

# WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

At Whittingham Sports & Social Club at 7.15pm

## 1 APOLOGIES

- 2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.  
**The Chairman is required to sign the Minutes as a true record.**

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

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting and not seek to influence a decision unless a dispensation request has been submitted in writing.

## 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting may be adjourned at this point to listen to any representations from the public, police, or community groups wishing to bring matters to the attention of the Council. If individuals wish to speak on an Agenda item this is the time when it should be done. **This will be a time limited session up to 20 minutes** which can be extended at the discretion of the Chair. **NOTE:** Matters requiring a Council decision or support must be included as a specific agenda item. This must be done 4 at least working days in advance of the meeting via the Clerk to the Council.

## 5 APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION

Further to Mr Worrall McBride's resignation which was declared at the February meeting, the vacancy has been advertised in accordance with advice from Electoral Services. If a by-election is not called by the 6<sup>th</sup> March, the Parish Council may co-opt to that position in addition to the 2 positions which have been vacant since the elections in May 2019. **2 written applications have been submitted (attached) and Members are requested to consider the requests for co-option.** The applicants have been invited to attend the meeting.

## 6 CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Under **MIN 20/109** of the February meeting, it was Resolved that the Clerk contact LCC regarding the number of roadworks associated with new developments at Whittingham Road, Halfpenny Lane and Inglewhite Road. Unfortunately, an officer is unable to attend the meeting due to holidays but LCC have emailed confirmation that the roadworks are regularly inspected. **Members are requested to advise if there are other specific construction concerns that need addressing.**

## 7 5 YEAR SUPPLY AND PLANNING PERMISSION UPDATE

The following information is intended to bring Members up to date regarding the latest developments on the 5 year supply and the planning applications in Goosnargh Village.

### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The Central Lancashire Authorities consulted on their intention to sign a (MOU) which states Preston's allocation of the 1026 homes needed in Lancashire would be **410** until the new Local Plan is adopted. Developers replied that the MOU was unlawful and the consultation period was extended to allow for further comments. Feedback from the extended consultation was reported to the Joint Advisory Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. The report concludes that the MOU will continue through the delegation / full Council process. The MOU was scheduled to go to Preston Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> February but it was not added to the Agenda. Currently the MOU is not adopted and the Planning Committee reports confirm that the City Council is using the Government's Standard Housing need figure of **241** homes.

### **High Court Challenge**

As reported at the January meeting, Wainhomes have lodged a High Court Challenge to the Planning Inspector's decision in South Ribble which led to the City Council changing its stance on the 5 year supply. There are 5 grounds on which the developer is contesting the decision and it is understood that the Secretary of State has conceded on one of the grounds of appeal. Both Preston City Council and South Ribble Council are standing by the Planning Inspector's decision until it is set aside by the High Court, however, some developers have alleged that the City Council is yet to issue the application refusal notices - and the decisions are not yet published on-line. According to the DCLG website regarding High Court Challenges, if the challenge is successful, the planning appeal in South Ribble will be returned to the Planning Inspectorate for re-determination. *This does not necessarily mean that the original decision will be changed or reversed as a different Inspector may come to the same decision but for different or expanded reasons* – but if the decision has a bearing on the 5 year supply it is likely that the Preston applications will be appealed. Currently we can only monitor the Legal Challenge and hope the City Council continues to make decisions in accordance with the Government's Standard Method.

### **Neighbourhood Plans (NHP)**

An email has been received questioning whether the Parish Council will revisit its decision not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. Members are reminded that a NHP does not offer 'protection' from development – as evidenced by the applications approved in Broughton – it gives residents an opportunity to influence where the homes should go and what they should look like, however if adopted, the Parish Council will receive 25% of CIL monies rather than the current amount of 15% - which is capped at £100 per number of households on the Council Tax register.

NHP's must also be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the Local Plan and it is important to note that as the City Council has already commenced a consultation on the Local Plan, it is extremely unlikely that a NHP can be produced before the conclusion of that document. Consequently, the suggested way forward is to continue to engage with the Local Plan process to ensure that the City Council is fully aware of the Parish Council's view that Whittingham is unsustainable and that any new developments must be accompanied by an infrastructure Master Plan – similar to that introduced for the development of NW Preston. **For clarity, if Members wish to suggest an alternative approach, a vote must be taken on whether to include the matter as a specific Agenda item.**

## **8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL**

Members are requested to note that the Clerk has looked into a drainage concern regarding application 06/2017/0339 and a visibility splay concern with application 06/2018/0867. A concern has also been raised regarding the need for a trade effluent licence 06/2019/0318 which has been queried with UU. A verbal update will be given.

**The Parish Council is requested to consider the following applications and make representations to the City Council.** Details of the applications will be available at the meeting and can be viewed on [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

**06/2019/1436** Two storey extension north elevation and single storey extension to south facing elevation at 91, Cumeragh Lane, Preston. (2<sup>nd</sup> consultation)

**06/2020/0051** Outline planning application for 7no. dwellings (all matters reserved) at Radar Station Site, Whittingham Lane, Broughton, Preston.

**06/2020/0061** New vehicular access off Whittingham Road following removal of Hedgerow at land to the north of Whittingham Road, Longridge, Preston,

**06/2020/0137** Single/two and half storey side extension, new pitched roof over existing rear extension, rear dormer and driveway extended to create additional parking space and entrance widened with new dropped kerb at 48, Church Lane, Goosnargh,

**06/2020/0204** Front and rear dormers at 5, Churchgate, Preston.

**9 2019/20 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Chairman is requested to check the statement of accounts against the bank statements for the end of February.

**10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Clerk Salary	J Buttle	£536.24
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£134.00

**11 2020/24 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Members are requested to note that the grounds maintenance contracts for Cumeragh Village and the Millennium Garden run for 3 years and expire this year. 5 companies have been approached to provide quotes which will be presented to the meeting.

**Members are requested to consider the quotes and approve a contractor for the next 3 year period to start in April.**

**12 2020/21 E-ON ELECTRICITY CONTRACT**

The Council has a one year fixed price plan with E-ON for the electric supply to the Millennium garden. The contract needs renewing before the 14<sup>th</sup> April. **Members are requested to renew the current arrangements and confirm the preferred term.**

**13 2018/19 INTERNAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to comply with Audit Requirements and Finance Regulations, **Members are required to review the following enclosed documents** and confirm that they are up to date and appropriate to the Council's requirements.

- A. Risk Management Plan and Policy Statement
- B. Risk Management Assessment Register
- C. Council's Asset Register

Members are also required to approve Mr Slade as the Council's Internal Auditor and comment on the **Terms of Reference** and suggested **Methodology for Internal Control**. The audit procedures are summed up in the **Effectiveness of the Internal Audit** which should show that the Council has considered the financial procedures, audit requirements and risks.

**14 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Further to **MIN 20/116**, Members are requested to consider the attached feedback from the Best Kept Village information session and decide whether to submit an entry.

**15 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY SPRING CLEAN**

Keep Britain Tidy are inviting Parish Councils to take part in a Spring Clean between the 20<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April. **Members are requested to consider registering for the event and advertising an activity day in the Parish Newsletter.**

**16 NEWSLETTER**

The Parish Council Newsletter needs to be issued in April to update residents on the co-opted councillors and to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Updates will be provided on the planning situation, CIL expenditure and Agenda items 14 and 15. Residents will also be reminded how to report construction concerns and pot holes. **Members are requested to suggest any other items so a draft can be circulated by email.**

**17 NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members may be requested to NOTE any new correspondence received since the issue of the Agenda.

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.15pm**. As this is Bank Holiday Monday, **Members are requested to consider an alternative date.**