



**WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the rescheduled Council meeting**  
**held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at 7.15pm**  
**in Goosnargh Village Hall – upstairs**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman  
Cllr Tony Brooks  
Cllr Martin Carefoot  
Cllr Barbara Clarke  
Cllr Eddie Marginson  
Cllr Michelle Woodburn

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

PC J Coupe and PCSO R Hesketh  
2 representatives from Goosnargh Methodist Church  
1 resident from The Square and 1 from Cumeragh Lane  
1 resident from Inglewood  
  
Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Price.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on **12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**.

**MIN 23/24.105** Members **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the Minutes as a true record.

**TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**MIN 23/24.106** it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

The Police representatives explained that they were covering the meeting as PCSO Pearson was unable to attend. They stated that Community Road Watch was active in the area and PCSO Pearson was monitoring the parking situation around Goosnargh Oliverson's school.

Cllr Carefoot requested more checks on Halfpenny Lane and stated that motorists were trying to get a 'high score' on the Speed Indicator Device (SPID). As the Whittingham Lane SPID has an anti-speed device fitted, the Clerk will arrange for the devices to be swapped. It was also suggested that Cllr Marginson be shown how to re-boot the Device when the battery fails.

It was stated that there have been a few burglaries in the area so the advice is to ensure all properties are locked. Reference was made to the 'In the Know' mailing list where residents can register to receive local policing information. The Clerk will re-circulate the link and check it is still on the website along with crime security information.

The officers present confirmed they were unaware of any further problems or issues at Rogerson Gardens.

Residents asked if there was any progress on the chevron sign which had been removed at Cumeragh Lane. The Clerk read out the latest feedback detailed under new correspondence.

It was confirmed that the Defibrillator device had been connected to Vaughan's shop on Cumeragh Lane. The Clerk will email the NWAS officer to ask if she is ready to hold a training session in the Village Hall in the New Year.

Attendees from Goosnargh Methodist Church thanked the Clerk for the LCC Crowd Funding information and advised that they had received a draft of the proposed extension plans. They confirmed again that the cooker will be moved to the new extension if the plans receive planning approval. They also informed those present that the building has a hall available for hire.

Residents from Cumeragh stated that they come together to sing carols around a Christmas tree every year and any residents are welcome to attend. They have their own lights powered by a battery but as the most expensive cost is the tree, they would welcome a donation from the Parish Council.

As there were no others matters raised, the meeting was reconvened.

### **EXPANSION OF BROUGHTON SCHOOL**

Members noted the consultation letter regarding plans to expand Broughton Primary school. It was stated that the school is not currently in our catchment area and it was questioned if the catchment area would be expanded. If so, it was questioned if this will increase traffic in and out of Whittingham and if the proposals will have an impact on roll numbers at Goosnargh Oliverson's school. It was also questioned if the car park at Broughton can cater for the additional number of pupils. Feedback was also requested on the proposed new primary school at Whittingham

**MIN 23/24.107** Members **resolved** that the Clerk respond to the consultation by making reference to the above points.

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A COOKER AT GOOSNARGH METHODIST CHURCH**

As detailed under the public participation section of the October meeting, Goosnargh Methodist Church have requested a donation towards a new cooker to help them cater for a large number of residents, requiring company and a hot meal. It was confirmed that the church members had started a conversation with Environmental Health regarding compliance with food regulations.

Members expressed a desire to support the venture under 'Theme 3 - Culture, Community and Services' of the Parish Plan. As CIL monies should be used to improve the wider infrastructure of the parish, the Clerk suggested that CIL interest could be used to fund the purchase.

**MIN 23/24.108** Members **resolved** to set a maximum limit of £2,700 for the cooker and its installation. The Church will consult with the Clerk regarding the purchase and release of funds.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE CUMERAGH VILLAGE**

Cllr Carefoot stated that he may be able to assist with sourcing a tree. It was stressed that there must be an invoice if the Parish Council is to make a financial contribution. It was also confirmed that the residents will be responsible for the erection, lighting and security of the tree along with the completion of any risk assessments associated with any events. The Clerk will check if the Speedi tree fencing is in a suitable condition to be used. It was clarified that the tree at Beacon Drive is connected to a mains supply and as such, Nurture is responsible for the erection, dressing, risk assessments, repairs and disposal of the tree.

**MIN 23/24.109** Members **resolved** to set aside £200 from the grants and donations budget to assist with the purchase of the tree.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> OCT 2023**

The Chairman verified that the accounts had been reconciled against the bank statements.

### **INFLATIONARY PAY INCREASE**

Members **noted** the new salary scales approved by the National Joint Council.

