

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Mon 10th Oct 2016** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Harry Landless
Cllr Dave Hall
Cllr Stan Hunter

Members of the public

Catherine Davies
Barbara Davies
Alex Webb
Margaret Procter
Denis Procter
Cllr Lona Smith

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr Bernard Huggon, Cllr Ruth Mills

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th Sept 2016.

MIN 78 it was RESOLVED that the September Minutes be signed as a true record.

Cllr Hall confirmed that he attended the community engagement workshop hosted by the County Training Partnership.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 79 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Mr and Mrs Procter supported by Cllr Lona Smith repeated previous concerns regarding the unsuitability of Brabiner Lane for use by HGV's. It was stated that another lorry got stuck last week completely blocking the road. They reiterated concerns that the road is not suitable for HGV's and pedestrian safety is being put at risk. Larger pictorial signs were again requested. The Clerk explained that the matter was referred to LCC in June and a full copy of their comments was sent to Mr and Mrs Procter. As LCC are not prepared to make any alterations to the road, the best way to pursue the matter, is to ask County Councillor George Wilkins to campaign on behalf of the residents. As the Parish Council shares the concerns that the road is not suitable, the Clerk was requested to contact LCC again to explain that the existing signs are covered in green algae and to ask that they are replaced with new pictorial signs as a matter of urgency. A copy of the correspondence will also be sent to County Cllr Wilkins with a request to intervene.

Cllr Lona Smith advised that she had attended a meeting with Ben Wallace MP regarding the City Council's position on the 5 year housing supply.

It was confirmed that other attendees were present in connection with the planning application at Belmont Farm. As there was no further business, it was RESOLVED that the meeting be re-convened and the planning application for Belmont Farm be brought forward.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2016/0671 Single storey rear extension following demolition of extension at Brabiner Cottage, Brabiner Lane. **MIN 80** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2016/0761 Single storey rear extension and alterations to roof at Bushells Cottage, Mill Lane, Goosnargh. **MIN 81** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2016/0888 Ground remediation works for a parcel of land at Area 4 Guild Park, Cumeragh Lane. Members were informed that the application was to remove asbestos contaminated crush from a parcel of land at the former Whittingham Hospital site prior to development. It was noted that the works access will be via Stag Lane. Vehicle movements will be Monday – Friday, 9.30 – 4.30. All vehicles will be sheeted with wheels cleaned if necessary.

MIN 82 Members RESOLVED to express concern regarding the use of the Stag Lane access as it is a shared access used by ramblers, people walking to the Sports and Social club and patients and visitors to Crystal Hall Care Home. Members also expressed a wish for an agreed route for construction traffic to use main roads only as drivers have been following sat navs which direct them up Brabiner Lane which is unsuitable for HGV's.

06/2016/0963 Outline planning application for 1 dwelling (access only) at Belmont Farm, Inglewhite Road. Members were reminded that a new access onto the existing private residential road has already been approved to provide vehicular access to the stables. This application uses the approved access but instead of / as well as accessing the stables, it will bend to the left to provide a vehicular access to a proposed dwelling which will be the subject of a separate application. **MIN 83** As the access is already agreed on to the private road, Members RESOLVED to raise no objection to the access. As details of the dwelling have not been submitted under this application, the Parish Council will comment further once a detailed submission is received.

S106 TRAVEL PLANS

A planning condition is attached to several Whittingham Planning applications whereby developers are required to pay a financial contribution to LCC to oversee the Travel Plan and appoint and retain a Travel Plan coordinator, however, the Parish Council has been made aware that LCC has returned a payment to a developer and have stated they are not overseeing or co-ordinating the appointment of a Travel Plan co-ordinator.

Under MIN 67, the matter was referred to the Chief Executive of Preston City Council and Members noted a reply from the Director of Development which states

- There is no provision in the S106 Agreement to deal with the scenario of an authority returning the payment of an agreed financial contribution.
- It is understood that LCC cannot fulfil the obligation of appointing and retaining a Green Travel Plan co-ordinator and cannot accept the cheque for the same.
- As LCC agreed to the provisions of the S106, the Director of Planning will take the matter up with the relevant Director at LCC as they agreed.
- PCC are not likely to take any action against the developer as it is LCC who are unable to put the travel arrangements in place

MIN 84a Members RESOLVED to await the outcome of the meeting between LCC and the Director of Planning and establish if PCC will take any action as the S106 is now invalid. Furthermore, as LCC's actions affect the sustainability of approved planning permissions Members RESOLVED to draw the matter to the attention of the Planning Committee.

