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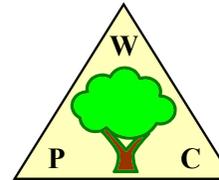
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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Winter 2018



THE PARISH COUNCIL EXPRESSES SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS



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

Woodplumpton meetings are held in the Parish Rooms at the rear of **St Anne's Church** and Catforth meetings are held in **Catforth Primary School**. All meetings start at **7.00pm**. Dates of future meetings are

21st January - Catforth **18th February** - Woodplumpton
18th March - Catforth **15th April** - Woodplumpton
20th May - Woodplumpton (Annual Parish Meeting)

Residents are also requested to note that the Parish Council elections will take place in May 2019.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Residents are warmly invited to attend **Catforth Christmas Carol Service** at **Catforth Village Hall** from **7.00pm to 8.00pm on Wednesday the 5th December**. This year's chosen Charity is the Royal British Legion and refreshments will be sponsored by the Parish Council.



There will also be a **Children's Christmas Party** on Friday **8th December** from **3.30pm** until **5.45pm** for children aged 0-12 years. The event costs £4 and is subsidised by the Village Hall Committee. Children can meet Father Christmas, take home a present, enjoy party food, dance along to the Christmas disco, be entertained by Rob Falcon Children's entertainer with comedy, magic, balloons, dancing and games. **Please contact Sue Yates on 07943 575747 for tickets.**

Residents are also invited to 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' in **Woodplumpton Community Garden** on **Thursday 13th December at 7.00pm**. Plans are being made to adjourn to the Wheatsheaf in the event of adverse weather conditions. Mince pies will be provided by the Parish Council.



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

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.

The City Council contribution is passed to the County Council who will be using it to fund the proposed **Preston West Distributor Road** and the **E-W link road**, both of which are intended to reduce the traffic flows in the local area.

As Woodplumpton is a rural parish, many of the roads and footpaths are unsuitable for the additional cars and pedestrians and the Parish Council is intending to use its contribution to commission engineering and construction works to **widen pavements, address speeding and resolve parking problems**.

With the above in mind, the Parish Council has been working with the County Council to redesign the **traffic calming measures in Woodplumpton Village** and add new measures along **Catforth Road** and **Rosemary Lane**. However, as there have been few accidents in the villages, the improvements are not a high priority for the County Council and work has been much slower than we would have liked. However, concept plans have now been drawn up and we hope to consult residents on these early in the New Year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As the Parish continues to grow, there will also be a requirement to resolve **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, so the Parish Council has been working on a Neighbourhood Plan to help us identify and prioritise improvements.

Unlike a Parish Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan is not a list of what we want to do, it is a Planning Policy Document which sets out the **Local Development Polices** for the area.

Our vision for the Neighbourhood Plan is **to ensure the Parish meets the needs of existing and new residents whilst maintaining and enhancing its distinctive character and appearance**. We are hoping to consult residents on the Neighbourhood Plan early in the New Year along with the traffic calming proposals explained above.

ORCHARD PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

For some time the Parish Council has been aware of a lack of parking at the Orchard particularly on the frontage of the playing field where the Parish Council used CIL monies to enhance the play equipment. The playing field is owned by the City Council but we have been in discussions with them, to erect a post and rail fence set back slightly from the current frontage to allow for the addition of a hardstanding which can be used as additional parking spaces. Plans are still at the design stage but we hope these works will commence in the Spring.

DEVELOPER COMMITMENTS

In addition to the CIL expenditure being considered by the Parish Council, conditions are attached to planning approvals to ensure the developer takes some responsibility for improvements in the area. Unfortunately the Parish Council has less control over these conditions and we are repeatedly chasing the County Council and the City Council to ensure the conditions are adhered to.

Some progress was made at the October meeting and we have requested that the Councils prioritise the addition of a footpath outside **Ashbridge Nursery on Sandy Lane** and prioritise the reduction of the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph.

Taylor Wimpey were also required to add traffic calming measures to **Hoyles Lane** and realign the road outside the Post Office. Again we have requested that these works are prioritised as they will slow traffic and improve visibility for the safety of pedestrians.

The footpath has finally been resurfaced at **Tabley Lane** but we are still chasing LCC to improve the surface with the junction of **Lightfoot Lane** which is still considered to be below standard.

WINTER WEATHER

Lancashire County Council is responsible for the gritting of roads and full details of their services can be found on their website www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter



The County Council is also responsible for publishing details of any road closures both through adverse weather and roadworks. You can contact their customer service team on **0300 123 6780**

Alternatively you can report potholes, street lighting issues, hedge cutting requests and traffic related problems on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search