

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 9th June 2014** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall, Preston.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall Chairman
Cllr Stan Hunter
Cllr Bernard Huggon.
Cllr Alan Lewis
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Lona Smith

Members of the public

PCSO Reid
Gordon Hogge of
Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr R Mills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the meeting held on 12th May 2014.

MIN 23 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Members NOTED the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which will be approved in May 2015.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 24 it was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Mr Hogge of Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue explained that there had been several changes to the team with a new deputy leader and person in charge of fundraising and he apologised for not being able to attend the May meeting. Public interest in the unit has increased following the Myerscough open day but the unit is not as well supported as the busier Lake District team and Mr Hogge thanked the Parish Council for the £200 donation. He outlined some of the work undertaken which ranges from attending mountain bike incidents at Gisburn Forest to returning missing persons and dementia patients to their families. The unit which relies on volunteers also helps residents stranded or injured during wintery conditions. Mr Hogge was thanked for his attendance.

Cllr Hall apologised for not being present at the Goosnargh Festival as he was on holiday and did not receive confirmation of the date until after the event, otherwise he would have asked the vice chairman to deputise. The Clerk was asked to send an apology to the festival organisers and to request that they send an official invitation in future so that the Parish Council can ensure that the chain is present.

Cllr Rigby advised the Clerk that the telephone kiosk key has not been returned. The Clerk stated it will be with Cllr Mills as the painter did not use it.

RIBBLE VALLEY CORE STRATEGY - MODIFICATIONS

The Parish Council has previously made representations on the Ribble Valley Core Strategy and stated that the document was not sound as the need for new housing development has not been justified and the addition of so many houses is unsustainable as there are no proposals for an infrastructure master plan. Members were advised that modifications have been submitted which increases the number of houses in the area to 5600 which equates to approx. 280 dwellings a year.

MIN 25 Members RESOLVED to respond to the modification consultation by repeating the original representations.

LONGRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hall advised that he attended the AGM of Longridge Town Council and after the meeting, discussed the possibility of extending the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan to include those areas west of Longridge (Whittingham Rd, Halfpenny Lane, Inglewhite Road) that are at risk from development.

Members replied that they had resolved not to produce a neighbourhood plan in Oct 2012 and they were not in favour of submitting a joint plan with Longridge Town Council as their plan was already advanced and it was not within the Parish Council's remit to comment or submit plans for Longridge.

MIN 26 it was RESOLVED by 5 votes to 1 not to take the proposal forward.

MIN 27 PCSO Reid joined the meeting at this point and it was RESOLVED to further adjourn for public participation.

It was reported that there has been a house burglary on Halfpenny Lane and some tools have been stolen from the site where the new Gospel building is being built. Damage has also been caused in an attempted theft of trailers however the registration of a vehicle has been captured on the number plate recognition system and the vehicle has not entered the area again. No incidents were reported at the field day and although the fair closed early this was not at the request of the police. A 'cold calling zone' was introduced in Broughton and it is hoped this can now be introduced at the Square. It was queried whether it can be extended to Goosnargh too. PCSO Reid explained that it can take 2 years for the scheme to be approved and it would depend on 70% of residents being in agreement - so smaller areas are easier to progress. It was stressed that the scheme only applies to businesses calling from outside the area – not local companies or people running Avon etc.

Cllr Smith informed the Council and PCSO Reid that Chief Supt James Lee had received the Clerk's letter about using the Village Hall as a police office and he had implied that he was supportive of the venture.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2014/0315 Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling at Selwyn Croft 175 Whittingham Lane, Goosnargh.

MIN 28 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2014/0343 & 344 listed building consent for alterations and extensions to dwelling including the erection of a porch to the rear following the demolition of the existing single storey flat roofed extension, removal of existing chimney and construction of new chimney to west elevation, re-form the original barn door, alterations to window openings, installation of new window frames and conversion of outbuilding to form granny annexe at White Farm, Back Lane, Whittingham. Members noted that the proposed alterations would be more sympathetic to the original design of the building. **MIN 29** Members RESLOVED to support the application as it was bringing a derelict listed building back into use.

06/2014/0349 Change of use of part of contractors depot to residential curtilage and erection of detached domestic garage/workshop and store at Withy Trees Farm, Cumeragh Lane, Whittingham.

MIN 30 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

INSURANCE

MIN 31 Members RESOLVED to approve the insurance renewal with Zurich at a cost of £758.79.

MIN 32 Members considered the asset sheet and RESOLVED to make the following alterations to the sum insured for insurance purposes

- Rebuild quotes to be provided for the bus shelters
- £100 limit for benches and dog bins to cover vandalism and damage
- Remove the boundary signs as these are covered by LCC
- Remove the street lighting – covered by LCC
- £1000 for the Noticeboards
- Valuation needed for the Chain of office
- Remove the Boardroom table
- Remove the electrical enclosure
- £100 limit for plaques to cover theft
- Remove the printers - value less than insurance excess

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 33 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CQ NO.
sInsurance Renewal	ZURICH	£758.79	1078
June salary	Mrs J Buttle	£392.13	1079
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£54.20	1080
Data Protection Renewal	Information Commissioner	£35.00	1081
Bowland Pennine	Mountain Rescue	£200.00	1082

APPOINTMENT TO WHITTINGHAM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) have advised that they will be setting up a Community Liaison Group to prepare a proposal relating to the ownership, management and operation of the community facilities at the former Whittingham Hospital site. The Clerk explained that whilst the appointed member should report back to the Council, they must not make decisions on behalf of the Council and in accordance with the Code of Conduct they should declare their involvement on their Member Interest form. **MIN 34** Members RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Lewis to the Liaison Group. The Clerk will notify the HCA of the decision.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL MEMORIAL

HCA have replied that a commemorative memorial could be incorporated at the Whittingham hospital site if the Parish Council could provide a steer on the form it would take. Members thought it would be a good idea if the artwork commemorated the hospital and the role it played during the war. Members suggested that the Longridge News could run an article asking for art work suggestions and local schools could be involved in a competition to design something. **MIN 35** Members RESOLVED that this would be a good exercise for the HCA to engage with the local community with the Parish Council and HCA jointly involved in judging any entries.

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Members NOTED an email addressed to Cllr Lewis during his chairmanship inviting him to visit the Annapolis Valley to learn more about the twinning initiative. Members NOTED that various schools and community groups were also involved in the twinning. **MIN 36** Members felt that a civic attendance would not be of benefit to the Parish.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Concern has again been expressed regarding Japanese Knotweed in a hedge at Cumeragh Village. It is a 'notifiable' weed and requires specialist removal. The Clerk has notified LCC on several occasions and their reply is that the landowner needs to seek specialist advice regarding its removal but they are not proposing any further action. **MIN 37** The Clerk was requested to draw the matter to the attention of the Countryside Service asking them if they are prepared to take action under section 14 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

- Members were reminded of the City Deal presentation to be held at County Hall on the 10th June.
- Members NOTED correspondence from LCC advising that the Village Green application has been advertised and will be considered on the 30th July.
- Members NOTED that several properties and Broughton primary school car park will be affected by the compulsory purchase order for Broughton by-pass.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 14th July** 2014 at 7.00pm. Members were informed the Clerk would be taking some time off between now and the next meeting but could be contacted by email for urgent items.

The Clerk was requested to draw Preston City Council's attention to parking on the Village Green and to let the police know about double parking near the tennis courts.