

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 11th July 2016** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman
Cllr Dave Hall
Cllr Stan Hunter
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Harry Landless
Cllr Ruth Mills
Cllr Margaret Rigby

Members of the public

Cllr L Smith PCC
P Parker and G Allen CVA
L King GWHG

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES All Members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th June 2016.

MIN 37 it was RESOLVED that the June Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

MIN 38 Cllr Mills declared a personal interest in Cumeragh play area as she lives on The Square and Cllr Hall and Cllr Rigby declared a personal interest in application **06/2016/0493** at Whittingham Road due to the proximity of the application to their homes.

Following a query by Cllr Huggon, the Clerk advised the Parish Council had not received amended plans for The Bunker and a query will be raised with planning.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 39 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Smith stated Taylor Wimpey had copied her in to their reply to the Clerk regarding the appointment of a travel plan co-ordinator and notes that the delay appears to be with LCC.

She informed Members that Goosnargh Parish Council is experiencing problems with the maintenance of Inglewhite Village Green and she has made representations to LCC as the reduction in cuts to grass verges, is considered to be a safety concern.

Planning officers recommended approval for the 24 dwellings proposed at Pudding Pie Nook Lane despite the Parish Council objections that the application was unsustainable.

Cllr Smith called the application before planning committee and spoke against the proposal. Committee Members decided to refuse it due to the sustainability concerns.

It was stated that the City Council had decided not to defend an appeal at Barton because the latest figures indicate they do not have a 5yr housing supply which will make it harder for the City Council to refuse applications for new dwellings. Those present were informed that a public consultation would take place in Goosnargh Village Hall on Tues 19th July regarding a new development proposed on land opposite Goosnargh Village Green.

Members of Cumeragh Village Association informed the Council that they had held a public meeting at Whittingham Social Club following complaints about litter and smoking outside Guild Lodge. The CVA have approached Guild Lodge with their concerns, but Guild Lodge have replied that they are following national policy by banning smoking on their premises. This action has resulted in patients, staff and visitors congregating outside. Guild Lodge informed the CVA that they have put bags out for the litter and are looking at issuing fixed penalty notices if they are not used.

The CVA felt the litter bags were not being used and the litter will encourage rats. They expressed concerns regarding how Guild Lodge was managing the situation and stated it was affecting Whittingham Club and other areas of the village. It was also stated that patients and staff were smoking at The Square and holding inappropriate discussions in front of children using the Parish Council play area.

It was acknowledged that patients and staff can't be restricted from congregating or smoking in public places, however, it was suggested that Guild Lodge should do more to provide facilities for staff and patients at their premises. It was also suggested that a no smoking sign is included at the play area.

As the matter was not on the Agenda, the Council could not make a formal decision on any action to be taken, however, as the Council has previously approached Guild Lodge regarding people congregating outside the premises, it was agreed that the Clerk would request an update. The addition of a sign for the play area has been discussed previously and this will be added to a future agenda for further consideration.

It was confirmed that the Heritage Group had received the information on the Local Heritage List and they will ask their members if they can offer any assistance in identifying assets.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL S106

Taylor Wimpey have advised that they have sold 29 out of the 150 dwellings in phase one of the Whittingham Hospital development and they have made the necessary payments to LCC in relation to the school bus contribution. Payment was also made in respect of the Green Travel Plan co-ordinator but LCC have returned the payment, stating that they do not wish to employ the person, they only wish to be involved in the discussions. Taylor Wimpey state they are meeting with the HCA and LCC to try to take the matter forward.

Members expressed their deepest concern regarding LCC's response to Taylor Wimpey especially as the Green Travel Plan is a requirement of the legally binding S106 agreement. As Taylor Wimpey are only responsible for the first phase of the development, it makes sense for LCC to appoint the coordinator so that they can take responsibility for all phases of the hospital site and other developments such as The Mosses and Riding sites.

MIN 40 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact LCC with the above comments and ask them how they intend to co-ordinate the efforts of individual sites to ensure a robust travel plan is created for the Whittingham area. The Clerk will also notify the City Council that the travel plan co-ordinator is not in place and will make enquiries regarding whether they will take any enforcement action as the S106 agreement has not been complied with.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Under MIN 26 Members RESOLVED that the Parish Council preferred the community facilities to be located within the site (option 4) as this best reflected the aspirations of the appeal decision. Cllr Lewis presented this decision to the Stakeholder meeting but not all parties agreed. Some felt the facilities would be best located at Gott Field and others felt Gott Field should be used to further existing business facilities such as the caravan site. More research will be carried out, ready for the next stakeholder meeting on the 21st July.

CUMERAGH VILLAGE PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspection report has been carried out in accordance with the agreement held with the City Council. The report is similar in content to last year's report but prioritises the need for the bark pit to be repaired. **MIN 41** Members RESOLVED that there was no need to obtain an independent inspection report.

Members were informed that quotes are being obtained for the bark pit but further information is required to ensure the quotes are comparable. Quotes for weekly inspections and litter picking have been received from the CVA, Barton Grange and Integrate and a request for volunteers is included in the summer Newsletter.

Integrate submitted an acceptable quote for the repair of the benches but Members queried the type of wood to be used. A hard wood such as Accoya was suggested. Members requested confirmation of the life expectancy of the wood and whether it will be pre-treated against rot and whether it will need regular varnishing.

MIN 42 It was RESOLVED that a decision on these matters will be taken in September once replies from the Newsletter have been received.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER CONSULTATION

Members were informed that the City Council has issued a consultation regarding the level of provision for Gypsies and Travellers. This is likely to be the first of 3 consultations – Call for Sites, Preferred Options and Publication Version.

