

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 8th June 2015** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall.

Members:

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

Members of the public

Rachael Hesketh

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th May 2015

MIN 21 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May Annual Parish Council meeting be signed as a true record. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were NOTED as a correct record.

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

MIN 22 Cllr Mills declared a personal interest regarding the registration of the Village Green as she lives on The Square.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 23 Members RESOLVED to adjourn for public participation.

The Chairman welcomed Rachael Hesketh to the meeting. Rachael is a greenspace worker for Groundwork and expressed a desire to see allotments, community food growing and a forest school in a combined multifunctional setting within the Parish. Although Whittingham is a rural areas, many gardens are multipurpose and tend to be used for relaxation or children's play. Rachel has posted her idea on facebook and has received 20 likes and 3 enquiries from local residents. She understands the Parish Council has looked at the provision of allotments previously and is seeking advice regarding availability of land and opportunities to explore.

In response to questions it was established that the venture may be run as part of groundwork or it may be run independently but that would involve public liability etc. Currently Rachael is trying to establish the level of interest and hopes to set up a community group with a constitution and bank account to enable members to apply for grants and funding. It was suggested that Rachael contacts the Homes and Communities Agency, Guild Lodge and Goosnargh Gardening Club for support for her idea and the Clerk was requested to provide contact details.

PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council noted the City Council's Open Space SPD which states new developments are required to pay a financial contribution towards new provision or improvements to existing allotments – but the City Council has no specific plans for the Whittingham area as allotments are included under phase 2 of the Whittingham hospital development. The Clerk has contacted the HCA who have confirmed allotments are still being considered – but an indication of need would be appreciated. Members noted that they have a duty to help facilitate the provision of allotments under the Small Holdings and Allotment Act of 1908.

MIN 24 it was RESOLVED that the Clerk draw up an article to be included in the Longridge News and Goosnargh Guide requesting that interested residents contact the Clerk. Once the demand is known, further discussions can take place between the Parish Council, Rachael and the HCA to discuss the options available.

MIN 25 It was further RESOLVED that the publicity includes reference to the Higher Ward vacancy and the draft article is to be brought to the July meeting for approval.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL ARTWORK – HERITAGE GROUP INVOLVEMENT

At the May meeting, the newly formed Heritage Group expressed a desire to work more closely with the Parish Council and HCA to develop 2 pieces of artwork to be provided at the former Whittingham hospital site under the terms of the S106 agreement. Members clarified that the Parish Council wishes the artwork to acknowledge the history of the site and the staff and patients that worked there.

MIN 26 Members RESOLVED that there were no objections to the Heritage Group working with the HCA and local community to encourage the submission of ideas for the artwork – providing the Parish Council is involved in the final choice of design. This decision will be conveyed to the Heritage Group and the HCA so they can start discussions.

At the May meeting, the Heritage Group also expressed a desire to be involved in the World War One tribute / memorial that the Parish Council has allocated £1,000 towards. Members discussed that there is a memorial in St Mary's Church, Goosnargh and the redevelopment plans include removing some pews to make the memorial more accessible – but a view was expressed that the memorial should be accessible to all and is not actually in Whittingham Parish. It was acknowledged that there may be a role for the Heritage Group to assist with the design and location of a new memorial - but before taking the decision to involve them, Members need to be clear on exactly what the Council's aspirations are.

MIN 27 It was RESOLVED that this matter be brought back to Council in July for further discussion.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL DEMOLITION

Members were advised that all 5 villas at the St Lukes complex would be retained as part of the hospital redevelopment, but following a structural survey by Mouchel, it has been declared that retention is not a feasible option and a prior notification application was submitted for their removal. The accompanying information stated that HCA will require the incoming developer to integrate key features of the existing villas into 3 replacement villas and this is likely to be achieved through a combination of the re-use of salvageable material following demolition.

