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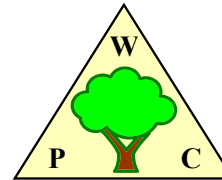
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# Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Winter 2017



THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS  
**BEST WISHES TO ALL RESIDENTS**  
THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Details of Parish Council meetings including Minutes, Agenda, advance notification of road closures and winter information can be found on our website **[www.woodplumptonparish.org](http://www.woodplumptonparish.org)**

### **SUPPORT FOR PANCREATIC CANCER**

The Parish Council is pleased to support the Purple Lights for Hope campaign to increase awareness of pancreatic cancer. Purple lights were displayed on Woodplumpton's Christmas Tree during November. More details on the disease and the campaign can be found at **[www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk](http://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk)**

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES**

Residents are invited to a **Christmas Carol Service** at **Catforth Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday the 6th December**. Refreshments are sponsored by the Parish Council.

There will also be a **Children's Christmas Party** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> **December 2017 3pm until 5.30pm** for 0 - 12yrs. The event is £4 (subsidised by the Village Hall Committee) and includes an entertainer, dancing, laughter, party food and a present from Father Christmas. Places are limited to 50, please see Catforth Village Hall website for a **booking form** or pick one up at Catforth School.

Residents are also invited to 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' in **Woodplumpton Community Garden on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm**. Plans are being made to adjourn to the Wheatsheaf in the event of adverse weather conditions. Mince pies will be served.



### **HOUSEHOLD SECURITY**

The police are still receiving reports of thefts from the building sites in the area and sadly this has now been extended to thefts from **unlocked** properties, garages and cars. Please be extra vigilant, particularly after Christmas when discarded boxes can lead thieves to search harder for new presents. **Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked.**

## DEVELOPMENT IN NW PRESTON

New housing continues to be built at a steady pace across NW Preston and as expected, it is beginning to put a strain on the local road network. It is hoped that Taylor Wimpey will open the **Tabley Lane** roundabout exit in the New Year. This will trigger the realignment of **Hoyles Lane** outside the Post Office, with traffic calming measures expected along the length of Hoyles Lane.

The **Preston West Distributor Road** (running north / south between the M55 & Blackpool Road) and the **East - West Link Road** (running through the new housing developments) were approved in September, but work is not expected to commence until 2019.

With the above in mind, the Parish Council remains **strongly opposed** to new housing applications north of the E-W Link Road because, if approved, they will lead to even more traffic and construction vehicles using the existing, congested road network.

As more than 5,300 homes will be built in NW Preston, the Parish Council was supportive of the NW Preston Master Plan which indicated there would be a **new health centre, primary and secondary schools, shops and community facilities**, however, although the number of houses and residents continues to grow, concern is expressed that plans for the supporting infrastructure have been watered down with the Health Centre being the first casualty! The Parish Council is an active participant in the stakeholder meetings for NW Preston and continues to press for the services and facilities to be provided in the locations originally proposed by the Master Plan.

## STREET NAMING

Developers may suggest street names for the new estates but the Parish Council would like to see names representative of the local area. It was suggested that the developers use the surnames of those who lost their lives during the war, and are included on the war Memorials in Woodplumpton and Catforth. If any living relatives would like to support or oppose this suggestion, please contact the Parish Clerk. We would also encourage residents to put forward other local, street name suggestions.

## FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping has increased significantly and CCTV cameras will shortly be installed in trouble hotspots. If you see anyone flytipping, please record the vehicle registration and contact the City Council on **01772 906909** or report online at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The City Council receives a payment from the developer known as a **Community Infrastructure Levy**. As the name suggests, this money must be spent locally to improve and create infrastructure to support the new housing developments. Currently the City Council receives 85% and the Parish Council receives 15% - capped at £100 per number of properties on the Council Tax register. 900 properties will generate a maximum of £90,000, regardless of the amount paid by the developers which can be millions of pounds!

As Woodplumpton is a rural parish, many of the roads and footpaths are unsuitable for the influx of additional cars and pedestrians and the Parish Council strongly believes that engineering and construction works are required to **widen pavements, address speeding and parking problems, deal with local flooding issues, enhance green spaces and improve local services and security**.

All of the above will require significantly more CIL income than we currently receive, but with a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council could receive 25% of the developers contribution - regardless of the number of properties. This could be a significant windfall for the Parish Council which would be **spent locally in and around all areas of Woodplumpton Parish**.

Unlike a Parish Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan is not simply a list of what we want to do. It is a Planning Policy Document which sets out the local development policies for the area and it must agree with the development plans already agreed by the City Council. It is not an opportunity to halt new development, but it will enable us to say **what should be built and where and what should be protected and why**. Our vision for the Neighbourhood Plan is **to ensure the Parish meets the needs of existing and new residents while maintaining and enhancing its distinctive character and appearance**.

More details will be announced in the New Year, but if you want to be involved in assessing the character of the Parish and helping us to achieve the above vision, **please contact the Clerk**.

## INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Until the above measures can be put in place, please can we ask all residents and visitors to park considerately, taking care not to park on the grass verges and to ensure their vehicle does not cause an obstruction. If you are adversely affected, please photograph the obstruction or damage so it can be reported to the local police.