



WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Thursday 8th July 2021** at 7.15pm in Goosnargh Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr D Hall - Chairman
Cllr B Clarke
Cllr B Huggon
Cllr M Woodburn

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk
County / City Cllr R Woolam
City Councillor H Landless

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Brooks.

The Local Government Act 1972 s.85 states that if a Council Member fails to attend a meeting for six consecutive months, from the date of his last attendance, he/she ceases to be a member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months period expires. Cllr Meades last attended on the 8th February 2021 - so the 6 consecutive months will expire on 8th August 2021. As the Council will not be meeting in August, an email was sent to Cllr Meades explaining the need to attend the July meeting. The Clerk informed Members that Cllr Meades had not presented any apologies or a reason for his continued absence and in accordance with the above statute, Cllr Meades will cease to be a member of Whittingham Parish Council on the 8th August 2021, however, under s.87 of the Act, the office will only become vacant when the authority declares it to be vacant.

MIN 21/38 As the vacancy can't be declared until the period of office expires, it was **RESOLVED** that the vacancy will be considered and declared at the 9th Sept meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on **10th June 2021**.

MIN 21/39 it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the 10th June Minutes as a true record.

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

There were no declarations of interests.

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

MIN 21/40 Members considered the information provided in relation to the Goosnargh & Whittingham United Charity and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hall be appointed as the Council's representative. The Clerk will advise the Charity accordingly.

Following the completion of the appointments to outside bodies, Members made the necessary amendments to their Member Interest Forms. The updated copies will be sent to Member Services and uploaded to the Parish Council website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 21/41 Members **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

City Cllr H Landless explained that City / County Cllr S Whittam was unable to attend. Members noted the apology and suggested that the invitation be extended to the September meeting.

City Cllr R Woollam informed Members that he may be able to help with County queries as he was elected as the County Cllr for Preston North which covers the Fulwood / Sharoe Green / Greyfriars area. He confirmed that he is still a City Cllr for the Preston Rural East area until his term of office ends in May 2022, when he will consider whether to continue in both roles.

With reference to the update on planning matters, Cllr H Landless stated that a planning inspector had upheld a decision to refuse development off Chain House Lane in South Ribble. The application, by Wainhomes, had previously been dismissed at an appeal but a fresh inquiry was held, after a high court judge ruled the inspector's decision was partially flawed. As the application relates to the 5 year supply across Preston, Chorley and South Ribble, Preston planning officers remain optimistic that the Whittingham appeals will be refused, however 3 more appeal decisions are due in the next few months.

The Clerk referred to the City Council's High Court challenge in relation to the Cardwell Farm application at Barton. Cllr H Landless stated he would ask officers for a progress report.

Cllr M Woodburn stated that residents had asked when the footpaths / stiles on other Public Rights of Way would be updated. The Clerk replied that Whittingham’s CIL monies had been used to update the PROWs which are entirely in Whittingham Parish and a map to that effect was shown to Members. Whilst Whittingham’s CIL monies could be spent updating PROWs in other areas – the work should be carried out by the parishes concerned - especially as Members are progressing a list of CIL suggestions put forward by Whittingham residents.

Cllr B Huggon mentioned that LCC may have grants available to provide footpaths for the disabled. If this is the case, the Clerk will make enquiries to see if a new path can be provided along the frontage of the hospital site linking Cumeragh Village with Goosnargh Village – as suggested to Barratts as a consideration for their planning application.

As a Trustee to the Village Hall Committee, Cllr M Woodburn also queried if CIL could be used to repair the Village Hall roof as Grimsargh Parish Council had used CIL to part finance a repair to the Village Hall in Grimsargh. The Clerk confirmed that CIL could be used but the Parish Council has already assisted with repairs to the carpark and has pledged over £5,000 towards new windows. As stated above, the Council has a list of suggested CIL expenditure provided by residents, so Members would need to consider if they wished to prioritise further expenditure on the Village Hall above the residents’ suggestions if a written request is received.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk respond to the Committee’s query by explaining that the Parish Council has a finite amount of CIL money and whilst it would like to support as many projects as possible, it would be helpful if the Committee could provide a list of urgent items - along with the estimated costs - so that the Council can consult residents and consider any requests in accordance with their priority.

