus service from Catforth Village Hall every hour from 12.00 noon.

Over 50 stalls will be attending and with free children rides, a play ground, fun dog show, welly wanging and worm charming, it really is a **fun day out with free entry**. Refreshments include a hog roast, beer tent, gin and prosecco horse box, along with teas and coffees.



The event relies on **volunteers** to help set up and dismantle the stalls, supervise activities or assist with tea and coffee making. If you are new to the Parish or simply wish to volunteer or get more involved in local activities, please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

If you would like to run a stall or require more details please contact **Cllr Matthew Greaves** on **07727 989236**

## POLICE

Police resources are allocated to areas with the most incidents, so it is important that **ALL** incidents are reported - no matter how small or insignificant - as added together, the reports could illustrate that more resources are needed. Recently, various comments were posted on Facebook regarding **an incident in Catforth**, however when the Parish Council asked the police for an update, no one had reported it to them which delayed their response in catching the culprits.

For an emergency - call **999**; for current, suspicious activity call **101** or to report a concern or give anonymous information to **Crime Stoppers** call **0800 555 111** or fill out an anonymous form online.

For reassurance on any local Police matter you can contact

PC [rumandeep.takhar@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:rumandeep.takhar@lancashire.police.uk) - **07929 713979** or  
PCSO **Chloe Pearson** [7078@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:7078@lancashire.police.uk) - **07814 913160**

Please note, the mobile numbers are only answered when the officers are on duty.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Parish Council has funded and supplied 3 defibrillator devices - one at **Catforth Village Hall**, one at **Maxy Farm Pantry** and one at the **Wheatsheaf** in Woodplumpton. All of the devices are registered with NW Ambulance Service and have been used in an emergency. When the first 2 devices were installed, the Parish Council held 2 training sessions which were well attended. **If you are interested in refreshing your knowledge or wish to learn how to operate these life saving devices, please contact the Clerk.**

## CIL AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Developers have to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy to the Parish Council to 'compensate' for the new houses being built locally.

CIL monies must be spent on **improvements, replacement, or repairs to infrastructure** and a 'master log' of the income and expenditure to date, can be found on our website. The Spring edition of the Newsletter asked residents for new suggestions on how CIL monies should be spent and the Parish Councillors are considering the items put forward.

Whilst the amount of CIL is significant - due to the significant amount of new houses - we have to bear in mind that other agencies such as the NHS, bus operatives, City and County Council all have a say in what can and can't be provided.

For example, whilst we may petition for traffic calming measures or pedestrians crossings, we need the County Council to agree that the **measures are necessary** and that **the time is right** for the improvements to take place.

One of the many frustrations we face, is that the new estates are managed by **Land Management Agencies** who have long term budgets and maintenance contracts in place to manage the open space.

In addition, until the estate roads are adopted by the County Council, new infrastructure such as litterbins, benches and notice boards can not be added to the grass verges. The Parish Council has requested **new litter bins** on several occasions and this is the City Council's reply.

*The City Council can not install litterbins on private property including new estates where the highway has not been adopted by LCC. When a request is received, **the location is monitored** and a bin may be installed if it is required and if a suitable location can be found to enable it to be emptied safely. A safe location includes somewhere a vehicle can park, to easily access it for emptying.*

For the City Council to monitor a location, problems **must** be reported via the City Council website. <https://www.preston.gov.uk/grotpots>

The same applies to dog fouling issues which **must** be reported on <https://www.preston.gov.uk/dogfouling>

## BIODIVERSITY GRANT

Lancashire County Council has offered the Parish Council a £300 biodiversity grant to provide **nest & bat boxes, bird feeders, hedgehog houses, wildflower areas, communal gardens etc.** Community groups and schools can participate in any of the projects but before erecting or planting any items, permission must be obtained from the land owner. If you have any suggestions on how to spend the grant or want to **set up a local project**, please contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

## FINANCE

The Parish Council is funded through a **Precept** collected through the City Council Tax. In accordance with Local Government legislation, the budget, expenditure and audit information are all published on our website [www.woodplumptonparish.org](http://www.woodplumptonparish.org) under 'Documents / Finance'.

