

## WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**AN ORDINARY** meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 7.00pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

### **Members:**

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman  
Cllr Dave Hall  
Cllr Stan Hunter  
Cllr Bernard Huggon  
Cllr Alex Meades

### **Members of the public**

Mr Proctor – Brabiner Lane  
Cllr L Smith – Preston City Council  
Lindy King - Heritage Group  
Ms Harrison – Whittingham Lane

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

**APOLOGIES** Cllr Margaret Rigby, Cllr H Landless

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**MIN 37** it was RESOLVED that the June Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**MIN 38** it was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Concern was expressed that there have been 5 accidents on Brabiner Lane since the last meeting. One of the accidents was reported in the Evening Post and showed that a HGV driver had ignored the 'unsuitable for HGV signs'. It was reported that the driver was trying to access Seed House Farm with a delivery of timber and it was suggested that their order forms / delivery information should clearly state drivers should not use Brabiner Lane.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had questioned the intended traffic routes to Seed House Farm when a recent planning application was submitted but the officer's report states that as the site already has lawful use, conditions could not be added regarding the access and servicing. The Clerk also confirmed that the latest incidents had been referred to LCC along with a request for them to confirm what further action can be taken.

It was stated that LCC have a duty of care to make the road 'access only' as it is only 3m wide in places. The Clerk replied that this should be pursued through County Councillor George Wilkins as the Parish Council could only highlight the concerns to LCC.

Cllr Smith stated that she would approach Seed House to make them aware of the problems. It was questioned if other local businesses should also be approached but it was stated that these don't use the Lane or use it outside peak periods. The Clerk was also requested to send a letter to Seed House voicing the concerns of the Parish Council.

It was questioned whether there was an update on the drainage issues on Brabiner Lane. Reference was made to an email forwarded to the Parish Council from Cllr Smith which states that the complete drainage system was cleaned and drained on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The resident stated this was not the case, so the Clerk will forward the email to Cllr Smith to raise the matter again with LCC.

With regard to the Agenda item on SPIDs, a resident stressed the need for a device on Whittingham Lane as speeding traffic was a major concern. The comments were noted.

Cllr Smith stated that she had expressed her annoyance that an inner city play area is to be refurbished by the City Council whilst Parish Councils are being asked to pay towards maintenance costs in the rural areas.

Cllr Smith also stated that her request to call the Clay Lane applications before the planning committee had been rejected but early indications are that the applications may be refused. Whilst this news was welcomed, the Clerk stated that 6 houses north of Inglewhite Road (next to the Alston Arms) had been approved despite objections by the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

## **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

Members considered the different types of SPID as presented to the June meeting and confirmed that they liked the device demonstrated because it confirmed the actual speed limit in addition to displaying the driver's speed. Members expressed a preference for solar powered devices and stated that they would like the SPID to capture data so that it could be used to determine if other traffic calming measures are required.

The salesman had explained data could be downloaded using blue tooth but it was not known how frequently this needed to be done or how long the device stored the information for. This will be checked with the supplier.

The location of the devices will be subject to approval from the police and LCC and the Clerk ran through a number of criteria in relation to the siting of devices. Members agreed that the preferred locations were

- Whittingham Road near the Ridings site both sides of the road (2)
- Whittingham Lane between 999 and the parade of shops heading towards Preston (1)
- Church Lane heading into the estate (1)
- Goosnargh Lane on the Village Green side of the road heading out of the village (1)
- Whittingham Lane as you approach the village from Broughton (1)
- Whittingham Lane heading towards Broughton (1)

Whilst this totals 7 SPID locations, some may be unacceptable and it may be possible to erect poles and solar panels, with SPIDs being moved between the locations as and when needed. **MIN 39** Members RESOLVED to contact LCC with details of the preferred device and locations and contact the supplier for more information about the data storage.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL**

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk).

**06/2017/0461** 1no dwelling and associated works at Lyndhurst, 67, Halfpenny Lane. Members were advised this was a late consultation.

Members were reminded that approval has been granted for the demolition of barns and the erection of 5 dwellings facing the pond. A 6<sup>th</sup> dwelling has also been approved north of the application site. The proposed street scene shows that the proposed dwelling will be of similar design to the 6<sup>th</sup> dwelling with the properties joined by a connected gateway spanning the proposed vehicular access.

