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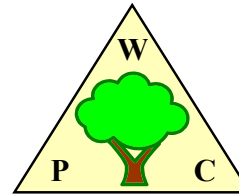
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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Winter 2019



THE PARISH COUNCIL EXPRESSES SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS



Details of Parish Council meetings including Minutes, Agenda, community news and updates on our work projects can be found on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org. This Newsletter is also included so **all the weblinks can be easily accessed.**

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

20th January - Woodplumpton **17th February** - Catforth

16th March - Woodplumpton **20th April** - Catforth

18th May - Catforth (Annual Parish Meeting)

LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Residents are warmly invited to attend **Catforth Christmas Carol Service** at **Catforth Village Hall** from **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 4th December**. As in previous years, refreshments will be sponsored by the Parish Council.



There will also be a **Children's Christmas Party** on Friday **6th December** from **3.30pm** until **5.45pm** for children under 12 years. The event costs £4.00 per child and is subsidised by the Village Hall Committee. Children can meet Father Christmas, take home a present, enjoy party food and dance along to a Christmas disco. **Please contact Sue Yates on 07943 575747 for tickets or fill in a form at Catforth Primary School.**

Residents are also invited to '*Carols around the Christmas Tree*' in **Woodplumpton Community Garden** on **Thursday 12th 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 housing developers 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.



The City Council contribution is passed to Lancashire 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 congestion on the existing local road network. The roads are scheduled to open in 2023.

As Woodplumpton is a rural parish, many of the existing footpaths and roads are unsuitable for the additional cars and pedestrians and the Parish Council is intending to use its CIL contribution to commission engineering and construction works to **widen pavements, address speeding traffic and resolve parking problems**. An engagement event was held in March and we are currently negotiating with LCC regarding the final scheme.

ORCHARD PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council is aware of a lack of parking at the Orchard particularly on the frontage of the playing field. 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.

The Parish Council is proposing to fund the improvements using the CIL monies mentioned above, but currently the plans are on hold until the traffic calming schemes are completed. In the meantime, residents may be able to park off the road by applying to LCC for a dropped kerb using this link www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/vehicle-crossings/ but this will be at the resident's expense. Community Gateway have previously advised they are unlikely to oppose any applications.

REPORTING HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

You can report potholes, street lighting issues, hedge cutting requests and traffic related problems to LCC on **0300 123 6780** or you can report them on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/

NW PRESTON DEVELOPMENTS

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.

We have requested that the Councils prioritise the addition of a footpath outside **Ashbridge Nursery on Sandy Lane** but despite being a condition of the planning consent, this is yet to come forward. Whilst we are pleased to note a **proposal to reduce Sandy Lane to 20mph** outside Cottam Nursery, we are also requesting that the remainder of Sandy Lane **be reduced 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 are pleased to note a proposal to **reduce Hoyles Lane to 20mph with the installation of traffic humps** but we have requested that the road is realigned as soon as possible in accordance with the planning condition.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned that the City Council is considering amendments to planning applications to allow access on to **Tabley Lane** instead of using the E-W link road which is being constructed for that purpose. We note that LCC have supported our recent objections and can only hope that this will 'encourage' the developers to amend their plans back to the original version.

Residents may be aware that **Preston Grasshoppers** have submitted plans for an extension to the Wainwright Bar, a new café and a beer cellar, as well as a beer garden and children's play area.

Whilst it is reassuring that new community facilities are finally coming forward, the Parish Council is still **campaigning for a much needed health centre, schools and local services**.

WINTER WEATHER AND FLOODING

Lancashire County Council covers the gritting of roads. Full details of routes covered and road closures can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter.



It is essential that all flooding incidents are reported so that problem areas can be identified. If flooding is from sewers or a burst water main, contact United Utilities on **0345 6723 723**, if it is due to poor highway drainage or surface water, contact LCC using the details on the opposite page.