The **2022/23** financial year started with a carried forward balance of **£618,186** which included **£594,174** Community Infrastructure Levy leaving the Council with a working balance of **£24,012**.

During 2022/23 the Council received **£164,871** in CIL monies and spent **£259,540** on the Stocks and Traffic Calming measures.

Itemised Income and Expenditure for 2022/23 is summarised below leaving a year-end balance of **£536,071** which includes **£499,506** in CIL monies, leaving the Council with reserves of **£36,565**

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022/23

Income		Expenditure	
Bal Fwd	618,185.95	Salary, Tax, NI, Pension	18,222.32
Precept	42,069.00	Admin & Office Purchases	412.17
Bank Interest	571.84	Newsletter & Website	2,483.15
NW Rally	500.00	Fees, Subs, & Insurance	1,920.92
Police Grant	1,000.00	Community Donations & Fete	2,880.89
VAT Refund	1,179.90	S137	40.00
Shared services	219.36	Preston Ground Maintenance	814.00
CIL Interest	8,978.30	Lengthsman Contract	11,700.00
CIL Receipts	164,871.26	Lengthsman materials	159.49
		Community Garden	1,695.25
		CIL stocks	5,995.48
		CIL Traffic Calming	252,345.12
		Asset—new safety signs	988.95
		Asset—defib electric works	145.20
		VAT	1,701.51
		<b>Expenditure TOTAL</b>	<b>301,504.45</b>
		<b>Carried Fwd TOTAL</b>	<b>536,071.16</b>
	<b>£837,575.61</b>		<b>£837,575.61</b>

CCLA Acc	=	£497,742.38
Bank Acc	=	£ 38,328.78
Carried f/wd	=	<b>£536,071.16</b>

**Note** - A full breakdown of CIL Income and Expenditure to date is included on our website.

## LOCAL TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Residents will be aware that the **volume** and **speed** of traffic has been an issue for some time - long before the new houses were built - and the Parish Council has been working with Lancashire County Council to resolve the concerns. Traffic calming measures were proposed in both Woodplumpton and Catforth and now that the Woodplumpton scheme has been completed, plans are progressing to install the measures in Catforth.

Individual plans and an overview of the **Catforth scheme** can be viewed on [our website](#). The plans will be subject to a formal consultation, managed by Lancashire County Council. Notices will be displayed locally and a link to the consultation will be added to our website. In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding the plans, please contact **Cllr Paul Entwistle** on 01772 691107.

Obviously the increase in housing has led to many more requests for traffic calming measures, resurfacing works, additional footpaths and street lighting. Unfortunately, responsibility for delivering these measures rests with the **housing developers** who should deliver the improvements as a condition of their planning consent. Whilst the Parish Council monitors the conditions and reports breaches to the City and County Councils, the Councils can not force developers to speed up the process.

The Parish Council also works closely with the Police to report and resolve speeding issues and other local concerns. The local Police are invited to all Parish Council meetings and as a result they will now be using the **mobile speed gun** in various locations. **They are looking for volunteers to assist with the Community Road Watch scheme - so please use this link to register.** [Community Road Watch across Lancashire • Lancashire Volunteer Partnership \(lancsvp.org.uk\)](#)

No matter what measures are introduced, there will always be a few irresponsible motorists who have no regard for their own safety or that of others! Lancashire Police have launched '[Operation Snap](#)' a police initiative which encourages members of the public to send dashcam footage of dangerous driving or other motoring offences to the police.

Residents can also express concerns about road safety, drug use, anti-social behaviour on the [Lancashire Talking website](#)

Lancashire County Council have supplied **Slow Down - Save Lives stickers** for use on wheelie bins so please contact the Parish Cllrs or the Clerk if you require any and **if you have any concerns about speeding, please report them on this link -**

[lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern](http://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern)



## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022 - 31ST MARCH 2023

I would like to start this report by thanking all the Parish Councillors for their time and effort over the last year and in particular Julie Buttle, Parish Clerk, without whom, I would not have been able to take on the onerous challenge of Parish Council Chairman.

