

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 13th July 2015** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Margaret Rigby

Members of the public

Cllr Lona Smith

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr Stan Hunter, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ruth Mills

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th June 2015

MIN 38 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be signed as a true record.

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

There were no declarations of Interests.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 39 Members RESOLVED to adjourn for public participation.

Cllr Lona Smith advised members that the movement of poultry had been banned for 1 month and officers from trading standards were visiting properties regarding the recent outbreak of bird flu in Goosnargh. Some local lanes have been closed and this may cause disruption to refuse collections – any queries should be referred to Preston City Council. A query was raised whether footpaths were closed and the Clerk will query this with LCC.

The Local Plan has been adopted and a new plan will be produced showing the revised Area of Separation, which although reduced in size, has been strengthened by Policy EN4.

The Clerk raised a query on the 2nd July City Council report which inferred that developers can make a payment in kind rather than paying CIL monies. This may reduce the finances to the Parish and further advice will be sought from the planning department.

MIN 40 Members RESOLVED to move forward agenda item 13, Goosnargh Police Office to allow Cllr Smith to provide an update.

GOOSNARGH POLICE BASE

Members were reminded that the police might cease operating from Goosnargh Village Hall but the facility could be retained if the Parishes helped with the costs involved. Members were advised that Goosnargh Parish Council has now agreed to contribute £300 however, the Chairman of the Village Hall has raised a concern regarding the terms and conditions of hire which could be breached if the parishes pay for the room hire.

The Clerk advised that the Council had a statutory power to spend money on crime prevention methods and it would be best practice for the Parish Council to make a payment to the police in respect of crime prevention rather than paying for the room hire which could increase. Consequently, it would make sense for all concerned if the Village Hall continues to invoice the police for hiring the room (as per the existing arrangement) with the Parish Councils paying the police for the provision of a rural police service, the value of which, currently matches the cost of operating out of the Village Hall.

MIN 41 Members RESOLVED that their preferred action would be to pay £300 to the police for a rural police service provision - the exact details of which, will be specified in a Service Level Agreement. However, at the time of the meeting, the police were unable to confirm whether they could administer these arrangements and in order for the police service to continue, it may be necessary to arrange a meeting between the 2 Parish Councils, Police and Village Hall to establish how the administration will work. Members NOTED that Cllr Lewis has stated he was prepared to attend such a meeting with the Clerk should the need arise.

ALLOTMENTS / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MIN 42 Following a few minor amendments, Members RESOLVED to approve a news article regarding the Parish Council vacancy in Higher Ward and the provision of allotments. It was noted that Broughton Parish Council had advertised for new members in the Lancashire Evening Post, but Members decided to advertise locally using the Longridge News, The Longridge Guide and the Carrier Pigeon.

WORLD WAR ONE TRIBUTE / MEMORIAL

The Parish Council has allocated £1,000 towards a memorial / tribute to commemorate World War One as the existing memorial is in St Mary's Church Goosnargh and is not accessible to all. At the June meeting members acknowledged that there may be a role for the Heritage Group to assist with the design and location of a new memorial - but before taking the decision to involve them, Members needed to be clear on exactly what the Council's aspirations are. **MIN 43** Members RESOLVED to defer this item as apologies had been received from 3 members of the Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2015/0467 Erection of single storey extension to existing cattery at Dale Edge, Back Lane, Whittingham. **MIN 44** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2015/0517 Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear, following demolition of existing conservatory, at 63 Cumeragh Lane, Preston

MIN 44 Members RESOLVED to reply that this was a large extension to a semi-detached property and the extension may look out of proportion to the adjoining property. A copy of the application form stating that the extension will not be affected by neighbouring trees will be retained on file.

BOUNDARY CONSULTATION

The Boundary Commission is carrying out a review to ensure County Councillors represent an equal number of the electorate. Members NOTED that the draft recommendations will be published in November. **MIN 45** Members RESOLVED not to comment until the draft recommendations are received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS APRIL - JUNE

Members NOTED the report comparing the progress of expenditure against budgeted items. In particular attention was drawn to the elections which were less than the budgeted amount and that the contractor who installed the window in the bus shelter had waived the remainder of his fee as a gesture of goodwill for the difficulties experienced.

MIN 46 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk contact a Parish Lengthsman or the tradesmen listed on the Council's database regarding quotes for the varnishing and repairs to benches and repairs to the guttering at the Alston Arms which is affecting the notice board.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 47 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Election Charges	Preston City Council	£200.00	CQ 1136
July salary	Mrs J Buttle	£419.77	CQ 1137
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£49.80	CQ 1138
1/4ly expenses Apr - June	Mrs J Buttle	£58.65	CQ 1139
Electric Bill	E-on	£18.14	CQ 1140
Grounds Maintenance	Barton Grange	£1,548.00	CQ 1141

PAYMENT OF CIL MONIES AND NEW BANK ACCOUNT

The City Council has advised that CIL payments of £86,468 and £2,841 are due to be transferred to the Parish Council. **MIN 48** Members RESOLVED to open a deposit account with the CCLA to ensure CIL monies are kept separate from Parish Council monies. Members NOTED that the Clerk has requested a breakdown of the CIL monies and during August, will draw up a spreadsheet to cross reference the amount received with the relevant planning applications. **MIN 49** Members RESOLVED that the Parish Council hold a working group / discussion meeting in 6 months' time to discuss community engagement, the amount of CIL received and ideas for expenditure within the 5yr timescales.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO GOOSNARGH VILLAGE HALL

Members discussed the appointment of a representative to the Village Hall Management Committee and the confusion surrounding whether the appointment would involve becoming a Trustee of the Village Hall. The Clerk advised that Cllr Alan Lewis would be happy to meet with the Clerk and the Chairman of the Village Hall so that the matter can be resolved. **MIN 50** It was RESOLVED that the Clerk arranges a meeting between the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Village Hall to clarify the appointment situation.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that Aldi were holding a public consultation on a proposed new store at Longridge and Councillors are invited to attend and make comments prior to the planning application submission.

In response to **MIN 28** regarding the demolition of the stone pillars at the hospital site it has been confirmed that they are being stored safely and the intention is to re-use them during the later building phases. Members stated that August was difficult for a site visit but to check their availability again at the September meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MIN 51 It was RESOLVED that the August meeting would be cancelled and the next meeting will be at 7.00pm **on Monday the 14th of September 2015.**