

## WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**AN ORDINARY** meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at 7.00pm in Goosnargh Village Hall, Preston.

### **Members:**

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman

Cllr Bernard Huggon

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Ruth Mills

Cllr Margaret Rigby

Cllr Lona Smith (arrived late due to a prior meeting)

### **Members of the public**

Mark Davies CCLA

Representative from Broughton Police

### **APOLOGIES** Cllr Stan Hunter

Members were informed that the Parish Clerk Mrs Julie Buttle was absent through ill health and Members expressed their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Cllr A Lewis took the Minutes in the Clerk's absence.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

**MIN 101** It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the December meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**MIN 102** Members RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

Mr Mark Davies addressed the meeting to discuss investment opportunities with the CCLA in respect of the anticipated receipt of CIL monies. CCLA specialises in 3 organisations only – Churches, Charities and Local Authorities. The organisation is mutually owned and has half a billion in funds. The property fund is a long standing investment yielding a return of 4.5% annually. Currently 86 authorities are using it and it is attracting inward investment and is growing. The minimum entry level is £25,000. CCLA advise a minimum 5yr view. Income return is almost immediate but there is a question mark over capital growth and it may take 2 / 3 years to get back to the initial point. Mr Davies was thanked for his presentation.

Broughton police addressed the meeting and advised of a trend for criminals to 'park up' and cross the fields to steal. The police are asking for assistance from the public in reporting any suspiciously parked vehicles.

The Parish Council was prepared to make a financial contribution to support the police in using Goosnargh Village Hall as an 'outreach' office but the Council is unsure where the police are up to with this issue. Cllr Lona Smith has raised the matter on behalf of the Council.

Rural crime is up and there have been many burglaries around the Christmas period but arrests have been made.

Attention was drawn to the police email alert system 'In the Know'. The alerts are proving beneficial and can be specifically tailored.

A number of residents have raised concerns regarding parking / stopping outside the Post Office stating 'it is an accident waiting to happen'. The police will follow this up.

There is no noticeable increase in thefts of dogs in the area.

The police were thanked for their attendance and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

## CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

**06/2014/0891** Erection of 1no residential dwelling, creation of parkland landscape, erection of outbuilding, walled garden, solar panels and access works (Re-submission of application 06/2014/0197) at Langley Lane, Goosnargh. Members felt there were no significant changes to the new application.

**MIN 103** Members RESOLVED to re-submit the previous objections.

## INVESTMENT OF CIL MONIES

Further to the presentation under public participation, questions were raised regarding the CCLA minimum 5 year investment term and the 5 year limit on spending CIL monies.

**MIN 104** Members RESOLVED to consider alternatives before making any decision and to discuss the matter further as an agenda item at the next meeting.

## DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**MIN 105** Due to the absence of the Clerk, Members RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

## QUARTERLY BUDGET ANALYSIS 2014 / 15

**MIN 105** Due to the absence of the Clerk, Members RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**MIN 106** Members RESOLVED to note and approve the following accounts for payment.

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
S137 Donation (seat)	FOWGG	£193.14	1108

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Clerk Salary	J Buttle	£400.15	CQ 1110
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£56.00	CQ 1111
1/4ly Admin Expenses	J Buttle	£92.67	CQ 1112
Disposal of Christmas tree	Barton Grange	£50.00	CQ 1113

## CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL

**MIN 107** The proposed cuts were NOTED.

## TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

**MIN 108** Due to the absence of the Clerk, Members RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

## MEETING VENUE

**MIN 109** Members RESOLVED to continue meeting in the Village Hall meeting room.

## TRAINING

The Chairman expressed an interest in attending the Community Engagement Course. **MIN 110** Members RESOLVED to NOTE the courses available and re-visit the list following the elections of a new Council in May. Members queried the process for re-electing new / existing councillors. The Clerk will explain this in due course.

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

**MIN 111** Members RESOLVED to nominate the Chairman to be entered in to the ballot to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

### **LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE**

**MIN 112** Members RESOLVED to nominate the Chairman (complete with polished regalia) to attend a Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members NOTED that a Supplementary Planning Document consultation on Onshore Oil and Gas will run from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will be included for discussion on the February agenda. In the interim, it can be viewed at

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=259>

Members requested an update on the dispute regarding the bus shelter window at the next meeting.

Members advised that the lights surrounding the new meeting hall on Whittingham Lane are causing concern for residents / motorists. The Clerk was requested to check the planning conditions.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members NOTED the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00pm.**