



WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 9th Feb 2023 at 7.15pm
in Goosnargh Village Hall – downstairs

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Tony Brooks
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Eddie Marginson
Cllr Michelle Woodburn

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1 resident
Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Cllr Barbara Clarke and Cllr Dave Price.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on **12th Jan 2023**.

MIN 22/130 it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the Minutes as a true record.

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

There were no declarations in relation to items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 22/131 it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

A new resident to the village stated that she was interested in setting up a Goosnargh in Bloom group providing she can get volunteers to help. Members were supportive of the idea and suggested adding an article to the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk advised that if a group was formed, it would need a business / community bank account before it could approach the Parish Council for any donations.

Cllr Huggon stated that a deer carcass was in the hedge on Whittingham Lane. The Clerk advised that it should be reported to Environmental Health who would make arrangements to remove it. Cllr Huggon also stated that the litter picking group had collected 5 bags of rubbish which they leave by the bus shelter and he asked if a bigger bin could be provided. The Clerk will check with street cleansing.

As there was no further business, the meeting was reconvened.

POLICE / SPEEDING ISSUES

The deputy Police Crime Commissioner attended the January meeting and provided an update on several issues as itemised in the January Minutes. As the items discussed were not included on the agenda, Members were unable to determine which points required further action, so the points were added to the February Agenda.

MIN 22/132 Members **RESOLVED**

- a) To request that the lamp post cameras are given a trial run in the Parish
- b) To re-advertise the Community Road Watch scheme and promote the Community toolkit suggestions in the Parish Newsletter
- c) Not to commence traffic calming discussions with LCC
- d) To attend Preston Area Committee meeting on the 20th Feb to discuss local policing cover now that PCSO Anyon has moved to a new area.
- e) To request a meeting with Chief Supt Stasia Osiowy on a Friday afternoon to discuss wider policing issues as suggested by the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner.

CIL BUSINESS PLAN – UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Members **NOTED** the following update on the February CIL Business Plan.

PROW – Cllr Marginson has walked both routes and feels that more text is required to assist walkers. He will shorten and amend the script from the original leaflets and proposed that 2 signs are produced instead of one. Once the amended scripts are received, the Clerk will request the final quotes. In accordance with MIN 22/113 an email was sent to the Whittingham Environmental Working Group thanking them for the offered donation and it was noted that this has not been received yet.

Pitch Licence – Cllr Marginson and the Clerk met with the City Council on the 7th February regarding the Pitch Licence. The discussions were positive and the City Council are now working on the Heads of Terms which will detail the pitch preparation and the Parish Council's responsibility with regards to future maintenance and health & safety. The City Council noted that the pitch will be for local use, not external football teams. As the paperwork needs to go to their legal department, the turnaround is expected to be 6-8 weeks which means the pitch could be in place for the summer.

CIL BUSINESS PLAN – FINANCE

a) Tennis Club RCD - Under MIN 22/61 Members resolved to ring fence **£12,240** towards the Tennis Club floodlights. An invoice was received for **£11,880** leaving a balance of **£360**. At the November meeting, the Tennis Club informed Members that they have been advised to add an isolation unit to the feeder pillars at a cost of £510 + VAT.

MIN 22/133 As the isolation unit will improve the health and safety of the electrical items, Members **RESOLVED** to award the full amount of £612.00.

b) Longridge Town FC Flood lights – The quotes were received on the 8th February after the agenda had been issued.

MIN 22/134 As Members need time to consider the detail of the quotes, it was **RESOLVED** that the request be **deferred** to the March meeting.

c) Village Hall Roof - Cllr Marginson informed Members that the invoices have been delayed because the contractors have been asked to come back to resolve problems with condensation and the boiler flue. As the payment procedure was confirmed under MIN 22/60 of the Sept meeting, payment will be processed as soon as the invoices are received.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REPLIES

Members **NOTED** that Nurture have been advised that their maintenance contract has been accepted and they will commence the works accordingly. They have also agreed to clean and disinfect the Stag Head's bus shelter and the first clean was done on the 1st February. Under MIN 22/115 of the January meeting Members resolved to add a "CCTV in operation" sign to the bus shelter. Members noted these can be purchased for approx. £4.30 each.

MIN 22/135 Members **RESOLVED** to purchase of 4 plastic signs approx. 150mm x 200mm.

GOOSNARGH VILLAGE GREEN – BUS SHELTER

Members agreed to supply the Clerk with contact details for a local builder to replace the missing tile on the bus shelter on Church Lane.

MIN 22/136 As the cost is likely to be less than £100 Members **RESOLVED** to delegate the repair to the Clerk under delegated authority.

CUMERAGH VILLAGE PLAY AREA

Further to the annual ROSPA inspection, under MIN 22/116 of the January meeting, Members resolved that Playdale assess the condition of the play area equipment. Playdale have advised that they will charge £150 + VAT to carry out the assessment however, the amount will be deducted from any repair costs.

MIN 22/137 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the assessment cost of £180

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Jan 2023

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

FEB 2023 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 22/138 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk Salary February	J Buttle	£602.36	BACs
Tax / National Insurance – employee	HMRC	£150.40	BACs
Cumeragh play area inspection 4 th quarter	Nurture	£402.00	BACs

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 2023

MIN 22/139 Members **RESOLVED** that the Chairman may submit an entry into a ballot to attend the Kings Coronation Garden Party.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

MIN 22/140 Members **RESOLVED** to note and approve the delegated planning representations for January.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

MIN 22/141 Members **RESOLVED** to add St Mary's Church Mothering Sunday and Easter Services to the Newsletter in addition to an update on CIL expenditure and ongoing items.

As the following items will occur before the Newsletter is distributed, it was **RESOLVED** that an update should be added to the Facebook page

- Halfpenny Lane closure from **03/03/23** to **09/03/23** to enable Network Plus to install a new customer connection on behalf of Electricity North West
- Whittingham Lane overnight closures from **6th March** until **1st April 2023** to carry out repairs to the motorway bridge beams.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members **NOTED** that a meeting would be held on the 1st March to discuss entries to the Best Kept Village Competition. It was confirmed that it was still premature to submit an entry.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9th March at 7.15pm in Goosnargh Village Hall.