

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Mon 19th Dec 2016** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Ruth Mills - Chairman
Cllr Harry Landless
Cllr Dave Hall

Members of the public

Lindy King - GWHG

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr Bernard Huggon, Cllr Stan Hunter, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Margaret Rigby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th November 2016.

MIN 114 it was RESOLVED that the November Minutes be signed as a true record.

TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Members declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the setting of the Precept and submitted a written request for a dispensation under S31 of the Localism Act 2011.

MIN 115 The Clerk considered the requests in accordance with SO 38 and S101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and granted the requests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Landless declared a personal interest on the item relating to the Community Trust as he is a member of Whittingham Sports and Social Club. Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in the 2 planning applications on Whittingham Road due to the proximity in relation to his home.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters arising from the public.

UPDATE ON WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL COMMUNITY TRUST

Further to MIN 105 of the November meeting, Members considered the amended option for the proposed leisure facilities at Whittingham Hospital. Members stated that the facilities appeared to be on the same footprint as the existing facilities but noted the football pitch had been rotated 45°. Members also noted that provision had been made for an events area. It was felt that the option was a good compromise for all and was preferable to the suggestion to use Gott Field, **MIN 116** Members RESOLVED to support the amended option and the comments made by Cllr Lewis to the Stakeholder Group.

S106 TRAVEL PLANS

Members noted that David Wilson Homes and Taylor Wimpey have been invited to the January meeting to discuss their Travel Plans but Taylor Wimpey (Whittingham Hospital) have requested more specific details regarding the information required by the Council. Members confirmed that their main concern is that the Travel Plan does not become a 'box ticking exercise'. They want reassurances that LCC will proactively monitor the Travel Plan in accordance with the S106 agreement and they wish to make sure the appointed Co-ordinator is contactable so that residents and the Parish Council can approach them regarding Travel Plan initiatives such as car sharing, improvements to bus service provision etc.

MIN 117 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk contact LCC asking them to confirm their role in monitoring the Travel Plan and contact the developers to request details of the appointed Co-ordinator so that the Parish Council can liaise with them to influence and promote any new travel initiatives. It was noted that replies may not be received by the January meeting.

TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Note - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk.

06/2016/1117 Temporary access from Whittingham Road and associated works for a period of four years Land to West of, Former Ridings Depot, Whittingham Road, Preston.

Members were advised that LCC concurred with the Parish Council objections regarding the proximity of the access to Green Nook / David Wilson Homes and had suggested that the developer uses the access approved under the outline consent.

Members stated that the outline consent did not require ground surveys to be carried out and concern was expressed that HGV's may damage or disturb private drains under the site.

MIN 118 Members RESOLVED to reply suggesting that the applicant carries out a full ground survey to ensure private drains are not compromised. In addition, it was stated that there is a culvert of Blundell Brook running through the site and Members requested a condition that any new access should not block, infill or alter the course of the culvert nor should surface water be permitted to drain in to it, as this could increase the risk of flooding.

06/2016/1101 Erection of food store and associated vehicular access, car parking, servicing area, hard and soft landscaping following demolition of existing buildings on land to the north of Whittingham Road.

Members stated they did not wish to object to the principle of a superstore as it was included in the outline application, however, the Parish Council's concerns about drainage have not been addressed and the surveys carried out by United Utilities were considered to be out of date. If the application is approved, Members stated that a SUDS scheme should be used and to reduce the risk of flooding, surface water should not be permitted to drain into any natural water courses which are already at capacity.

The food store will lead to an inevitable increase in traffic and it was stated that the store and new developments will create 5 new road junctions along a 200m stretch of road in an area where the speed limit is regularly exceeded. Members noted that traffic calming measures will be provided by means of road markings but felt that the measures should be more physical, with added enforcement measures to mitigate against speeding.

It was noted that the outline consent included crossing points at Stonebridge roundabout. Members requested that the timescales for these crossing points are brought forward to ensure pedestrian links are in place in accordance with the development of the store rather than the number of houses occupied. Concern was expressed that pedestrians will find it difficult to cross the main access road to the food store and it was suggested that a pedestrian crossing or refuge is provided to help pedestrians cross the access road.