MIN 84b As LCC have stated that the responsibility rests with the developers, Taylor Wimpey and David Wilson Homes will be asked to provide an update on their Travel Plan arrangements.

CONTOUR HOUSING – GOOSNARGH LANE

Further to MIN 69a Members considered the draft leaflet drawn up by the Clerk. It was confirmed that a copy had been sent to Goosnargh Parish Council's Clerk who requested that Goosnargh's contact address be deleted. Given that the majority of correspondence will come to Whittingham Parish, it was agreed that the Whittingham Parish Council logo should be included on the leaflet. **MIN 85** Members RESOLVED to finance the printing of the leaflet and 2 councillors volunteered to deliver it to the residential area identified on the 20mph map. A request will be made to Goosnargh Parish Council to assist with the costs.

Further to MIN 69b Members considered the reply from the City Council regarding their efforts to address the problem with the 5yr housing supply and noted that there is not a blanket policy approach to approving sites. Sustainability will be a key factor in the decision. Members also noted that the CPRE had replied that it is likely they would submit an objection and would help with the objection letter once the application is submitted.

WAR MEMORIAL

Following the September meeting, McMurray Brothers confirmed they wouldn't recommend painting the logo as the colours will fade. **MIN 86** Members RESOLVED to approve the final draft with the Parish logo on the right hand side under the text.

As the Clergy will be busy on Remembrance Sunday, it was further RESOLVED that the Dedication Service would be held on Friday 11th November. Cllr Hall will approach a war veteran to unveil the memorial and Cllr Lewis will speak to the Clergy and British Legion for a suitable blessing. All Members confirmed they would be available to congregate at the memorial from 10.45. An article will be included in the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

MIN 87 As the last Newsletter was issued in August, it was RESOLVED that the autumn edition would include the CIL survey and details of the Memorial Dedication.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

EASY WEBSITE TEMPLATE COST

MIN 88 Members RESOLVED to use the CIL funds to pay the £600 invoice for the design and set up fee associated with the website which updates residents on CIL developments.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 89 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Oct salary	Mrs J Buttle	£396.55	1209
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£93.20	1210
Website design and set up fee	Easy Web	£600.00	1211
Electricity Bill	E-On	£26.08	1212

HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 16 – Sept 16

MIN 90 Members noted there were no major variances between the budget and current expenditure and RESOLVED to approve the half yearly budget analysis.

CUMERAGH PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

MIN 91 Members considered the various quotes for items in relation to the play area and RESOLVED to award the contracts as follows

- Weekly litter inspections - Barton Grange
- Repair of the bark pit – Barton Grange
- Repair to benches - Integrate
- Additional signage – LCC

ORDERING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

MIN 92 Members RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a set of heavy duty, outdoor lights for a 12ft Christmas tree at a cost not to exceed £100.

GOOSNARGH VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE REPORT

Cllr Mills was due to present a Trustee Report which includes a query in relation to the CCTV. **MIN 93** In view of her apologies, it was RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the November meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

Members noted the parliamentary boundary review which creates a large new constituency of North Lancashire. **MIN 94** Following a vote, it was RESOLVED to respond to the Boundary Commission consultation expressing concern that the exercise was simply to balance the number of electorate in each constituency rather than to reflect the geographical area. It was felt that the boundary of the North Lancashire constituency was excessive with many areas having little in common. It was also felt that concerns about national policies would be diluted and due to the vastness of the area, politicians would be far too remote to represent residents and become involved in local concerns.

Members NOTED that the City Council will also be consulting on a ward boundary review in the New Year. The Parish Council has previously discussed the confusion arising from the current Whittingham / Goosnargh boundary and has questioned whether to request a Community Governance Review.

MIN 95 In light of the proposal for 95 homes on the Goosnargh boundary, Members RESOLVED to wait until the application is determined as an approval will add more weight to the argument that the boundaries are blurred.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED the latest update on the Broughton by-pass.
Members also NOTED that various queries have been received via the website including concerns about speeding, poor maintenance on the hedge at Cumeragh Village and a complaint about a property on Whittingham Lane.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Monday 14th November 2016** at 7.00pm.