



**WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Agenda for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023 at 7.15pm**  
**in Goosnargh Village Hall – downstairs**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023.**  
**The Chairman is required to sign the attached Minutes as a true record.**

**3. TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interests in respect of matters contained in the agenda noting that there may be statutory restrictions on the right to participate and vote on that matter – see Standing Order 2023 (13)

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public wishing to raise matters in accordance with Standing Order 2023 (3f, 3g & 3h) should raise them here. This is a time limited session at the discretion of the Chairman.

**NOTE:** The Council cannot make a decision or support a scheme unless the matter has been included on the agenda.

**5. BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Further to the public participation session at the July meeting, it has been established that Goosnargh Parish Council have historically submitted an entry for “Goosnargh Village” – which includes St Mary’s Church, Goosnargh Oliverson’s School, the Grapes and Bushell House in addition to Goosnargh Village Hall, Goosnargh Village Green and Goosnargh playground – which are in Whittingham Parish.

**Members are requested to confirm whether they wish to leave the arrangements as they are - with Whittingham submitting a new entry for Cumeragh Village and Higher Whittingham - OR submit all or some of the above locations as part of Whittingham’s Best Kept Village entry.**

**In addition, Members are requested to confirm the appointment of Cllrs Clarke and Woodburn as the Parish Council’s representatives on the Best kept Village Group.**

Once appointed, Cllrs Clarke and Woodburn will be required to update their Member interest forms, noting that they may not commit the Council to any expense or involvement with the Group’s actions, without first placing the matter on the Parish Council’s agenda.

**6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) LOCAL DELIVERY SCHEME 2023/24.**

LCC have published details of the 2023/24 PROW Local Delivery scheme which once again includes the biodiversity small grants project. The closing date for the scheme is the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 and as the Council claimed last year, a draft application has been prepared by the Clerk.

As LCC did not make the 2022/23 grant payments until May 2023, the 2022/23 biodiversity grant of £300 has not been spent, however, Members included an article in the summer Newsletter asking residents to provide any suggestions to spend the grant on.

**Members are requested to consider any replies, confirm how to spend the 2022/23 grant and determine whether to apply for the 2023/24 grant.**

**7. REPAIR TO HALFPENNY LANE TELEPHONE KIOSK**

At the June meeting, Members approved the purchase of new panels for the telephone kiosk and noted that new keys were required. The keys have been found and spare keys have been cut. Now that the kiosk can be accessed, the panels will be replaced and the kiosk will be cleaned. However, on further inspection, the door hinges need replacing and the kiosk needs repainting as it was last done in 2018.

**Members are requested to confirm that quotes should be sought for the works to take place this financial year.**

## 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023

The Chairman is requested to verify that the band and finance statements have been reconciled.

## 9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

**Members are required to note and approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2023 15 (xii)**

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REF
02.08.23 Goal post repair and spare parts	E Marginson	£36.85	40
Summer Newsletter delivery	J P P Media	£156.60	41
July Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£627.00	42
Clerk Salary Aug	J Buttle	£602.36	43
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£150.40	44
Electric bill to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	E-ON	£18.23	45
Summer newsletter Printing	City Council	£237.50	46
13.07.23 Cllr Marginson Black Ink cartridge	J Buttle	£31.08	47

**Members are required to approve the following accounts for payment**

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD
2 new keys for Telephone Kiosk	J Buttle	£15.00	BACs
Aug Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£627.00	BACs
Clerk Salary Sept	J Buttle	£602.36	BACs
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£150.40	BACs
Electric bill to 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	E-ON	£18.23	DD
More spare parts to repair goal posts	E Marginson	£24.16	BACs

## 10. GOOSNARGH FOOTBALL PITCH

The CIL business plan included plans to prepare and equip the Village Green with a football pitch and the preparatory costs and the provision of goal posts are itemised on the CIL Finance Plan. As Members are aware, the ongoing maintenance of the pitch needs to be funded from the precept and £4,200 was included in the 2023/24 budget. MIN 23/24.58 confirms that grass cutting is taking place on a weekly basis but currently the Council has **not** been invoiced for the work.

The football pitch has been extremely well received however the goal posts have been damaged resulting in a suggestion that more robust posts are required. Repairs to date (itemised above) total £61.01. A local resident has offered to provide a set of 11 aside hybrid nets stating that they can be wheeled on and locked in place.

**Members are requested to advise how they wish to proceed.**

Further to MIN 23/24.51 of the July meeting, the Clerk asked the City Council if they would allow the Parish Council to erect dog bag dispenser bins on the Village Green. Their reply was forwarded to Members as part of the August update.

