

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 11th December 2017** at 7.15pm at **Whittingham Sports & Social Club**.

Members:

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman
Cllr Dave Hall
Cllr Bernard Huggon,
Cllr Stan Hunter,
Cllr Alex Meades

Members of the public

Lindy King - GWHG

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk.

APOLOGIES – Cllr Harry Landless , Cllr Margaret Rigby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th November 2017.

MIN 100 it was RESOLVED that the November Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

Members declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the setting of the Precept and submitted a written request for a dispensation under S31 of the Localism Act 2011.

MIN 101 The Clerk considered the requests in accordance with SO 38 and S101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and granted the requests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

MIN 102 Cllr Meades and Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in the discussion regarding Whittingham Road utility works as it affects their properties.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 103 it was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Lewis gave an update on the Holme Fell planning application by explaining that Whittingham and Goosnargh Parish Councils, along with Goosnargh Residents Association, had engaged a Solicitor to investigate the merits of a Judicial Review. The cost will be shared by the 3 organisations. In response to a question it was confirmed that residents had pledged financial support to the resident association and were being updated by email. There being no other comments or questions, it was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

WHITTINGHAM ROAD UTILITY WORK

At the November meeting, concerns were expressed regarding the utility works taking place on Whittingham Road. LCC have replied that despite the contractor working 10hrs a day, the works will not be completed in time and may continue over Christmas.

Members stated that work has not taken place for 10hrs a day, however the level of activity has increased recently and as this has led to an increase in mess and dirt, residents would like to see road sweeping / wheel washing carried out.

MIN 104 Members RESOLVED to reply to LCC, questioning why residents have not been advised of any problems or the possibility of a delay. In view of the problems, Members also wish to question whether a comprehensive ground survey was carried out before the commencement of the works, what role LCC has had in supervising the contractors and why the delay wasn't picked up by LCC much earlier.

Prior to the works re-commencing in January, Members would like all residents to receive an update on the works, including start / finish times, details of any piling works and a contact number to report further delays / problems. Confirmation is also requested that the whole road will be resurfaced and the kerbstones replaced once the roadworks are complete.

Members also requested that the works stop on the 22nd December and recommence on the 2nd January, with the road being cleaned and 'driveable' during the Christmas / New Year period.

TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

Members NOTED that no new planning applications have been received.

TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Members considered the Standing Orders which were last approved in October 2014.

MIN 105 Members RESOLVED to approve the Standing Orders with the following amendments

- 1a amend to Whittingham Sports & Social Club
- 1b amend start time to 7.15pm
- 1c amend to read smoking *and the consumption of alcohol* is not permitted at any meeting of the Council.
- 24a amend to read Members of committees and sub-committees entitled to vote shall vote *by show of hands*

The Chairman signed and dated a revised copy of the Standing Orders.

TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018/19

Members considered the revised budget figures following the discussions at the November meeting. It was noted that the Council has a 3year contract with Envirocare and the gross cost will be £3,000 making the annual budget expenditure **£18,190**.

In 2017/18, Band D properties paid **£17.45** towards the Parish Council administration costs. The Band D figures for 2018/19 are not yet known, however, the City Council has advised that Whittingham has 1,002 properties on the Council Tax register. £18,190 divided by 1002 properties would be an average of **£18.15**, however, some residents will pay more and some will pay less depending on their Council Tax band.

MIN 106 With the above in mind, Members RESOLVED to set the precept at **£17,190** using £1,000 from reserves to supplement the increased budget costs.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Members NOTED that Cllr Meades has been confirmed as a signatory on the bank account.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members NOTED that Goosnargh Tree Services returned CQ 1292 requesting an alteration to the payee details. The alteration was approved, CQ 1292 was reissued as CQ1294

MIN 107 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Dec salary	Mrs J Buttle	£426.47	CQ 1295
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£78.80	CQ 1296
Ground maintenance	Envirocare	£18.00	CQ 1297

CIL ITEMS

At the November meeting, Members requested that the Clerk ask the City Council for an update on outstanding/commenced planning approvals as some sites appear to have commenced without CIL payments being passed down to the Parish Council. A verbal update was given and it was NOTED that in respect of the development at Lyndhurst Farm **06/2016/0408** CIL is not payable as the applicant has provided evidence that the agricultural buildings were in lawful use before they were converted to residential accommodation.

Defibrillator – under MIN 96, Members RESOLVED to purchase a defibrillator to be installed at Goosnargh Village Hall, however since making the decision, Goosnargh Oliverson's School have stated that they wish to move their defibrillator outside providing they can raise funds for a metal storage cabinet. As the area around the school is not in Whittingham parish and as the Village Hall is used by many community groups and is located closer to the main road and the heart of the Village, Members decided to continue with the above resolution.

Spids – under MIN 94, Members RESOLVED that the Clerk approach other companies to supply a solar speed indicator device in keeping with LCC's comments. Members considered a solar device from Traffic Technology and agreed this would meet their requirements as it was more in keeping with LCC's recommendations. Assuming LCC are satisfied with the device, the Clerk will make further enquiries regarding the purchase of 2 units – one for Higher Whittingham and one for Lower Whittingham – with a view to purchasing additional units if the device is successful.

Boundary signs – MIN 108 Members RESOLVED to add 4 boundary signs with the wording 'Welcome to the Parish of Whittingham – Please drive carefully' to the CIL business plan. Members looked at a range of signs available and agreed a template which will accommodate the parish logo. The Clerk will obtain costs and final designs and will contact LCC regarding permission to install the signs on the Highway.

SEPTIC TANK REGULATIONS

At the November meeting, Members NOTED an email from a drainage company relating to changes in the regulations relating to septic tanks. Following an email exchange with the Environment Agency, **MIN 109** Members RESOLVED to inform residents of the changes in the next Newsletter with all enquiries to be directed to the Environment Agency

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that they are invited to a carol service in St Mary's Church on Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm. The Chairman confirmed he would give the reading.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 8th January 2018** at 7.15pm at the Sports and Social Club.

Members noted that the working group will consider a refresh of the Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Plan on Monday 22nd January at 7.15 . This is will not be a Parish Council meeting.