MIN 43 Members RESOLVED to reply to the consultation highlighting the following points

- the disparity between the sites identified for Preston (22) and South Ribble (1),
- do not provide permanent pitches for travelling show people who are passing through

- no sites are required in Whittingham as a need has not been identified locally,
- There should not be a blanket policy allowing gypsy and traveller provision on all mixed use sites identified in the local plan – each application submitted should be considered on its own merits in accordance with policy 8 of the Core Strategy.
- Contributions need to be paid to support and improve the infrastructure such as drainage, schools and highways in exactly the same way that housing developments are required to pay.
- Concern is expressed that as Longridge was identified as a growth centre in the Core Strategy, housing was approved on the Whittingham border. A Traveller site does not promote growth and the border should be protected from further development.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2016/0493 Reserved matters application seeking approval for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 113no dwellings with public open space and associated infrastructure, pursuant to outline permission 06/2015/0876 at the former Ridings depot on land to the north of Whittingham Road.

Members noted that this was a reserved matters application and comments could only be submitted on the landscape, appearance and scale. In general terms, the application is for 113no x 2 storey dwellings (at a density of 35 dwellings per hectare) of which 34 will be affordable. 2 material palettes will be used to add interest to the streetscape. All properties feature curtilage parking and there will be storage for up to 4 bins. The scheme features secondary access routes within the site which will provide connectivity to other phases.

The northern area of open space includes an equipped play area with landscaping. There should be a Habitat Management Plan detailing the long term maintenance of the equipment and landscaping – but this does not appear to have been submitted.

Members stated that they still had concerns about the drainage of the site. They also felt that street lights should be erected along the frontage of Whittingham Road and the pavement should be widened. Concerns were also expressed regarding the number of new accesses being created in a short stretch of road. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council will receive CIL funding in relation to the development and this could be used to finance traffic calming measures.

It was noted that the S106 agreement requires payment of financial contributions totalling £857,574. In light of difficulties with other applications, Members requested further details regarding who is responsible for the monitoring of the development to ensure payments are paid promptly in accordance with the trigger points.

MIN 44 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk make the above comments and query how the Parish Council can make further comments on the highway and drainage issues, bearing in mind that the detailed plans have not yet been submitted.

Members NOTED the following 2 planning applications which were received after the agenda had been published.

06/2016/0573 2 detached dwellings on land to the rear of Greenacre, 37 Halfpenny Lane, Longridge. Members noted that the the application was similar in nature to an application at Lyndhurst Farm in so far as it was for the construction of new dwellings in the open countryside. **MIN 45** Members decided not to request an extension of time and RESOLVED to delegate the application

06/2016/0581 outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling on land at Pudding Pie Nook Lane. Members noted that the application was a resubmission of 06/2015/0927 which had been refused by the City Council as they considered the application to be in an unsustainable location. **MIN 46** Members decided not to request an extension of time and RESOLVED to delegate the comments to the Clerk in accordance with Standing Orders.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed the accounts reconciled with the June bank statements.

REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS AND CIL ITEMS

MIN 47 Members considered the analysis of the budget for the 1st Quarter – April to June and NOTED there were only minor variations from the anticipated expenditure. Members also noted that additional Cil monies were due in October and further to the discussion on application 06/2016/0493, requested that Cil expenditure is placed on the August agenda.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 48 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
July salary	Mrs J Buttle	£396.35	1194
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£93.40	1195
1/4ly expenses Apr - June	Mrs J Buttle	£43.50	
Bulk ink & paper (½ amount W/P)	Mrs J Buttle	£63.14	1196
Electric Bill	E-on	£25.28	1197
Garden and grass maintenance	Barton Grange	£1548.00	1198

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Under public participation it was confirmed that members of the Local Heritage Group will be asked to assist with the identification of local heritage assets and it was confirmed that the Heritage Group are eager to promote their work beyond the Goosnargh / Whittingham area. Members of the Council provided contact details of people who may have local knowledge but they were already known to the group. Members considered whether an article could be included in the Parish Council Newsletter. **MIN 49** It was noted that the summer edition was virtually complete and unless an article can be comfortably added, it was RESOLVED to re-consider the matter when drafting the winter edition.

NEWSLETTER

Members considered the draft summer edition of the newsletter which contains the following articles.

- Confirmation that the councillor vacancy has been filled
- Grant photos, and reports from the Annual Parish meeting
- Road names for the Whittingham Hospital site
- Expression of interest for local maintenance jobs and play area inspection
- LCC contact details regarding the reduction in the mowing of grass verges

MIN 50 Members RESOLVED to include an A5 insert containing the Chairman's report and the summary of the 2015/2016 accounts. Any comments on the draft newsletter are to be submitted to the Clerk with a final version to be approved at the August meeting.

LALC AGM

Members NOTED that the LALC AGM will be held on Saturday 19th November at 10.00 at County Hall, Preston. Attendance was not confirmed.

Cllr Hall expressed an interest in the Community Engagement workshop on the 27th September. **MIN 51** It was RESOLVED to pay the £25 attendance fee and if Cllr Hall can't attend the Clerk will try to attend instead.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members were asked to NOTE that

1. Footpath 28 at Irelands Farm off Brabiner Lane will be diverted from the end of June.
2. Grass verges on Beacon Drive have not been cut and the Clerk is making enquiries with LCC. Any action required by the Parish Council will be included on the next Agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Monday 8th August 2016** at 7.00pm. **MIN 52** Members RESOLVED to continue with the meeting, noting that apologies had been received from the Chairman.