

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

Residents may be aware that the Parish Council receives a payment, linked to the commencement of new developments, which can be spent on infrastructure improvements to help mitigate the development's impact. This is in addition to any measures the developer is required to provide. Residents were requested to identify projects and this is an update on items taken forward.

Solar powered speed indicator devices - LCC is developing a Policy to confirm the type of device which can be installed across Lancashire so we are unable to purchase a device until we know what the Policy is. Repeated requests for information have been ignored so we urge residents to contact County Cllr George Wilkins - george.wilkins@lancashire.gov.uk so the issue is given priority.

New footpath - Goosnargh Village Hall to the play area - the work was carried out by a contractor on behalf of the City Council but cracks appeared shortly after completion. Remedial work has been carried out with further works planned in April.

Additional dog / Litter bins - A new bin has been approved at Halfpenny Lane and we are waiting for the City Council to install it.

Boundary signs - boundary signs with the Parish logo on have been ordered and will be erected as you enter the Parish at Langley Lane, Alston Arms and Whittingham Road near the Ridings site.

Improve circular walks - All the paths are being inspected so that we have a comprehensive list of undergrowth blockages and stile repairs prior to maintenance being carried out. The leaflets will then be produced and launched early next year.

Former Whittingham hospital site.

Homes England are in the process of re-submitting new plans for the former hospital site and we will request that they fulfil their original commitment to provide **allotments** and wheelchair friendly footpaths throughout the site.

Improved Bus Services - Developers are required to submit a Travel Plan to the County Council which details commitments to bus services and alternative travel measures. The Parish Council, supported by Ben Wallace MP, is putting pressure on the County Council to ensure the measures are implemented.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

At its November meeting, the Parish Council will consider grant applications from local organisations, to assist them in providing ventures which will bring direct benefit to the area or its inhabitants. Further details are on the Parish Council website. If you represent a local organisation and wish to apply, please email the Parish Clerk.

ROAD CLOSURES

A new sewer is being installed between Haighton Green Lane and Cow Hill necessitating the closure of several roads between the 29th October and the 13th March 2019. The Parish Council was particularly concerned that **Brabiner Lane** should not be used as a diversion during the works and we have secured an agreement that the road will clearly be marked for **access only**. Full details of the diversion routes can be viewed on our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

CRIME

Residents may be aware that PC Banks and PCSO Reid transferred to new positions within Lancashire Constabulary. The rural areas are now served by PC Felipe Garcia, PC Paul Geldard, PC Bernie Clerk and PCSO Gemma McDonough. Unfortunately, a service level agreement could not be secured to enable the officers to operate from Goosnargh Village Hall but they will still be present in the village and surrounding areas. As police resources are directed towards areas with higher crime levels, residents are encouraged to report all crimes, no matter how insignificant. This can be done by calling Broughton police station **01772 863390, 101** or in an emergency, call **999**.

HERITAGE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group are looking for like-minded people, with an interest in the Heritage of their local area, to join them. Meetings are held monthly. For further information and to register your interest please contact the Chair of GWHG, Lindy King, on **07794 876326**.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be a nationwide day of commemorative events marking the centenary of the end of the First World War. Further details are available at www.brunopeek.co.uk. Locally, St Mary's Church will join in a celebratory bell ringing for 30 mins at 12.30 and the Last Post will sound at 18.55. Beacons will also be lit across the country, including the one at Beacon Fell. A Church Service will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.30. Afterwards, attendees will be invited to proceed to the Beacon Drive War Memorial where the Parish Council Chairman will lay a wreath on behalf of those unable to attend the Church Service.



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MAJOR HOUSING APPLICATIONS

In the summer edition of our Newsletter we informed residents that the City Council declared that it no longer had a 5 year housing supply and as a result, developers were submitting speculative planning applications on green fields in and around Whittingham Parish. Details of the major planning applications submitted are on our website.

The speculative applications are contrary to Policies in the Local Plan but because the City Council does not have a 5 year supply, **IF** the City Council considers that the sites are sustainable, they could be approved under the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Parish Council strongly believes the sites are not sustainable due to the limited number of supporting services, facilities and employment opportunities, but we will not know the officer recommendation until the Planning Committee report is prepared. Future Planning Committee dates are **6th Dec, 10th Jan and 7th Feb 2019**.

Currently there is a delay in determining the applications whilst County Highways carry out traffic monitoring work but we will continue to update residents via the Facebook page Goosnargh and Whittingham Against Over Development and the Parish Council website.

HOLME FELL

Residents, will also be aware that the Parish Council instructed a Solicitor to investigate the approval of 93 homes at Holme Fell. The Solicitor referred the case to a Barrister who raised several concerns with the City Council but the City Council replied by stating they were prepared to contest the concerns in court.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council does not have the resources or legal powers to raise enough funds to progress the matter and reluctantly, Members made the hard decision to withdraw from the proceedings in the hope that the costs would be capped if the case was submitted by a Residents Group, but regrettably it still proved too expensive to proceed if the case was unsuccessful.

Residents who pledged financial support to the Residents Group should contact them at **Goosnarghaction2017@gmail.com**