

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

The 2015/2016 Annual Parish Meeting took place in May and a summary of the Chairman's Annual Report and the end of year accounts are included in this edition of the Newsletter. The 2015/16 accounts are currently being audited and the budget allocation for 2016/17 is available to view on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council has a local grant policy and has made the decision to financially support 2 local community events the Whittingham and Goosnargh Festival and Whittingham Agricultural Show. The Chairman, Cllr Dave Hall presented cheques to the organisers at the Annual Parish Meeting.



You can follow events and activities for the Whittingham and Goosnargh Festival by logging on to their newly re-launched website www.whitfestival.com

REDUCTION IN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Residents may be aware that the County Council has decided to cut the standard of highway maintenance so that

- Grass verges in the rural area will only be cut once a year
- Grass verges in the rest of the City will be cut five times a year
- Weed control will be targeted based on complaints

We have not been advised how leaf clearance will be dealt with in the autumn but it is anticipated that these will not be removed as frequently. All complaints relating to any of the above listed items including the cutting of hedges adjacent to the highway should be directed to Lancashire County Council in the following ways;

Email – Highways@lancashire.gov.uk

Telephone - 0300 123 6780



PLANNING POLICY

Despite the City Council allocating additional land for housing, homes are not being built as quickly as envisaged and a Planning Inspector has recently ruled that the City Council does not have a 5 year housing supply. This means that the City Council is under increasing pressure to allow planning applications in the open countryside which would previously have been refused. The Parish Council is monitoring the situation closely and remains opposed to new developments in the open countryside particularly when the site is considered unsustainable.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

New developments at Whittingham Hospital and Cromwell Heights were approved on the understanding that the developers would increase the bus service provision. The Parish Council is aware of the pledges that were made to secure planning permission and is liaising with the developers and County Council to ensure frequent bus services are provided.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL FACILITIES

In our last Newsletter we reported that the Parish Council is working closely with the Sports and Social Club and the Homes and Communities Agency to ensure that the existing leisure provision is retained and enhanced in keeping with the needs and demands of the expanding area. Consultants have produced several options regarding the configuration of the facilities and the Parish Council has made representation that the facilities should be located in the heart of the development.

STREET NAMES

Following several queries about the naming of the roads at the Whittingham Hospital site, we can inform you that **Henry Littler Way** is named after the architect who designed the original hospital buildings. **Palmour Road** is named after Walter Thomas Palmour who was the reverend of St John's Church and **Tattersall Road** and **Joyce Roads** are named after two privates who passed away at the hospital when it was commandeered for the treatment of war casualties. Other roads have been named after former buildings such as St Johns Drive, Cameron Avenue and West Lodge Road.

DOG FOULING

Residents affected by dog fouling can complete forms to record the details of owners and dogs seen fouling. Forms can be obtained from the City Council by phoning **906905**. Please help us to monitor the situation and get this unpleasant action stopped.

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PR3 2BQ

Tel: 01772 865713

Cllr A Lewis
Chairman
7 Green Acre
Goosnargh
Preston
PR3 2BQ

Tel: 01772 863719

Cllr R Mills
Vice-Chairman
8 The Square
Whittingham
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HIGHER WARD

Cllr Dave Hall
1 Brooklands
Whittingham Road
Whittingham
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PR3 2AB

Tel: 01772 783538

Cllr Margaret Rigby
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Tel: 01772 784573

Cllr M Landless
1 The Croft
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FOR ANY PROBLEMS, CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS WITHIN THE PARISH CONTACT

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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2016

THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our quarterly Newsletter and thank you for the positive comments following the delivery of the 1st edition.

The Newsletter generated two applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy and we are pleased to welcome Cllr Martin Landless (known as Harry) to the Parish Council. The Council has a policy to elect a new Chairman every 2 years and at the Annual Parish Council meeting Cllr Alan Lewis was elected as Chairman with Cllr Ruth Mills elected as vice-Chairman.

The Newsletter is being delivered to as many homes as possible but for those not on the delivery route, copies are available from Goosnargh Post Office. If you run a local business and are happy to have copies available for customers, please contact the Parish Clerk whose details are on the back page.

Whittingham Parish Council meets regularly at 7.00pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at Goosnargh Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is a period set aside for public participation. You can download copies of the Agenda and previous Minutes from our new website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND LOCAL CONTRACTORS

Parish Councillors give their time voluntarily to support the community they are elected to represent. Tasks include making representations on planning applications, putting forward ideas for better services and ensuring residents receive value for money.

With the latter in mind, the Parish Council is seeking quotes for various maintenance jobs within the Parish and where possible, the Council would like to support and appoint local people either on a voluntary or contractual basis. Examples of work include litter picking, repainting and varnishing benches, grounds maintenance including grass cutting and the repair of a bark pit at Cumeragh Play Area. We are also looking to compile a local contact list for electricians, builders, roofers, joiners, garden maintenance etc so if you have a trade or run a local business and wish to volunteer or be contacted with work opportunities, please contact the Clerk whose details are on the back page.