

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 8th Aug 2016** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Ruth Mills - Chairman
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Harry Landless

Members of the public

Cllr L Smith PCC
L King GWHG
PC C Banks accompanied by a PCSO

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Lewis, vice Chairman Cllr Mills chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Dave Hall, Cllr Stan Hunter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th July 2016.

MIN 53 it was RESOLVED that the July Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

MIN 54 Cllr Huggon declared a personal interest on application **06/2016/0541** for the conversion of the former RAF bunker as it is adjacent to his property.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 55 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Smith stated that the public consultation took place regarding the proposed development at Goosnargh Lane but a planning application has not been submitted yet. The reaction from those attending the consultation was not favourable. Concerns were raised about the hedgerow that has been removed but it is understood that the amount removed did not require planning permission. Cllr Smith also mentioned that the City Council planning website was being updated. The Clerk stated that several problems have been referred to planning and concerns have been expressed that there is no information relating to the discharge of conditions on approved applications.

Members were informed that a new date has not been confirmed for the Whittingham Hospital Stakeholder meeting.

PC Banks apologised that the police had missed a few meetings due to holidays and staffing changes at Broughton station. He stated that there are a number of Parish Councils, neighbourhood PACT meetings and individual groups who appreciate a police update but it is not always possible to attend them all. PC Banks confirmed that he and PCSO Reid are still covering the rural areas but there are currently vacancies for the 3 officers covering the Sharoe Green and Garrison areas who were based at Broughton. The police station is still supported by volunteers and there is a recruitment drive to attract more.

With regards to local incidents, there has been a significant increase in thefts from the building sites and developers are being asked to improve their security. There has also been an increase in calls to Guild Lodge, mainly due to an increase in problematical patients and a reliance on the police to sort out disputes between staff and patients. The police office in Goosnargh Village Hall is operational and opening times will be provided so these can be added to the Parish Council website.

Lindy King stated that additional research was still being carried out but details of some assets to be included on the Heritage List have been emailed to the Clerk.

As there were no other comments, it was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL S106 - Transport

Members noted that the City Council has confirmed they are negotiating with LCC regarding the discharge of conditions in relation to the Travel Plan Co-ordinator for The Mosses development. The Clerk has also contacted LCC to ascertain why they have chosen not to appoint a travel co-ordinator to oversee the travel arrangements for the Whittingham area, but emails and phone calls are not being acknowledged.

MIN 56 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Chief Executive of LCC to express concern that officers are not responding to emails or telephone messages and due to the specific nature of the query, the call can't be processed by the general call centre.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2016/0541 conversion of former RAF bunker to dwelling at The Bunker 504 Whittingham Lane. Members noted that the City Council omitted to consult the Parish Council and the consultation period has been extended to the 15th August.

Members noted the proposal would create a new dwelling on a brownfield site. It was considered that the conversion would make use of a sound concrete building and would improve the use and visual appearance of the site.

MIN 57 Members RESOLVED to raise no objections to the proposal.

06/2016/0606 Single storey side extension at Ambleside 134 Whittingham Lane.

Members noted the application was for the conversion of the existing garage with a small scale extension to the rear.

MIN 58 Members RESOLVED to raise no objections to the proposal.

06/2016/0615 Phased demolition, rebuild and extension to existing barn building at Seed House Farm, Cumeragh Lane. Members were informed that the proposal is for the modernisation of an existing building to improve the flow of the wood processing operations. The improved layout will enable the business to manufacture roof trusses and will provide additional office accommodation at first floor level.

It was stated that concerns had previously been expressed regarding the noise and hours of use and whilst the premises were set back from the road and had a newly widened access, concern was expressed regarding the transportation of roof trusses.

MIN 59 Members RESOLVED to raise no objections to the proposal but requested that the operating hours be re-stated in the conditions and recommended that LCC be consulted on the transportation of the roof trusses as the site is accessed by narrow rural roads.

REVIEW OF CIL ITEMS

Members NOTED that the Clerk has a tracking system to monitor the CIL monies and was able to provide additional information to the external auditor regarding the amount of CiL received, what it was awarded for, what it will be spent on and when it will be spent. As further monies will be received in October, Members considered other items of expenditure, what form of engagement should take place and whether consultants should be used.

Members suggested that there may be a requirement for solar speed indicator devices and that residents should be asked to participate in a survey to suggest items which meet the CIL criteria. The survey can be published via the Newsletter and website. Once the responses have been collated, Members can consider the information and assess if consultants are required to process the information or collate more data.

MIN 60 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains information on solar speed devices and compiles a survey for consideration at the September meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman verified that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 61 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Aug salary	Mrs J Buttle	£396.55	200
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£93.20	201

It was NOTED that Cllr Landless needs to be added as a signatory on the bank account.

WEBSITE

Members NOTED that the Easy Website is now live and has been populated with information relative to the Parish Council.

MIN 62 Members RESOLVED to sign the monthly direct debit payment.

GRASS VERGE MAINTENANCE

At the July meeting, Cllr Smith reported that LCC were reducing the frequency of cuts to grass verges. Some verges on Beacon Drive were badly affected by the decision and Members considered whether these verges should be included in the maintenance agreement for Beacon Drive. A view was expressed that the roadside verges were just as important and maintaining one area sets a precedent for others to be maintained too.

The Clerk clarified that Beacon Drive was a unique case because it was primarily a residential area and the Parish Council was already maintaining some of the land. Residents have the option to maintain the verge adjacent to their property – and as the verges in question were adjacent to land maintained by the Parish Council, it seemed sensible to see if the verge could be included in the contract especially as additional growth could impair visibility at the junction.

MIN 63 It was RESOLVED to amend the maintenance contract to include the verges at the road junction only - directly adjacent to the land already maintained by the Parish Council.

The Clerk was also requested to ask LCC to arrange for the hedge to be cut at Cumeragh Village and to arrange for the Parish Council hedge to be cut in accordance with the budget.

FEEDBACK RE LOCAL LIST

Members resolved to enlist the help of the Local Heritage Group to assist with the identification of places / assets to be included on a Local List and Members NOTED that initial feedback has been received from the Heritage Group.

MIN 64 It was RESOLVED that the draft list be circulated by email as soon as possible so that Members could consider the content. It was suggested that The Square is added to the list and any further amendments or comments are emailed to the Clerk as soon as possible so that a final version can be included on the September Agenda.

NEWSLETTER

MIN 65 Members RESOLVED to approve the final version of the Summer Newsletter and requested that the arrangements be made for its delivery.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED the latest update on the Broughton by-pass which was enclosed with the agenda.

LCC have advised that Stage Coach will be altering the times for the 4C bus service from September to improve overall reliability. The Clerk was requested to contact Stage Coach to see if the alterations will include an improved service to Longridge

Members were informed that the memorial stone has been delivered and the Clerk was requested to include the details for the commemoration service on the September Agenda.

Cllr Mills is hosting a McMillan coffee morning at Whittingham Sports and Social Club on Sat 1st October and will email a poster to the Clerk for inclusion on the website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Monday 12th September 2016** at 7.00pm.