

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.15pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr John Worrall McBride

Members of the public

PC P Geldard
Cllr H Landless
Cllr R Woollam
Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES – Cllr Alex Meades

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 20/92 It was RESOLVED that the 11th Nov 2019 Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

MIN 20/93 All Members present declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the setting of the Precept and submitted a written request for a dispensation under S31 of the Localism Act 2011. The Clerk considered the requests in accordance with SO 38 and S101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and granted the requests under S33 of the Localism Act 2011.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 20/94 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Woollam advised that he will be meeting Mr Hayward to express reservations about the Memorandum of Understanding and the City Council's intention to distribute the housing supply in accordance with the ICENI report as this is likely to have a greater impact on the rural areas. The Clerk will send Cllr Woollam a copy of the Parish Council comments.

Cllr Landless advised that several planning applications would be reconsidered by planning committee on the 13th February. At this stage, it is not known whether the applications will be refused but it is promising that several applications have been refused over the Christmas period now that the City Council has a 5 year supply. It was confirmed that the applications at Ashes Farm have been refused due to the impact on a listed building but as yet, there is no decision on the applications at the Old Rib.

PC Geldard ran through the crime statistics for the area and a copy was passed to the Clerk. It was explained that the figures relate to the police boundary and not the parish boundary so the figures are not solely in Whittingham Parish. It was confirmed that the police attended an incident of vandalism involving eggs being thrown at properties. The Chairman stated that it would be helpful to have a consistent report so that increases in crime can be identified and if necessary, the Parish Council can appeal for more resources to tackle it. It was noted that the offenders who broke into the Post Office have been sentenced.

Further to the complaints about parking outside Goosnargh Post Office expressed in November, it was stated that the enforcement of double and single yellow lines rests with LCC and the City Councillors were asked to see if this can be actioned along with engineering improvements. It was also mentioned that a car had gone through a hedge at Halfpenny Lane having failed to stop at the junction. It was confirmed that the Solar SPIDS had been delivered and will be erected shortly. Traffic Managers attended Longridge Football Club to monitor the parking situation but the match was abandoned due to adverse weather so the monitoring will be re-scheduled.

There being no further business it was RESOLVED that Agenda item 7 should be brought forward to allow Cllr Woollam to comment.

PROVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSING LAND

In November, Members NOTED the City Council's intention to adopt the Government's Standard Formula to deliver **1026** dwellings across Lancashire and Members were informed that the **1026** homes can either be distributed in accordance with the Government's Standard Formula which allocates **241** homes to Preston or they can be distributed in accordance with the ICENI report which allocates **410** homes to Preston.

Members were advised that the 3 Authorities were proposing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to deliver **410** homes in accordance with the ICENI report and under MIN 19/84 Members objected to this approach as it does nothing to deter developers from building in the rural area.

Since submitting that response, a Planning Inspector has ruled that the City Council can use the Standardised Formula with immediate effect which means the City Council now has a 5 year supply of **12.66 yrs** based on **241** homes or **7.43 yrs** based on **410** homes.

In light of this decision, all of the applications referred to the Secretary of State will be reconsidered in February.

MIN 20/95 Members considered the above information and welcomed the news that applications can now be judged on the Local Plan Policies, but RESOLVED to stand by their decision to oppose the 2019 MOU committing Preston to **410** homes instead of **247**.

MIN 20/96 Members also RESOLVED to hold a sub-group meeting to discuss the Committee Reports and determine if a reply / attendance at Planning Committee is needed. In addition, Members will discuss a reply to the Local Plan consultation. The meeting will not be a Parish Council meeting so that City Councillors and members of the 2 action groups can speak.

CROSS BOUNDARY PARTNERSHIP

At the October meeting, Members were informed that a Cross Boundary Group had been formed to look at infrastructure issues on the Longridge border and under MIN 19/60 Members agreed in principle to a local company being commissioned to undertake an independent traffic assessment to consider the cumulative impact of traffic. The estimated cost of the survey has come back at £4,760 + VAT (to be divided by the Parishes involved).

Members considered an email from Longridge Town Council which stated that LCC had supplied costed solutions to the problems in Longridge and they had agreed to review the implications of vehicles travelling through Grimsargh. On this basis, Longridge questioned if the traffic survey should still be commissioned.

Members stated that major development is taking place on Halfpenny Lane and the report shouldn't just cover the centre of Longridge and traffic heading towards Grimsargh, it should look at all the traffic corridors which provide access to the motorways.

MIN 20/97 Members RESOLVED that the Cross Boundary Partnership should be advised that Whittingham feels that the traffic report should still be commissioned. Members also discussed the merits of approaching UCLAN to carry out additional surveys if the suggestion is not supported by the Partnership.