Finally it was noted that in order to access the loading bay on the east of the store, HGV's will enter the main car park and travel along the access road which will be crossed by pedestrians wishing to enter the store having parked their vehicles. It was suggested that the service bay is located to the west of the store so that HGV's do not need to enter pedestrian areas.

MIN 119 It was RESOLVED that the above comments are submitted to the planning department.

06/2016/1156 Rear dormer and alterations to roof at Thornlea, Inglewhite Road, Preston.

MIN 120 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2016/1181 Certificate of lawfulness for existing single storey detached outbuilding at Ashley Lane Head Farm, Ashley Lane, Preston.

MIN 121 Members were advised that the application is a 'legal procedure' to determine if the residential use of the building is 'established', however Members RESOLVED to express their strong objections to the procedures leading to this application.

06/2009/0867 related to a stable block, but once completed in 2010, the building was used as a residential annex. The Parish Council questions why enforcement action was not taken against the unauthorised use and why it took 3 years for the applicant to submit a planning application. Eventually when an application was submitted 06/2013/0303, the Parish Council strongly objected and requested that enforcement action should be taken. It is understood that the City Council did not determine the application or take any action – resulting in the application for a lawful use certificate. Members wish to know why the request for enforcement action was not actioned.

06/2016/1214 Outline planning application for 6 dwellings – access only – on land north of Inglewhite Road, Preston.

MIN 122 Members RESOLVED to strongly object to the application on the grounds that the site is located in the open countryside looking out towards Beacon Fell which is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The site is also shown as a mineral safeguarding area on the adopted Local Plan. There is no local need for housing as any demand will be met by the proposed housing south of Inglewhite Road which is the boundary for new development as illustrated in the adopted Local Plan. In addition the site has been used in association with Longridge Football Club and has cricket pitches to the north.

Development will result in the irrevocable loss of leisure facilities which may well be needed to supplement the new housing development to the south. Concern is also expressed regarding the proximity of the access to the Halfpenny Lane junction and roundabout at the Alston Arms.

GOOSNARGH AND WHITTINGHAM HERITAGE GROUP GRANT REQUEST

MIN 123 Members RESOLVED to approve a grant of £75 to Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group to produce leaflets promoting their work. Members requested a copy of the finished leaflet and confirmed payment would be awarded from the 2016/17 budget.

TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017 / 2018

MIN 124 Members considered the revised budget estimate and RESOLVED to set the 2017/18 precept at £15,375.

Further to MIN 111 of the November meeting, Members noted that the Parish Council approved a grant of £500 to upgrade the village hall CCTV cameras but maintenance and servicing was not part of the agreement. Any further financial requests in relation to the cameras would need to be formally presented to the Council.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled. Members NOTED that Cllr Landless has been confirmed as a signatory on the bank account.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk was requested to query the size of the Christmas Tree as it was felt the tree was smaller than previous years.

MIN 125 Subject to the above query, Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment.

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Dec salary	Mrs J Buttle	£396.55	1224
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£93.20	1225
Memorial Stone	McMurray Brothers	£1170.00	1226
Erection of Xmas Tree £260.00 & supply of new lights £47.00	Barton Grange	£368.40 (inc VAT)	1227
Grant request for leaflets	GWHG	£75.00	1228

RECEIPT OF CIL MONIES AND FEEDBACK ON THE CIL FORMS

Members noted that the Parish Council is required to submit an annual CIL report for 2015/16 to PCC. **MIN 126** Members RESOLVED to approve the report already submitted to the external auditor and in view of the amount of items on the December Agenda, RESOLVED to defer the analysis of the CIL suggestions to the January meeting.

REMOVAL OF BT PHONE BOXES

Members were informed that BT are proposing to remove the phone boxes at the entrance to Whittingham Hospital (used 14 times in the last 12 months) and outside the Stags Head carpark (used once in the last 12 months). Members expressed concern that the removal would leave the village with no phone cover at a time when mobile phone coverage was still poor. **MIN 127** Although used the least, Members felt that the phone at the Stags Head was a more accessible location and RESOLVED to request that this phone box is retained.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted an appeal has been lodged regarding the refusal of a dwelling at Pudding Pie Nook Lane. Further details will be presented to the January meeting.

Members agreed to send a get well card to Cllr Rigby who is recovering from an accident.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 9th January 2017** at 7.00pm.