



WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Thursday 10th June 2021** at 7.15pm in Goosnargh Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr D Hall - Chairman
Cllr T Brooks
Cllr B Clarke
Cllr M Woodburn

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed those present back to face-to-face meetings after 18 months of remote meetings due to Covid.

APOLOGIES

Following the meeting, apologies were received from Cllr B Huggon and Cllr A Meades.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on **4th MAY 2021**.

MIN 21/22 it was RESOLVED that the 4th May Minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chairman. Members also NOTED the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which will be approved in May 2022.

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

There were no declarations of interests.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

MIN 21/23 The Clerk confirmed there is no legal requirement to appoint a Vice-Chairman so Members RESOLVED to appoint to the role on an ad-hoc basis as and when the need arises.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

At the May Annual Council meeting, Members deferred the appointment of representatives to outside bodies as not all Members were present. **MIN 21/24** Members RESOLVED to make the following appointments

- **Whittingham Hospital Stakeholders Group** - Cllr T Brooks (plus emails via the Clerk)
- **Preston Area Committee** – 3 Members (Cllr D Hall, the Clerk or Cllr B Huggon)
- **Trustee to Goosnargh Village Hall** – Cllr M Woodburn
- **Trustee to G & W United Charity** – Position deferred - pending more information
- **Trustee to G & W Heritage Group** – Cllr B Clarke

Members were reminded that they should keep other Members informed of the organisations' activities via email and they should provide a summary report to the Annual Parish Meeting. Members also have the option to place matters on the agenda if Parish Council support is required on any matter.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Anyon attended the meeting to discuss police incidents but was called away to other business. The figures for January – May 2021 were circulated and noted. The Clerk confirmed that the Police had withdrawn plans to promote neighbourhood policing by operating out of the Village Hall. It was confirmed that residents were trying to set up a neighbourhood watch group but as the initiative has to be endorsed at a community meeting, progress is on hold.

MIN 21/25 Members noted the election of a Sue Whittam as the County Councillor and RESOLVED to invite her to a future meeting.

PLANNING APPEALS / 5 YEAR SUPPLY UPDATE

Members NOTED that the Secretary of State has declined to intervene in the decision regarding the Goosnargh Village appeals. Consequently, the Planning Inspector's decision will be final. The High Court challenge into the Cardwell Farm application at Barton remains critical regarding how the 5-year supply is assessed, but to date, there has been no update regarding the City Council's legal challenge.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

To reduce the time spent in meetings post Covid, the Clerk is dealing with routine planning matters under delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (15 xiv).

MIN 21/26 Members RESOLVED to NOTE the delegated representations submitted in May.

In response to a question relating to application **06/2021/0722** to convert 2 agricultural buildings to 1 dwelling at Swainson House Farm, the Clerk confirmed that whilst new dwellings in the open countryside would normally be strongly opposed, buildings previously used for agricultural purposes can be converted to dwellings under permitted development. Several conditions have to be complied with (which the Clerk will circulate) but if the application meets the conditions, the proposal will be approved, consequently the response is to leave to planning.

Members noted that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of an outline application **06/2018/0732** for 111 dwellings at land to the rear of 126A Whittingham Lane, Broughton and a revised application **06/2021/0405** has been submitted. The resubmission proposes that all the housing will be in Whittingham and all the open space will be in Broughton to comply with their Neighbourhood Plan. The initial application was refused with the Goosnargh Village applications and as the City Council has robustly defended those appeals, the City Council should defend this refusal too. With regards to the resubmission, the application was refused for 3 reasons – non-compliance with the Policy 1 of the Core Strategy, Policy EN1 of the Local Plan and Broughton's Neighbourhood Plan. Instead of tweaking the application to comply with Broughton's NHP, equal weight should be given to all 3 policies.

MIN 21/27 If the application is recommended for approval, Members RESOLVED that the Clerk should speak against the proposal.

UPDATE TO BANK SIGNATORIES AND ONLINE BANKING

MIN 21/28 Members RESOLVED to update the Co-Op banking mandate by approving the addition of Cllr T Brooks as an account signatory and confirming the removal of Cllr M Rigby. Members noted the requirement to activate the electronic authorisation tokens and noted that the Clerk will arrange individual meetings to facilitate this.

MIN 21/29 Members RESOLVED to update the CCLA banking instructions to remove Cllr A Lewis and Cllr M Rigby and add Cllr B Clarke and Cllr M Woodburn.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st May 2021

The Chairman verified that the finance and bank statements had been reconciled and noted that the Parish Precept was received on the 12th May.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

MIN 21/30 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD
E-On bill	E-On	£12.79	DD
Greenspace contribution	Preston City Council	£990.00	BACs
Clerk Salary June 2021	J Buttle	£551.07	BACs
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£137.60	CQ 1505
SPID inspection and repair	Traffic Technology	£375.00	BACs

MIN 21/31 Members RESOLVED to pay the Data Protection fee by direct debit reducing the payment from £40.00 to £35.00.

CIL UPDATES

Cumeragh Play Area - Members were informed that Wicksteed had stated it would be 6 weeks before they could top up the bark in the play area, consequently the Clerk suggested ordering bulk bags to be spread by volunteers. Members of the Cumeragh Village Residents Association responded to the agenda item and volunteered to spread the bark. As the bark pit is a safety concern, the Clerk ordered 4 bulk bags of play chippings at a cost of £780.00. **MIN 21/32** Members RESOLVED to approve the purchase which is substantially less than the Wicksteed quote already approved by the Council.

Speed device repair - Under MIN 21/15 Members approved an on-site repair to the Speed device at a cost of £625. The Clerk rang to confirm the order and negotiated a revised cost of £375. **MIN 21/33** Members RESOLVED to pay the invoice and noted the device was inspected and repaired on the 3rd June.

Goosnargh Green Benches - Seddons have raised a concern regarding the standard fixings for the benches on the Village Green and taller fixings may be required. **MIN 21/34** Members RESOLVED to delegate the purchase of additional fittings to the Clerk

PROW walks - Members were informed that the Cumeragh Canter and Pudding Pie Nook Lane walks have been completed and the accompanying scripts have been updated. Members NOTED a concern that the walks may need strimming as the nettles make it uncomfortable for those walking in shorts. **MIN 21/35** Members considered the options to display the walk maps and RESOLVED that the Clerk seeks quotes for an aluminium display board to be mounted on the side of the Village Green bus shelter which is owned by the Parish Council. Both walk maps will be displayed in the one frame. 500 leaflets will also be ordered for each walk.

PLANTING OF TREES

Members NOTED that the Woodland Trust has launched a campaign for communities to plant more trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Various packs can be provided for planting in November 2021. **MIN 21/36** As the tree planting initiative was raised by Cllr B Huggon who was not present, Members RESOLVED to approach

- Homes England / Barratts regarding the former hospital site
- Cumeragh Village Resident Association regarding the land bordered by existing trees
- Preston City Council regarding land next to the tennis courts on Goosnargh Village Green
- Bushells House regarding a vacant piece of land opposite Bushells House
- Residents via the Newsletter.

Any replies will be brought to the July meeting for further consideration.

The Clerk NOTED a suggestion to plant a commemorative tree on Halfpenny Lane with a plaque in memory of Cllr Rigby. Approval will be sought from her family.

NEWSLETTER

MIN 21/37 Members RESOLVED to approve the content and issue of the Summer Newsletter. If an update is received on the appeals a further 'special edition' will be produced.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

There were no new items of correspondence to note.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.15pm** – in the downstairs of Goosnargh Village Hall - subject to any revisions to Covid regulations.

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