

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 12th June 2017** at 7.00pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

Members:

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

Members of the public

4 members of the public

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr Margaret Rigby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th May 2017.

MIN 20 it was RESOLVED that the May Council Minutes be signed as a true record. Members NOTED the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

MIN 21 The following declarations were made in respect of planning applications

- Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in application **06/2017/0257** as the property is located near to his home.
- Cllr Huggon declared a personal interest in application **06/2017/0525** as the property is in close proximity to his home.
- Cllr Landless declared a personal interest in application **06/2017/0556** as he knows the applicants.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 22 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Mr Taylor from Transport Support showed an example of a Speed Indicator Device (SPID). The device is set to the speed limit and a radar detects approaching traffic from 60m away – longer if necessary. Once set, the calibration should be correct for 4-5 years. The approaching vehicles speed flashes up on the device. On the demonstrated product, a white light also flashes if the speed is exceeded to imitate the flash of a speed camera. There are different types of signs from reflective roundels which just show the speed limit, to signs with smiley and sad faces depending on whether or not the speed limit is exceeded. The device hooks onto existing street furniture. The battery usually lasts for 3 – 4 weeks but a solar powered panel can be fitted to recharge the battery. The device switches to low power when not activated. There is an option to record data 24hrs a day which can be used to prove there is a speeding issue. A USB stick can be plugged into the device or it can be downloaded wirelessly using bluetooth.

Transport Support generally supply to industrial sites and airports but the device is highway compliant and is used in Cumbria. It will be up to the Parish Council to liaise with LCC and the police to determine the suitability of the device and location. Poles and mounting devices can be installed by the company. The device demonstrated was £1900 and a roundel speed sign is £895. The solar panel kit is £550 and a new battery is £40-£50. Discounts can be arranged if 3 or more devices are ordered.

Mr Taylor was thanked for his presentation.

2 members of the public voiced their concern regarding speeding on Whittingham Lane along with increased road noise due to a poor road surface. It was stated that a temporary road surface was laid following a burst water pipe but the job was never finished. A request was made for the 'quieter' tarmac used on motorways. The Clerk will check the situation with LCC.

Concerns were expressed that HGV's and caravans were still using Sat Navs to access Brabiner Lane despite new signs stating the road is unsuitable. In addition, concerns were expressed that LCC have not cleared the gullies or resolved the drainage issues, despite verbally agreeing works were necessary.

A local resident stated he had met with an officer from LCC who agreed drainage was an issue but the road would need to be closed to allow work to take place. Closure was discussed for May Bank Holiday 2016 but the work was not carried out. The resident has contacted the County Councillor but no further action has been taken. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC to express the Parish Council's concerns regarding the continued use of Brabiner Lane and the drainage issues. It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2017/0127 Extension to clubhouse and relocation of stand at Longridge Town Football Club, Inglewhite Road. **MIN 23** Members RESOLVED to support the application as it brings leisure activities to the area and reflects the progress made by the club.

06/2017/0257 Erection of 1no replacement dwelling and installation of sewage treatment plant to rear following demolition of existing bungalow and timber shed (pursuant to 06/2015/0989 to seek variation of condition no.1 "Approved Plans") at Maris Mount, Whittingham Road. **MIN 24** Members noted that the plans were an amendment to a previous scheme and RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2017/0509 1no dwelling and garage on plot 1 & 2 Old Clay Lane and **06/2017/0510** 1no dwelling and garage on plot 4 and 5 Field No 6637, Old Clay Lane
Members noted the similarities between the applications and the comments below relate to both applications. Members noted that although the development will be self-build plots, the applicant has not provided any justification for the properties apart from stating a few developments have been approved on the frontage of Inglewhite Road. Old Clay Lane does not fall into that category. It is considered to be a historic lane in the open countryside on the AONB border. **MIN 25** Members RESOLVED to strongly object to the application using the policy reasons already stated when objecting to application **06/2016/1214**.

06/2017/0525 Conversion of former RAF bunker to 1no dwelling (pursuant to 06/2016/0541 to seek variation of condition no.1 "Approved Plans") at 504 Whittingham Lane, Broughton. **MIN 26** Members noted that the plans were an amendment to a previous scheme and RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2017/0556 Erection of a new porch and WC extension to the front and side of the existing dwelling at 8, Church Lane, Goosnargh.
Members noted that an earlier application for development forward of the building line had been withdrawn. In this application, there will be a side extension with just a small porch forward of the building line. **MIN 27** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2017/0571 1no externally illuminated hanging sign, 6no hoarding signs, 1no history board, 2no poster cases, 1no. 3D metal sculpture, 1no wrought iron framework and 3no internally illuminated lanterns at The Stags Head, 990, Whittingham Lane.
MIN 28 Members RESOLVED to support the application as it was a local business and the signs were replacing existing advertisement signs and were not considered to be intrusive.

