



WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING

Monday 11th January 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mr D Entwistle

Due to the remote nature of the meeting, the Chairman checked everyone could be seen and heard and reminded people to raise their hand when speaking and voting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **NOTED** apologies from Cllr M Rigby and Cllr A Meades.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES held on 9th November 2020.

Page 3 of the draft Minutes were amended to remove an incorrect reference to Bushells Care Home being a business / profit making body as it is a Charitable Trust. **MIN 20/80** Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes with the amendment. They will be signed at the next Council meeting in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 Part VI para 41 (1)

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS

MIN 20/81 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 and granted the requests under Standing Order 20/13e.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 20/82 It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

The Clerk was informed that the manhole covers near the Aldi on Whittingham Road had sunk causing a pothole effect for motorists. The Clerk will report the problem to LCC.

PLANNING APPEALS / 5 YEAR SUPPLY UPDATE

At the November meeting, Members were advised that developers believe *the 'tilted balance' in favour of development* should have been applied to the Goosnargh applications submitted in 2019 and as result, they re-submitted the following applications, which – with the exception of **1302** and **1303** – were considered by Planning committee on the 7th January. Members **NOTED** that the applications were refused.

06/2020/0922 87 dwellings at Swainson House Farm – previously 06/2019/0772

06/2020/0923 40 dwellings at Swainson House Farm – previously 06/2019/0773

06/2020/1136 145 dwellings Whittingham Lane / Gladman's – previously 06/2018/0867

06/2020/1141 140 dwellings at Bushells Farm, Mill Lane – previously 06/2018/0884

06/2020/1302 65 dwellings at Goosnargh Cottage south of Whitt Ln – previously 06/2018/0811

06/2020/1303 80 dwellings south of Whittingham Lane – previously 06/2019/0311

Apart from the Gladman's site, appeals have been submitted against the 2018/19 applications. The Clerk has written to the Planning Inspector supporting the City Council's refusal decision. Members **NOTED** that the appeals will be processed at a Public Inquiry commencing on the 13th April 2021. Members were also informed that the Barton application (Cardwell Farm **06/2019/0752**) which was refused for similar reasons to the 2018/19 applications, will be going to appeal on the 9th February.

An appeal against the refusal of 45 dwellings north of Old Rib Farm **06/2019/0050** (near Belmont Pig Farm) will be heard with the above applications as the Inspector considers the housing land supply issue is common to all the applications. It is understood that site specific issues such as the odour implications will be heard separately. Members **NOTED** that our original objection will be forwarded to the Inspector. This includes reference to the risk assessments UU need to carry out before more developments are connected to the local sewer network.

Members **NOTED** that appeals have also been submitted for the refusal of 9 houses to the rear of 208 Whittingham Lane **06/2020/0006 (3261827)** and the refusal of 3 dwellings to the east of Gleadale House, Cumeragh Lane **06/2020/0162 (3261616)** Both appeals will be dealt with by written representation. As the Parish Council's objections will be sent to the Inspector, Members confirmed that there was nothing new to add.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Due to the time constraints of a remote meeting, the Clerk is dealing with routine planning matters under delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 2020 (15 xiv).

MIN 20/83 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the representations for November and December.

FINANCE STATEMENT

MIN 20/84 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2020 15 (xii). Members also **NOTED** that the December bank statements had been reconciled with the accounts.

Dec Electric	E-On	£12.38	DD	Ref 55
Dec salary	Mrs J Buttle	£551.07	BACS	Ref 56
Dec PAYE	HMRC	£137.60	CQ 1498	Ref 57
Finance training course	LALC Training	£25.00	BACS	Ref 58
Christmas tree erection & removal	Barton Grange	£504.00	BACS	Ref 59

QUARTERLY BUDGET ANALYSIS 2020/21

MIN 20/85 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the 3rd quarter budget analysis (April to December) and approved a virement from the Newsletter budget to the Website to cover the £360 additional cost of the website template. Members **NOTED** the **£400** in the grants and donations budget earmarked for the Nwas billboard and the litter picking group. The Clerk confirmed that Goosnargh Oliverson's school and the litter picking group have been requested to confirm their requirements.

ACCOUNTS SLCC MEMBERSHIP

MIN 20/86 Members **RESOLVED** to renew the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks on the basis that the membership fee of £208 will be shared equally by Woodplumpton and Whittingham parishes. Members **NOTED** that this amount does not include a subscription to the Union element of the Society.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 20/87 Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment

Printing of Nov Newsletter	Preston City Council	£117.50	BACS
Litter Picking Cumeragh play area	Barton Grange	£402.00	BACS
3/4 expenses Oct - Dec	Mrs J Buttle	£42.25	BACS
Jan salary	Mrs J Buttle	£551.07	BACS
Jan PAYE	HMRC	£137.60	CQ 1499
SLCC Membership	SLCC / Woodplumpton	£104.00	BACS
E-ON Electric Bill	E-ON	£19.10	DD

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2021/2022

At the November meeting, Members considered the **draft** budget for 2021/22 which included an option to post the Newsletter to the less densely populated areas, however, it was agreed that it might be more cost effective to promote the Newsletter on social media and an alternative proposal was put forward to finance maintenance and repair jobs in the Parish. The budget has been amended to that effect. **MIN 20/88** Members **RESOLVED** to approve increasing the Precept by £1,000 from £20,530 to £21,530 to accommodate the additional expenditure.

GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2021/22

In accordance with MIN 20/77 the 2021/22 grant budget has been increased to £1,500. Goosnargh Festival have requested £500 to assist with the costs of the road closure for the festival on the 5th June 2021 but other requests are yet to be received due to the resurgence of Covid 19. **MIN 20/89** Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Festival Grant in principle – subject to confirmation that the event will go ahead.

CIL EXPENDITURE

The Clerk presented an updated CIL log to the November meeting which showed a brought forward balance of £130,891 which includes £89,309 received in 2015/16. Members were reminded that CIL should be spent within a 5-year period unless it can be demonstrated that the funds are being collated for a specific purpose. The Council has currently spent £52,011 with a further £18,086 estimated for expenditure this financial year – leaving a potential claw back of **£19,212**. As several of the projects are dependent on a response from the City Council, it is unlikely that the claw back will be applied this financial year, however the Clerk will seek quotes for the outstanding projects with a view to progressing them as soon as possible.

MIN 90 As time is limited at the meetings, Members RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the quotes as soon as possible, so that Members can check alternatives and make a final decision at the February meeting.

Goosnargh Village Hall Windows – When considering the 2021/22 budget, Members were informed that the Trustees of Goosnargh Village Hall were considering an application for an environmental grant to install double glazing. As the grant will only cover 75% of the cost, they approached the Parish Council for help with the shortfall. It has since been established that as the Village Hall is an existing infrastructure, structural improvements can be financed through CIL. Members considered an email from the Trustees indicating that the shortfall is likely to be £5,154 but the LEF will not consider the application unless the third-party funding has been secured. **MIN 91** Members RESOLVED to fund the £5,154 shortfall through CIL but noted that the amount may be reduced as the Trustees have also approached Goosnargh Parish Council for a contribution.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Concerns were expressed that Goosnargh Parish Council do not appear to have held a meeting since March last year. The Clerk will check with their Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are requested to confirm the date of the next meeting as **Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.15pm.**