**Members are requested to respond to the attached questions and confirm if they wish to purchase the bins (to be funded through CIL) by stating the quantity and location.**

## 11. CIL FINANCE PLAN

The CIL Finance Plan has been updated to reflect payments relating to the flagstones, football pitch and Longridge Town FC Floodlights. A request for the Village Hall roof retention amount has **not** been received.

**Members are requested to note and approve the attached CIL Finance Plan.**

## 12. CIL BUSINESS PLAN

Members were copied in to correspondence regarding the use of CIL to fund the purchase of church burial land. Since the reply was issued, a further request has **not** been received.

**Members are requested to note the attached CIL Business Plan which has been updated to include the St John Cemetery planting request MIN 23/24.54.**

### 13. NEW CIL BUSINESS PLAN REQUESTS

A request has been received to provide a bus shelter and seat at the Tennis Courts bus stop on Goosnargh Village Green. The request states that children are regularly waiting at the stop in appalling weather, along with residents who are encouraged to use public transport.

**Members are requested to consider if the request should be added to category 2 of the CIL Business Plan prior to discussions with LCC bearing in mind the S106 agreement for the Swainson Farm site.**

### 14. DOG CONTROL ORDERS

In response to the City Council Consultation on Dog Control orders, under MIN23/24.51, Members resolved to request more notices on lamp posts to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets and request that Goosnargh Village Green and Cumeragh Village Green be specifically mentioned in the Dogs on Leads Orders.

The City Council replied stating that they no longer fit signs to lamp posts as all dog owners should know it is an offence not to pick up and any problem locations should be reported to the Council via their website. The information along with a link has been added to our website.

With regards to the request for Goosnargh and Cumeragh Village Greens to be specifically included in the Dogs on Leads Order, the City Council stated that for a new area to be included, the Parish Council would need to provide evidence to show that the behaviour of allowing dogs to exercise off lead is having a detriment effect on the community in these areas. As part of this evidence, there may be the need to have a specific consultation within the Parish.

**Members are requested to advise if they wish to consult residents on the matter.**

It should be noted that if the evidence confirms that there is a problem, the areas will not be included until the Dog Control Orders are reviewed in 3 years' time.

### 15. ST JOHN'S CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT

Cllr Woodburn circulated further information from Jill Cowgill regarding St John's Church to all Members on the 14<sup>th</sup> July but Homes England have replied stating that they do not have any information relating to the current condition of the building – see **attached** email.

The Clerk has contacted Plungington Community Land Trust regarding their aspirations for Emmanuel Church and has invited a representative to attend a working group meeting to share their experiences to date. They will consider the invitation at their next meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Members are requested to confirm the next steps for the project.**

### 16. PARISH PLAN

**Theme 5 - Speeding Issues** - Further to MIN 23/24.59, a copy of the 20mph zone is **attached** however Members are requested to note this link stating that the Road Safety Partnership will no longer investigate new concerns relating to speeding in the 20mph zones.

It has been established that LCC do not have a record of the SPID bracket locations and as advised in the **attached** email, any new locations need to be approved by LCC prior to a temporary or permanent SPID being erected.

**Members are requested to advise if they wish to liaise with LCC regarding a suitable location to erect a temporary SPID (as detailed by Grimsargh Parish Council) or if they wish to continue with the current process by asking the police to continue monitoring with the speed gun.**

**Theme 3 - Community Services** – The **attached** email has been received from a Community Resuscitation Engagement Officer working for NW Ambulance Service. The officer has been invited to the meeting to explain the request in more detail.

**Members are requested to consider the information presented and indicate if there is an opportunity for the Parish Council to get involved.**

## **17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**Members are requested to note and approve the attached delegated planning comments.**

**Note** – the City Council are yet to reply to our questions regarding the refusal of the Tennis Club floodlights and there have been no further updates since the withdrawal of the application for the Scout / Tennis club proposal. Homes England are yet to submit the planning application for the new Sports & Social Club premises, however at the October 2022 meeting, the Parish Council informed Homes England that the Scouts were looking for new premises hopefully at the former hospital site. It is understood that the Scouts are now following up on that suggestion.

## **18. NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

**Members are requested to NOTE the following updates and any new correspondence received since the issue of the agenda.**

Residents contacted the Parish Council regarding drainage concerns relating to the Seddons site which Cllrs Price and Brookes responded to. Photographs of the problem and a request to raise the matter with Seddons were not received and it is assumed that the residents have taken the matter further themselves.

Members have been informed that Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh will be temporarily closed between 0930 and 1530 hours on 30th October 2023. The diversion will be down Brabiner Lane.

Preston Area Committee members are requested to update the Council on any relevant points raised at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

## **19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 at 7.15pm** in Goosnargh Village Hall.

**END**