Concerns were expressed regarding 3 Ash trees on the Village Green which may be suffering from Ash die back. The Clerk will report the matter to the City Council.

As there were no further issues, it was RESOLVED that the Council meeting be reconvened.

PLANNING APPEALS / 5 YEAR SUPPLY / LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

MIN 21/42 Members RESOLVED to NOTE that the Planning Inspector has advised he may not be in a position to determine the Goosnargh Village applications until early Autumn and - as mentioned under public participation - Cllr H Landless will provide an update on the City Council’s High Court challenge to the Cardwell Farm decision.

Members also NOTED that the City Council was due to issue a consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options in June 2021 but work has been delayed due to LCC’s work on the Greater Lancashire Plan and the planning changes announced in the Queen’s speech. Consequently, the consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options is not likely to occur until the end of 2021.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

MIN 21/43 Members RESOLVED to note and approve the June delegated planning comments.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

MIN 21/44 Members considered the SPID (Speed Indicator Devices) reports for Whittingham Lane and Halfpenny Lane and RESOLVED to send a copy to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and the new Cabinet Member for Highways. The accompanying email will request a review of the speed limits approaching the village - along with a request for an enforcement camera. A copy of the email and SPID reports will also be sent to the Lancashire Post.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – to end of June 2021

The Chairman verified that finance and bank statements had been reconciled for June.

REVIEW OF 1st QUARTER ACCOUNTS

MIN 21/45 Members considered the expenditure against budgeted items and RESOLVED to approve the 1st Quarter account statement.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

MIN 21/46 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD
Apr – June expenses	J Buttle	£61.29	BACS
E-On bill	E-On	£11.97	DD

Clerk Salary July 2021	J Buttle	£551.07	BACs
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£137.60	CQ 1506
Printing of Summer Newsletter	Preston City Council	£115.00	BACS
Delivery of Summer Newsletter	JPP Media	£85.00	BACS

PARISH WALKS / NOTICE BOARDS

Members were requested to NOTE that the notice board at the Stags Head was a joint purchase between the Parish Council and the Whittingham Environmental Working Group (WEWG) who secured funding from the Green Partnership awards to display a poster of walks around Whittingham which extend beyond the Parish Boundary. WEWG no longer exists and the noticeboard is being used to display notices by Fellside Church. **MIN 21/47** Whilst the posters are walk related, Members requested that the Clerk informs them that the notice board should only be used to display the combined walk map.

Members also NOTED that the Clerk is progressing the quotes for an aluminium display board to display the Cumeragh Canter and Pudding Pie Nook Lane walks which the Parish Council have improved. Initial discussions indicate that it will be more cost effective to produce the paper leaflets separately.

TREE PLANTING

At the June meeting Members were informed that the Woodland Trust has launched a campaign for communities to plant trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Various locations were suggested and Members decided to include an article in the Parish Newsletter to see if residents had any suggestions. As the Newsletter has only just been delivered, all the replies will be collated and considered at the September meeting.

The Clerk has contacted the Rigby family who have confirmed they would be delighted if the Parish Council were to plant a commemorative tree and plaque for Cllr Margaret Rigby.

MIN 21/48 3 locations were noted on Halfpenny Lane and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk will make enquiries about a suitable tree and check for any planting permissions. The information will be brought back to the September meeting.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

A member of the Cumeragh Village Residents Association has questioned if the Council has any plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The Clerk has replied that there are no plans at present, but if members of the community wanted to hold an event, the Parish Council may award a grant as several community events were put on hold in 2020/21 due to Covid.

Members discussed an idea to refresh the millennium garden off Beacon Drive which was last updated for the Queen's diamond Jubilee in 2012. The suggestion will be brought to the Sept meeting. The refresh may also link in to the Best Kept Village competition.

Cllr Woodburn advised that Mr Entwistle (a key member of the litter picking group) was leaving the Parish. An article will be placed in the next newsletter for additional volunteers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the Village Hall is booked in August, it was RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held down stairs in Goosnargh Village Hall on **Thursday 9th Sept 2021 at 7.15pm** - subject to any revisions to Covid regulations.