**MIN 23/24.110** Members **resolved** to approve the Clerk's calculations for the new rates including 6 months backpay from Apr – Oct.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS**

**MIN 23/24.111** Members **resolved** to note and approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2023 15 (xii)

Mastic to repair telephone kiosk	Cllr E Marginson	£2.75	BACS
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**MIN 23/24.112** Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Poppy wreath donation Min 23/24.99	Royal British Legion	£40.00	CQ 518
Zest Snowden Obelisk Min 23/24.93	J Buttle	£117.98	BACs
Oct Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£627.00	BACS
Clerk Salary Oct with backpay	J Buttle	£902.81	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£248.11	BACs

Employer N Ins	HMRC	£56.71	BACs
Grounds maintenance	Preston City	£990.00	BACs
November Newsletter delivery	J P P Media	£156.00	BACs

Members **noted** that Easy websites will be increasing their fees by 10% from January 2024. Including Cllr email boxes, the direct debit will increase from £52.80 to £58.08.

### **LANPAC MEMBERSHIP (Lancashire Partnership Against Crime)**

Members joined LANPAC for 2022/23 and the 2023/24 invoice has been received.

**MIN 23/24.113** Members **resolved** not to renew the membership and the Clerk will request that the invoice is cancelled.

### **CONSIDERATION OF 2024/25 BUDGET ITEMS**

At the October meeting, Members identified a list of items for consideration in the 2024/25 budget. The Clerk presented a draft budget to reflect the items suggested and any alterations to the existing and proposed council expenditure.

**MIN 23/24.114** Members **resolved** to approve the draft budget as £39,459. Members will be required to set the Precept and confirm how the budget will be financed at the January meeting.

### **CIL FINANCE PLAN**

Members **noted** the receipt of the October CIL income of £139,019.34 and that Cumeragh Village Association have emailed to confirm that they have organised the planters for The Square as agreed under MIN 22/155.

**MIN 23/24.115** Members **resolved** that the Clerk transfer £200 in accordance with MIN 22/155.

### **PARISH PLAN**

**Theme 6 – Housing** Cllr Hall and Cllr Brooks attended the Preston Area Committee meeting in November and presented an update on the Preston Local Plan. It was noted that whilst the City Council has a 5-year housing supply, there is still some concern that developers could request that the Goosnargh sites are included in the Local Plan. Carolyn Williams has stated that she will inform any parishes of sites that are allocated in their area.

The Chairman suggested that the City Council may be able to offer some advice or protection for the renovation of St John’s Church in the Local Plan. **MIN 23/24.116** It was **resolved** that the Clerk makes contact with them in the New Year.

### **ST JOHN’S CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Under MIN 23/24.102 Members resolved to approve a Concept document and outline roadmap to progress the plans for St John’s Church. Following approval of the Concept document, Cllr Price discussed the document with Homes England to secure their support for the project and emailed a summary of the discussion to all Members.

**MIN 23/24.117** It was **resolved** that the Clerk send the Concept plan and the summary to Safe Regeneration, to seek their views on how to proceed. Their reply will be added to the January agenda so that so that Members can discuss if a further meeting is required with Safe Regeneration and Homes England.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**MIN 23/24.118** Members **resolved** to note and approve the delegated representations for November which included an objection to 7 dwellings at Ashes Farm on Halfpenny Lane.

As it was not considered to be a routine application, Members considered application **06/2023/1201** for a 14-bed Acute Mental Health inpatient unit for adults with a learning disability, including associated access, parking, soft and hard landscaping and PV panels on land South of Guild Park, Whittingham.

Members noted that a public consultation event was held in October and the Parish Council had not received any objections.

The accompanying information states that the building will be located on a previously developed area and will be a logical extension to the existing hospital site. The building will be over 2 floors providing a 14-bed inpatient unit with day facilities, support accommodation and therapy spaces. It will be open 24hrs. Whilst there will be 107 full time equivalent staff, only 33 staff members will be on site at any one time. The site will be accessed off Cumeragh Lane and includes 46 car parking spaces.

**MIN 23/24.119** Members **resolved** to support the application.

#### **NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

LCC confirmed they are aware of the missing chevron sign on the bend at Cumeragh Lane and they have stated they are in ongoing discussions with the developer regarding the erection of the crash barrier and the need to install new chevrons. At the time of writing, LCC cannot say exactly when the sign will be replaced.

The Clerk was contacted by a resident on Halfpenny Lane seeking information about sewer connections. The Clerk emailed the connection advice supplied by United Utilities when new regulations came into force in 2020.

The Chairman advised that he attended a meeting of the United Charity Trust as the appointed Council representative. He also laid a poppy wreath at St Mary's Church service and at the Memorial on Beacon Drive.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 at 7.15pm** in Goosnargh Village Hall.