06/2017/0583 Outline planning application for 1no dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling (access applied for only) at Carna, 795, Whittingham Lane.
Members noted that the application proposes to use the existing access and incorporates a turning head within the site. **MIN 29** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2017/0624 Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory at Grindlestone Court, 9, Whittingham Lane. Members noted that an existing conservatory will be demolished and a sun lounge will be built on the same footprint. **MIN 30** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

PROPOSED CLOSURE WHITTINGHAM ROAD

The Parish Council was notified of a temporary road closure with parking restrictions on Whittingham Road / Halfpenny Lane / Inglewhite Road between June and December to allow utility works to be installed for a new housing development. Contact details for the company carrying out the works will be added to the Parish Council website.

MIN 31 Following the comments in public participation, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact LCC to request that they stress the unsuitability of Brabiner Lane as an alternative route.

FORMER RIDING SITE

The above road closures are in part connected with proposed drainage works associated with the redevelopment of the former Ridings site. It was stated that surface water drainage from the site goes into both Blundell and Savick Brooks and there are real concerns about flooding from the redeveloped site unless drainage conditions attached to the development are complied with properly, following a thorough assessment of the developers proposals by LCC and UU. There is concern that this is not happening.

Concern was also expressed that the Blundell Brook culvert across the site may be 'stopped up' adding to the worries of residents whose private drainage systems link into this culvert system. The Clerk referred to an e-mail, from the planning officer dated 6th June which states that drainage details have not yet been agreed. The Clerk requested a copy of the plan showing details of the proposed drainage connection into Blundell Brook.

MIN 32 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Planning Authority and LCC to express concern that the works are taking place before planning conditions 5,6,7 and 8 have been discharged as all of the conditions state *no developments shall take place until a scheme has been submitted and approved by the Local planning Authority*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members noted that the internal audit has been completed and no issues have been raised. All documents have been forwarded to the external auditors and the requisite statement of electors' rights and the internal audit statement have been added to the Council's website.

MIN 33 Members RESOLVED to pay the £85 invoice to the internal auditor CQ1258.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 34 Further to MIN 16 Members NOTED that the Insurance policy has been changed to AON at a cost of £725.33. Payment was made by BACS.

Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CQ NO.
Data Protection registration	Information Commissioner	£35.00	CQ 1259
June salary	Mrs J Buttle	£426.47	CQ 1260
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£78.80	CQ 1261
Newsletter production & insert of Annual Report	Mrs J Buttle	£58.00	CQ 1262
Printing of the Newsletter and Annual Report	Preston City Council	£156.25	CQ 1263
Delivery of the Summer Newsletter & Report	Carrier Pigeon / JPP Media	£80.00	CQ 1264

UPDATE ON CIL ITEMS

Members NOTED the following updates on CIL items and where necessary, proposed additional action.

Footpath Village Hall – The contractor has advised work will commence on the 14th June.

Litter / dog bins – City Councillors were copied into the complaint regarding the lack of response and it is understood the operations manager is now assessing the sites.

Speed cameras – **MIN 35** Members RESOLVED that SPID's are added to the next Agenda so that Members can discuss the different types and possible locations. If a decision is taken to proceed, the Clerk will secure quotes from various companies and check with LCC and the police to ensure the model and suggested locations are acceptable.

Circular walks – Leaflets and a CD have been received from the Environment Group so inspections of the routes can now commence. It was confirmed that once the walks have been inspected, it will be necessary to commission someone to do any repairs.

Members were also informed that the Heritage Group are looking at the production of a circular heritage walk around the parishes which will hopefully link the walks.

Bus Service / Travel plans – Despite the intervention of Ben Wallace MP a reply has still not been received from LCC. The request has also been forwarded to Cllr K Iddon the new Cabinet Member for Transport.

Green Space proposals – Officers have replied to the FOI request and despite Cllr Rawlinson's assurance that *'the figures are based on very detailed work undertaken to establish the unit costs of providing these services'* the FOI request confirms *'There is no background information as to how this (the £50,000) was arrived at.'*

Members noted that other parishes are also seeking information in respect of their green areas. **MIN 36** it was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to Preston Area Committee.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED the following correspondence / updates since the issue of the Agenda

- a. Members are requested to note that Envirocare collected the grass from the Square prior to the festival but an invoice has not yet been received.
- b. The Clerk has responded to a query regarding the absence of a filter lane at the new Broughton roundabout but a reply from LCC has not yet been received.
- c. Stretches of the A6 will be closed overnight on the 16th, 17th and 19th June to allow work to take place on the Broughton by-pass.
- d. Damage was reported to the 'Jubilee plaque' on Goosnargh Village Green. Cllr Landless offered to make arrangements for it to be straightened.
- e. Cllr Lewis advised that option 10 was finally approved as the layout for the proposed community facilities at the former hospital. The stakeholder group will now investigate the ownership of the site.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.00pm.**