

FORMER WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL SITE.

We understand that the Homes England Planning Application to redevelop the former hospital site will be going to Planning Committee on the **7th November**. If approved, the total number of dwellings at the site will increase to **900 homes**. Whilst the application is a new submission, the site is included for development in the Local Plan and as such, several factors have already been agreed in principle. A summary of the Parish Council's comments on the application can be viewed on our website and we will continue to meet with Homes England to request that they work with us to deliver the original commitments such as sports facilities, allotments, wheelchair friendly paths, green travel plans etc.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Residents will be aware that a number of planning applications in the village are still dependent on a decision by the Secretary of State. Whilst we wait for that decision, the Parish Council has been working in Partnership with Longridge and other Local Councils to see what can be done to improve local services and amenities and we are pleased to announce that **improvements are planned to both Berry Lane and Stone Bridge surgeries** to accommodate the increase in residents.

With regards to education, Parish Councils have been asked to request **£106 funding for school places** as this can be spent locally rather than being used to contribute to the Community Infrastructure pot which is managed by Lancashire County Council.

When commenting on planning applications, concerns have been expressed that LCC only seem concerned about the A6 corridor, not the **impact of traffic more locally**. With this in mind, discussions have taken place to commission independent consultants to investigate the local impact of the increased volume of traffic.

SOLAR POWERED SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Parish Council has agreed to finance 3 Solar powered speed indicator devices which will be erected on Halfpenny Lane and Whittingham Lane. The devices will collect data recording the volume of traffic and the average speed and we hope to be able to use the data to appeal for improved speed monitoring and traffic calming measures.

COSY HOMES IN LANCASHIRE

Means tested and low income residents may be able to apply for funding for loft and cavity wall insulation and to replace boilers, solid fuel fires, electric heaters or gas wall heaters. Residents can get more details by contacting the CHiL on **03306 061 488** or emailing contact enquiries@rheaprojects.co.uk

BUS SERVICE 4, PRESTON - LONGRIDGE

Stagecoach have announced that they will be withdrawing the No 4 Bus Service from the 3rd November but happily, Lancashire County Council have arranged for **Preston Bus to provide a replacement service** using finances secured through developer contributions from planning applications such as the Whittingham Hospital site. Timetables and information on the **new No 45 Bus Service** can be collected from Preston Bus Station and can also be viewed on the Parish Council website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

In addition to the above, the Parish Council has arranged to meet with Lancashire County Council in November to discuss other travel related issues in and around the Parish.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Parish Council will shortly be considering its budget for **2020/21** and as in previous years, Members will consider allocating grants to local organisations to assist them in providing ventures which will bring direct benefit to the area or its inhabitants. If you represent a local community organisation and would like to apply for a small grant, please contact the Parish Clerk.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Parish Council was pleased to contribute towards litter picking equipment to assist a small group of residents who regularly collect litter from the area. The group meet on **Tuesday mornings at the Stags Head Bus Stop between 9.00am and 9.15am** and would welcome any extra volunteers. Simply turn up at the above time.

In addition to the above, some areas of the Parish would benefit from weeding but the areas are too small to employ contractors. Consequently, we are asking for volunteers to spend a few hours tidying up identified areas as part of a community activity day. If this interests you and you would like to meet other community minded residents, please contact the Parish Clerk.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A Church Service will be held in **St Mary's Church on Sunday 10th November at 10.30**. Afterwards, the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Hall will proceed to the **Beacon Drive War Memorial to lay a wreath at approx. 11.45** on behalf of residents who may not be able to attend the Church Service. All residents are welcome



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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

We are pleased to welcome **Cllr John Worrall McBride** to Lower Ward. Cllr Worrall McBride was co-opted in October and lives within 3 miles of the Parish. He has lived in Preston for most of his life. Climate change, the environment and renewable energies are important to him and he would like an opportunity to express his views on housing applications, fracking and the proposal for an Energy Recovery Facility near Grimsargh.

Following the co-option, we still have **2 vacancies on Lower Ward** which covers Goosnargh Village which is being swamped by planning applications. The Parish Council needs to be at full strength to continue to challenge these applications; deal with construction difficulties and campaign for improved services and facilities at the former Whittingham Hospital site. Consequently we are appealing for local residents to come forward and represent the community on these and other Parish Council matters.

To be a Parish Councillor you need to be over 18 years of age, be on the list of electors for the Parish or reside or work within 3 miles of the Parish. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council usually meets at **Whittingham Sports and Social Club** on the **2nd Monday** of the month at **7.15pm**. Future meeting dates are 11th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th Mar & 13th Apr.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and the Agenda usually includes a period set aside for public participation so that residents can raise concerns regarding items in the Parish. If your concern requires a decision or action by the Council, you must contact the Clerk at least 1 week before the meeting so that the item can be included on the Agenda.

Our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk includes copies of the Minutes, Agenda, Councillor contact details, financial information and a news page updating residents on items of interest that come to the Parish Council's attention. Please visit the website and use the 'Contact Us' link with any queries or questions.

