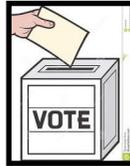


PARISH ELECTIONS

Parish Councillors are elected for a 4 year term, and in May 2019 all the seats on Whittingham Parish Council are eligible for election.



Existing Councillors and members of the public may stand for election, provided they are at least 18 years old and are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.

Applicants must meet at least **one** of the following qualifications:

- you are and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector in Whittingham Parish
- you have occupied as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in Whittingham Parish during the whole of the preceding 12 months
- your main or only place of work during the 12 months has been in Whittingham Parish
- you have lived in Whittingham Parish, or within three miles of it, during the whole of the 12 preceding months.

If you wish to apply for election, please contact Electoral Services at Preston City Council **01772 906115** for a nomination pack. These must be completed and returned by **4.00pm on Weds 3rd April**.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and give residents an opportunity to comment on planning applications, traffic problems and any other issues of concern in the Parish.

Meetings are held at 7.15pm on the second Monday of the month in **Whittingham Sports and Social Club**. Meeting dates, Agenda and Minutes are available on www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk along with finance, community information and updates on major planning applications.

The Annual Parish / Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th May at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

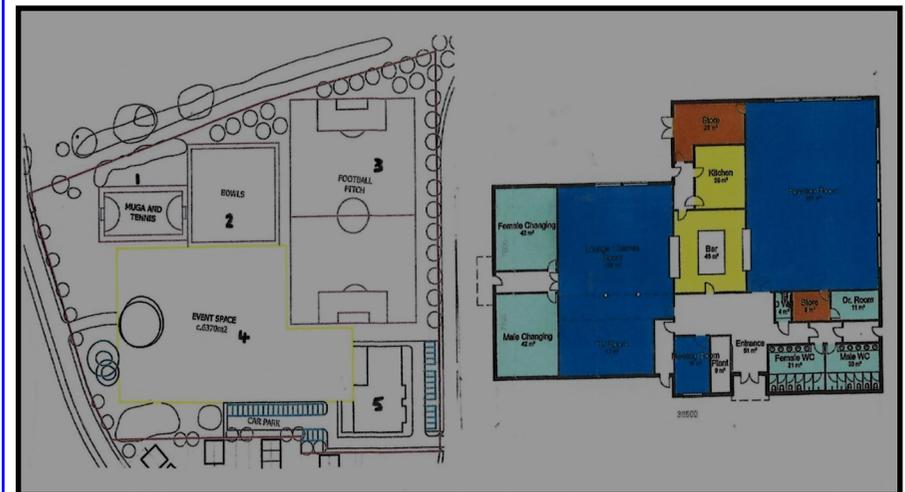
The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting where residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council, community groups and activities / events in the area. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented. City and County Councillors are invited to update residents on their activities throughout the year and community groups that have been awarded a grant by the Parish Council are requested to give an update on their activities.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL SITE

The Parish Council is represented on the Stakeholder Committee for the former hospital site where discussions are still taking place regarding the provision of the sports facilities. The drawing below shows the latest plans.

Sports pitch layout - including multi-use games area (1) bowls (2) football pitch (3) event area (4) and club house (5)

Club house layout - kitchen & bar (yellow) storage (orange) toilets / changing rooms (green) social spaces (blue)



In July 2018 Homes England held a public consultation regarding the submission of a new planning application which may remove the proposed employment area and increases the number of houses to 850 in addition to the 150 already built by Taylor Wimpey. The application was due to be submitted in October 2018, and we now understand it will be submitted very soon.

Unlike other greenfield sites, development of the former hospital site has been agreed in principle for some time - however the Parish Council still has concerns regarding the sustainability of the site and we will do our best to ensure that the original S106 Agreement - which included the above leisure provision - is not watered down in any way.

We will also endeavour to ensure that the new proposals include plans to re-instate the footpaths and rights of way and will include the promised school places, allotment provision and improved bus services.

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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

NO CONFIDENCE IN CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

As a direct result of the recent planning approvals in the Parish, at the 11th February Parish Council meeting, Members of Whittingham Parish Council Resolved that they had 'No Confidence' in Preston City Council Planning Department to undertake their statutory duties as a result of badly flawed City Council Planning Policy and the Parish Council considers that the Council's Planning Committee cannot make effective judgements based on advice from officers.

The Motion of No Confidence continues

The Parish Council considers the current Local Plan as not fit for purpose because the 5-year housing supply criteria, outweighs all other planning considerations in the Local Plan, including sustainability, so that a fair and balanced judgement on planning grounds cannot be made.

The Parish Council also considers the planning consultation process with the local community - including the Parish Council - as not fit for purpose, as the views of the local community are effectively ignored, again because of the 5-year housing supply criteria outweighing all other issues.

The Parish Council also deplores the decision to extend the time for the adoption of the new Local Plan until 2022 for reasons as yet unspecified.

A Supporting Statement has been sent to the City Council and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government - who has also been asked to 'call in' and examine the recent planning decisions. We have also asked City Council Officers to attend the Parish Council meetings to explain the situation with the 5 year supply and confirm that they will enforce conditions such as the appointment of Travel Plan co-ordinators, additional school places and transport provision, but currently they have not responded to our requests.

Any updates or replies will be added to our website

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