Members noted that previous applications had been approved but repeated their opposition to the development by stating that the site is in the open countryside and is not designated for development in the Local Plan. Members questioned why the Council has a Local Plan if the principles are not followed. The City Council has a 5yr housing supply and due to other approved developments, there is no need for an additional 4 bed dwelling. In addition, Halfpenny Lane is a rural lane and further development along the frontage will have an adverse impact on the rural nature of the area.

**MIN 40** Members RESOLVED to oppose the application.

**06/2016/1039** 95 dwellings on land at the rear of Holme Fell, Goosnargh Lane, Goosnargh. This application was not on the Agenda as the consultation was received on the day of the meeting. Members were informed that the application has been amended and will be determined on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, prior to the next Parish Council meeting. Rather than hold an extra-ordinary meeting, **MIN 41** Members RESOLVED that the Clerk summarise the amendments and email a report to Members who would attend Goosnargh Parish Council's meeting to listen to any public concerns. Following Goosnargh's meeting, the Clerk will submit further comments to the Planning Officer. It was confirmed that the Clerk will register to speak against the planning application on the 10<sup>th</sup> August.

## **SHOP FRONT DESIGNS**

Preston City Council has published a draft Supplementary Planning Document relating to Shopfront Designs. **MIN 42** Members RESOLVED to support the SPD as it seeks to encourage and maintain a traditional street scene and provides character to the more historic areas of Preston. Members hope that some of the proposals can be applied to existing shops and will not be restricted to planning applications for alterations only.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

## REVIEW OF 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER ACCOUNTS AND CIL ITEMS

Members considered expenditure against the budget following the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – April to June. Members NOTED that £2,000 was included in the 2016/17 budget for play inspections but the invoice was not paid until 2017/18 consequently the 2017/18 budget is showing a deficit. Similarly £1,054 remained in the 2016/17 budget for repairs to the bark pit but the invoice was paid in 2017/18. To illustrate that the 2017/18 budget is not in arrears, the Clerk will carry the 2016/17 balances forward on the next 2017/18 analysis.

**MIN 43** Members RESOLVED to approve the quarterly analysis.

Members considered the CIL finance log and NOTED that there is £89,308.64 in the CCLA account and £4,374.59 in the bank account.

As reported at the June meeting, work has commenced on the new footpath between the play area and the village hall. As the material costs are high, the contractor has requested an interim payment of £8,000 plus VAT. **MIN 44a** Members were happy with the works to date and RESOLVED to make the interim payment. **MIN 44b** Due to insufficient CIL funds in the bank account, and the fact the works will be completed in full next month, Members RESOLVED that the full cost of £24,360 be withdrawn from the CCLA account.

## PENSION LEGISLATION

When setting the budget in Nov 2015, MIN 92 (b) Members made provision for the Clerk to be enrolled into a pension scheme to comply with changes to pension legislation.

The Clerk does not qualify for auto enrolment but may choose to opt in to a scheme if not already a member of a qualifying scheme. As the Clerk is a member of a qualifying scheme, she would prefer not to set up and administer a second account with Whittingham Parish.

**MIN 45** Members noted the comments and RESOLVED not to set up a pension fund at the current time.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**MIN 46** Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
July salary	Mrs J Buttle	426.67	1265
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	78.60	1266
1/4ly expenses Apr – June (part with W/P)	Mrs J Buttle	113.49	1267
Grounds maintenance	Envirocare	1362.00	1268
Electricity Payment	E-ON	24.30	1269

Members NOTED that Barton Grange had submitted an invoice for 6 months of play inspections but as the contract only commenced in April, the invoice had been queried and was not presented for payment.

## LALC AGM

LALC AGM will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 at County Hall and members NOTED that any resolutions must be proposed and seconded by Members present.

Members were not in a position to confirm attendance at this stage and it was queried whether resolutions could be proposed by Preston Area Committee. The Clerk replied that PAC was proposing to put forward a resolution in relation to the way LALC communicated with Councillors, but PAC would not be able to present individual parish concerns.

**MIN 47** It was RESOLVED that an email be circulated to Members reminding them of the AGM date nearer the time.

## NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that a request had been received for financial support to replace the CCTV at the Village Hall. The request will be added to the August Agenda.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017** at 7.00pm.