

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 14th Dec 2015** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Stan Hunter
Cllr Bernard Huggon

Members of the public

Lindy King – Heritage Group
Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES - Cllr Alan Lewis and Cllr Ruth Mills

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th November 2015.

MIN 95 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the November meeting be signed as a true record.

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

MIN 96 Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in the consultation on the Parish bus service as he is a volunteer driver for Preston Community Transport.

All Members present 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 97 The Clerk considered the requests in accordance with SO 38e and S101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and granted the requests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 98 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Lindy King informed the Council that the Heritage Group had held 2 meetings attended by half a dozen people and a new logo has been chosen. They have been in touch with the museum service and will be visiting the archives section in January. They have received several items for storage and are desperate for new storage facilities. If approved, the grant (along with a donation from Goosnargh Parish Council) will be most welcome.

It was mentioned that the LEP have recently published several historic photos of the area and it was suggested that the Heritage Group contact the LEP to see if these are of interest.

TO CONSIDER LCC CONSULTATION ON PARISH BUS SERVICES

Members noted that LCC are proposing to withdraw bus subsidies from the 2nd April 2016. This may lead to some local subsidised services being deregistered and withdrawn. At present it is unclear which routes will be affected.

LCC have stated that they will support local communities by providing a mini bus type vehicle to Parish Councils, providing they can produce a business case to run a well utilised service properly registered with the Traffic Commissioner. An introductory guide has been produced which explains the scheme in more detail.

Members noted that running a bus service would be a major undertaking for a Parish Council especially acting in accordance with the appropriate legislation. An alternative option would be to engage with a community transport provider to see if they could provide a rural service to Parishes similar to the Little Green Bus service in Ribble Valley, however it was also felt that bus providers will still be required to run services through the Parish to meet the sustainability requirements attached to new developments.

MIN 99 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk

- a) contact LCC to ascertain which Whittingham services are currently subsidised, the current usage levels and the level of subsidy involved
- b) look at the planning consents of the approved developments to check whether increased bus service provision was a condition of the consent or S106 agreement and if applicable, contact the developers to see if any negotiations have already taken place with bus providers
- c) engage with the Preston Area Committee of Parishes to see if other Parishes are collectively interested in a community transport service such as the Little Green Bus, Dial-a-ride, volunteer drivers, community car hire arrangements etc.

TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

The order of the Agenda was changed to deal with financial matters first as Cllr Huggon needed to leave early, consequently Cllr Huggon was not present for planning decisions.

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

06/2015/0896 Erection of stables for private use to include sand paddock and storage building for storage of items ancillary to the land - plot 1 & 2 Field 6637, Old Clay Lane.

06/2015/0897 Erection of stables for private use to include sand paddock and storage building for storage of items ancillary to the land - plot 4 & 5 Field 6637, Old Clay Lane.

Members were informed that the above applications were refused in May 2012 and an appeal against the refusal was dismissed in January 2013. A further application was refused in December 2013 due to access concerns. Since the previous refusals, the City Council has adopted a new SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) where 3 horses are considered to be a small private development. The application states that the applicant grazes 6 horses and is visiting the site twice a day to feed and water them. The RSPCA have advised it is imperative that the horses are stabled during the winter months.

Members noted that LCC Highways have stated that there would be no highway objection providing the visits remain as per the current arrangements but there would be an objection if the use was intensified. The planning officer has advised that 2 stable blocks accommodating 6 horses are proposed on each field and in its current form the application is considered an overintensification, however if the applicant removes one stable block from each field (resulting in 3 horses stabled in each field) the application may be considered more favourably.

MIN 100 Members RESOLVED to oppose the application in its current form of 2 stable blocks in each field as it has already been established at appeal that this would be unacceptable on highway grounds. Members noted the City Council's intention to take the application to the February planning committee and requested a copy of any amended plans.

06/2015/0927 Erection of a dwelling (outline) on land at Pudding Pie Nook Lane, Goosnargh.

MIN 101 Members RESOLVED to raise no objection to the development as Pudding Pie Nook Lane provides access and services to other established dwellings. The erection of one dwelling on an end plot was not considered an overintensification of the area.

06/2015/0938 Prior notification of change of use of agricultural building to dwelling at land north of Oak House, Pudding Pie Nook Lane, Goosnargh.

MIN 102 Members NOTED the application may be permitted development.

Members NOTED that a revised housing scheme may be submitted on land off Pudding Pie Nook Lane. Members expressed a desire to see the scheme before deciding if the developer should give a presentation to the Council.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

WEBSITE

As part of the budget proposals, Members agreed to the principle of financing a receptive website using a professional template. A presentation of such a site was demonstrated at the November meeting. **MIN 103** Members RESOLVED to proceed with easy-website and authorised the Clerk to sign the contract. The direct debit mandate will be signed by 2 councillors in accordance with the financial regulations.

TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016 / 2017

Further to the November meeting, Members considered the revised budget estimate.

MIN 104 Members RESOLVED to set the precept at £15,375 noting that £1065 could be funded through CIL monies and £800 could be funded from reserves.

MIN 105 Members RESOLVED to award a grant of £125 to the Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group from the 2015 / 2016 accounts. CQ 1159

MIN 106 Members RESOLVED to award a grant of £500 to the Whittingham and Goosnargh festival and £250 to Goosnargh Agricultural Show from the 2016/17 accounts. Both amounts will be awarded at the May Annual meeting.

CIL TRANSFER AND EXPENDITURE

MIN 107 Members RESOLVED to transfer **£89,308.64** to the CCLA account by cheque 1164 as the bank has not yet confirmed the addition of the Clerk as a service administrator.

MIN 108 Members RESOLVED that the 1/4ly finance review should include a progress report on the CIL balances and the opportunity to add new items to the expenditure list. Members NOTED that the current suggestions included £500 for setting up the website, printing of the Parish Newsletter, £300 for the police office, possible repairs to the footpath at Goosnargh Village Green, new dog / litter bins at Green Nook and Halfpenny Lane if not provided by the developers and the provision of a SPID.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 109 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Dec salary	Mrs J Buttle	£419.77	1160
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£49.80	1161
Supply, install and remove Xmas tree	Barton Grange	£312.00	1162
Hedge Cut and Hoop removal	Goosnargh Tree Services	£246.00	1163

TO CONSIDER DESIGN IDEAS AND COSTS FOR THE WAR TRIBUTE

Cllr Huggon has contacted the stone mason with regard to the designs for the war memorial. A sloping design was not recommended as any lettering will suffer from weather damage. A different design was discussed at the meeting based on the designs in the showroom but a hard copy was not available to view. The design was in the region of £1100 which includes VAT which can be reclaimed. **MIN 110** It was RESOLVED that the item will be considered again at the January meeting and the Clerk would submit a grant application to the LCC Parish Champion.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED the following correspondence

- Feedback on the Electoral Review of Lancashire – no changes for Whittingham
- Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Civic County Carol Service

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.00pm.**