MIN 28 Members expressed their dismay regarding the 'loss' of the pillars at the north entrance and requested that the Clerk establish if the pillars were salvageable and if they are being stored safely so that they can be included in the new buildings. As several Members are not familiar with the former hospital site, Members also RESOLVED that the Clerk request a guided walk around the site so that they can translate maps and photographs to the physical features on the ground.

GOOSNARGH POLICE BASE

It was envisaged that the police base would be a joint venture between the police, 2 Parish Councils, and Goosnargh Village Hall and a partnership agreement would be required to establish the commitment of each organization.

Members were advised that Goosnargh Parish Council would discuss the venture later this month, but have indicated that they would not be offering funding as most of their residents are in Whitechapel, Bleasedale and Inglewhite and would not go to Goosnargh. The Village Hall advised they were supportive of the venture and referred to an original agreement between themselves and the police which could be used as a basis for a new agreement. Unfortunately the agreement is in storage and has been requested by the Clerk.

MIN 29 Members RESOLVED to defer the matter until the agreement can be provided and the support of Goosnargh Parish Council is confirmed.

20 MPH ZONES

When the 20mph zones were introduced, it was explained that if communities have concerns that motorists are not complying with the limits, a range of initiatives can be implemented before the police take enforcement action. Members NOTED the initiatives and a product where speed stickers can be added to wheelie bins.

MIN 30 Members RESOLVED to approach the Safer Transport team to see what initiatives are suitable for the area and if any can be implemented.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2015/0341 Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling following demolition of existing lean to at 14 Church Lane, Goosnargh.

MIN 31 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2015/0390 Variation of condition no.1 'approved plans' attached to planning approval 06/2007/1049 comprising of relocation of detached garage at Seed House, Cumeragh Lane. Members noted that the proposed garage will be located on the site of the former dweelinghouse which must be demolished following the occupancy of the new dwelling.

MIN 32 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2015/0425 Outline planning permission for the residential development (Class C3) for up to 26no dwellings, seeking approval for access only Pudding Pie Nook Lane Goosnargh.

MIN 33 Members RESOLVED to object to the application for the following reasons

The site is located in an Area of Separation and adjoins the village of Broughton as defined by Policy AD1 of the emerging Local Plan. In considering the Local Plan for adoption, the Inspector determined that the City Council has a 5yr housing supply and this site is not included in the provision. It is considered that the site is unsustainable in terms of its poor location in relation to bus routes and local amenities such as shops, schools and health care. It is understood that the access track is actually a public right of way and the access will be shared with a distribution centre served by HGV's. This arrangement is considered dangerous for residential traffic. It is noted that the visibility splay on the junction with Whittingham Lane will be improved but concerns are expressed that the exit is still dangerous particularly for traffic turning right. Due to the proximity to Langley Lane, Members request a safety impact assessment is carried out at both junctions.

06/2015/0438 Erection of detached garage to side of dwelling and formation of new vehicular access to front including drop kerb at 3 Church Lane, Goosnargh

MIN 34 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman verified that the bank and statements of accounts reconciled.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members NOTED that there were no issues raised by the internal audit.

MIN 35 Members RESOLVED to approve payment of £85 to the internal auditor.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 36 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

| DETAILS | PAYEE | AMOUNT | CQ |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|------|
| Internal Audit | Len Slade | £85.00 | 1133 |
| June salary | Mrs J Buttle | £419.77 | 1134 |
| Tax / National Ins | HMRC | £49.80 | 1135 |

CUMERAGH VILLAGE GREEN REGISTRATION

MIN 37 Members RESOLVED to lodge an official complaint that the Parish Council has still not received the formal confirmation that land at Cumeragh Village has been registered as a Village Green. Members NOTED that a trailer tent had been removed from the land.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

There were no new items of correspondence but the Clerk was asked to report moss on pavements at Cumeragh Village and overgrown hedges restricting the pavement width.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.00pm**. A proposal was put forward to postpone the August meeting due to holidays. This will be included on the July Agenda.