We are very fortunate to have such a strong team of Councillors who all share the same ideology of working for our community. The role is increasingly more time-consuming and complex and I'm sure their commitment is appreciated by the community as well as by myself.

I must also add our thanks as a Parish Council, to Barry Hill the Parish Lengthsman who has the constant challenge of keeping the parish free of litter, maintaining our footpaths and various flower beds, hedgerows and removing the rubbish fly tippers leave.

I would also like to welcome Daniel Guise and John Green to the Parish Council. Good luck in the coming weeks and months. We will be here to support you in the up-and-coming challenges we face as a Parish Council.

I would like to also thank Barrie Dalglish for all his hard work over previous years. He has left the Parish Council due to personal commitments and will be sadly missed.

I am pleased to say that after 8 years of hard work, meetings and discussions with LCC Highways, Planning and Environment we have partially installed the traffic scheme in Woodplumpton village and hope to complete it later in the year - God willing. Lets hope it does not take another 8 years to complete! The Catforth scheme is imminent and we hope to have this scheme in place towards the end of the year, as it is well overdue after the massive increase in traffic due to the overwhelming number of houses built in the Parish. It is sorely needed for safety reasons and environment reasons alike.

We have continued to protect the parish in many ways and our future tasks to carry on this work includes prioritising various areas where roads are in poor condition, of which there are many including Sandy Lane, and Bartle Lane. Speeding also remains a major concern.

The Parish Council is committed to being prudent with public funds, however there are several large, costly projects which we committed to last year, which have either been completed or are still being worked on. These include the Church Stocks at Woodplumpton St Annes Church which needed work to save them from collapsing and disappearing completely. Thanks to Councillor Pauline Bamber this was averted, and they are now secure and should last another 100 years.

I am pleased to say, our neighbourhood policing team has been increased recently and we now have an improved presence, although this still needs to be increased more given the increase in properties in the parish and the increase in crime that has come with it. Unfortunately, this will be a fight we will need to have again due to central government cuts. We are in constant dialogue with the Police force, looking at different ways we can support them such as Neighbourhood Watch schemes and how they can work better with Woodplumpton and Catforth Parish Council and our residents.

We are still working on the improvements to The Orchard playing field and we aim to have this scheme in place over the coming months to protect it from the vehicles that continue to drive and park on it.

We are also working hard to complete our Neighbourhood Plan which again has been stalled by a certain organisation and we await their final sign off hopefully before the end of the year.

May I thank all those Parishioners, who, like ourselves, give their time to making the Parish a great place to live, and a personal thank you to Julie Buttle, who without, I would struggle to persevere with the trials and tribulations that come from volunteering on the bottom rung of the political ladder.

***Cllr Matthew Greaves - Chairman - Woodplumpton Parish Council***

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NHP)**

As mentioned in the Chairman's report, the Parish Council engaged a consultant to help us write a Neighbourhood Plan. Our vision is to *develop a Parish which will meet the needs of existing and new residents, whilst maintaining and enhancing its distinctive character and appearance.*

One of the objectives is to **support, promote and develop local amenities and facilities** for the benefit of all residents. The Parish Council replied to LCC's school consultation by stating that **new schools** should be built in the local area as originally proposed in the NW Preston Masterplan. We have also opposed a planning application which seeks to 'water down' the **community facilities** off Sandy Lane. We are also reminding the City Council that 'the clock is ticking' in relation to S106 monies which need to be spent on the expansion of **Ingol Health Centre**.

NHP Policies must be taken into account when planning applications are determined, so if we want to **influence planning decisions**, we need to get the NHP adopted. This is likely to be by a Referendum in **May 2024** so **please take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the Plan and Policies** which can still be viewed on the [City Council website](#).