APPLICATIONS FOR CO- OPTION

Unfortunately the application for co-option was withdrawn. **MIN 20/98** It was RESOLVED that the vacancies would continue to be advertised at every opportunity.

CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Members NOTED **Appendix A** detailing 8 planning applications which were considered under delegated authority in December in accordance with SO 38b. Members also noted the following applications which were received after the Agenda had been published.

MIN 20/99 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk may respond under delegated authority.

06/2019/1436 Two storey extension north elevation and single storey extension to south facing elevation at 91, Cumeragh Lane, Preston.

The property is a semi-detached house set back from Cumeragh Lane fronting The Square. The extension will create a new kitchen with bedroom above nearest to The Square.

Representation is to leave to planning.

06/2020/0006 Reserved matters application (namely appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 06/2019/0124 for 9no. dwellings on land West of 208, Whittingham Lane, Preston

The original application was for a linear development of 4 semi-detached buildings and 1 detached building with allotments to the rear. Representation was made to oppose the development as it is in the open countryside and is not an infill site, however the application was approved due to the absence of a 5yr supply. This application proposes 9 detached houses in 2 rows using the land previously allocated as allotments.

7 of the properties will have 5 bedrooms and 2 of the properties will be 3 bedrooed. The ridge height will be 9.431m which is considered to be out of keeping in the area.

Representation is to oppose the development.

06/2020/0007 Reserved matters application (namely access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to planning permission 06/2018/0256 for 5no. dwellings on land North of Inglewhite Road, Longridge.

Members opposed the outline submission as the development is in the open countryside and is not an infill site, however the application was approved due to the absence of a 5yr supply. The reserved matters application is for 5 x 3 bedrooed bungalows which is a welcome change from 2 storey dwellings. Each dwelling will have its own driveway and an access directly onto Inglewhite Road. It is noted that LCC Highways have no objections to these arrangements. **Representation is to leave to planning.**

Members noted that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of 6 dwellings on land opposite Gleafield, Cumeragh Lane. **06/2019/0670**. The application was refused in July 2019 as it was contrary to the Local Plan and the addition of 6 dwellings would not have an impact on the 5 year supply. Members NOTED that the original objections would be submitted to the Planning inspector and the reasons for refusal are strengthened due to the change in the 5yr supply situation.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

QUARTERLY BUDGET ANALYSIS 2019/20

MIN 20/100 Members RESOLVED to approve the 3rd quarter budget analysis (April to December) and NOTED that invoices had not been received for the additional bark at Cumeragh Play Area or the LALC training. Members also NOTED that the Clerk needs to attend a training course on website accessibility. The cost will be £40 – half of which will be paid by Woodplumpton Parish. **MIN 20/101** Members RESOLVED to approve the cost.

CONSIDER THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/21

At the November meeting, Members considered the **draft** budget for 2020/21 which included the following proposals

- a) Community grants to Goosnargh Festival £500, Longridge Show £250, Little Show £100 and United Trinity Church £100.
- b) New 3 yr contract for grass maintenance, thinning and crowning of Cumeragh trees, community Notice Board at Goosnargh Village Green and painting of the lamp posts.

Members noted that the Clerk has adjusted the VAT income to reflect the expenditure on the Solar SPIDS has reduced some of the expenditure estimates which means the Precept may remain at £20,530. **MIN 20/102** Members RESOLVED to approved the above Community Grants and to set the Precept at £20,530.

SLCC MEMBERSHIP

MIN 20/ 103 Members RESOLVED to renew the Clerk’s membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks on the basis that the membership cost is shared equally by Woodplumpton and Whittingham parishes.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 20/104 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Solar SPID devices	Traffic Technology	£14,694.00	BACS
Clerk Dec Salary	J Buttle	£536.24	1451
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£134.00	1452
1/4ly Admin Expenses Oct - Dec	J Buttle	£45.38	1453
Office Supplies – Ink cartridges	Woodplumpton PC	£54.24	1454
Christmas tree	Barton Grange	£354.00	1455

Clerk Jan Salary	J Buttle	£536.24	1456
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£134.00	1457

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members NOTED that LCC have not yet issued the invoices for the erection of the SPID poles but the invoice to Traffic Technology has been paid and the devices have been received. The Clerk is contacting them to erect the devices and arrange training on extracting the data. Members signed the £50,000 CIL transfer to the CCLA account as approved under MIN 19/90

TRAINING COURSES

MIN 20/105 Cllr Worrall McBride expressed an interest in attending the LALC training courses in Planning and Finance. These were noted for the 2020/21 financial year.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

MIN 20/106 It was RESOLVED that the Chairman should be put forward for the ballot to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that the Blackburn Cathedral Carol service would be held on the 7th February and the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference would be held on the 8th February. Cllr Worrall McBride expressed an interest to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.15pm.**