

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.15pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Barbara Clarke
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Alex Meades
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Michelle Woodburn

Members of the public

PCSO Vicky Shackleton
L King – Heritage Group

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

All Members were present and there were no apologies for absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 20/117 It was RESOLVED that the 10th Feb 2020 Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

MIN 20/118 Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in application **06/2020/0061** for a new vehicular access at Whittingham Road Longridge as the site is next to his property.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 20/119 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

The latest crime figures were detailed including a public order offence and a theft relating to a dispute at a care home. There were 61 calls from Guild Lodge resulting in 17 incidents. This figure is down on previous months as a result of new internal policies.

It was confirmed that the parking situation outside Longridge Football Club is still ongoing.

It was questioned whether the surface water in the pond at the Anwyl Homes site (Inglewhite Lane) would be pumped. The Clerk confirmed that condition 9 on the planning consent **06/2019/0169** confirms that the applicant is required to submit a comprehensive drainage strategy, however, it is understood that the water will be stored in tanks and piped out with measures in place to release the water slowly.

It was noted that outline permission **06/2019/0465** has been granted for 9 dwellings at the former tennis courts and allotments at Whittingham Road despite a covenant stating that no building shall be erected on the land. The Clerk explained that whilst planning officers assess whether the land is suitable for development in accordance with the Local Plan Policies, it is up to the developers / future purchasers to check whether there are any covenants or restrictions relating to the land before they commence building.

APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION

Members considered the 2 applications for co-option which were circulated with the Agenda and asked the candidates some questions relating to their applications.

MIN 20/120 It was RESOLVED that Cllr Barbara Clarke and Cllr Michelle Woodburn be co-opted to Lower Ward leaving 1 vacancy still to be filled. The new Members duly signed their declaration of office. The Clerk will arrange for the Member Interest Forms to be signed and returned to the City Council following an Induction meeting – date to be arranged.

CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS – HALFPENNY LANE / WHITTINGHAM ROAD AREA

Members considered the reply from LCC confirming that various inspections are carried out on the roadworks on a regular basis. Members also noted correspondence from a resident who has asked LCC to rectify damage to the kerbs and a gatepost on Halfpenny Lane allegedly caused whilst the road was narrowed due to the United Utilities roadworks. Concern was expressed that United Utilities have been unable to connect the old and new water systems as they are waiting for a part. A temporary ramp has been erected over the incomplete works but this is causing noise and vibration as vehicles pass over it.

MIN 20/121 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk contact LCC to request that the trench is back filled until the part is received. The Clerk will also check the estimated completion date for the road works.

5 YEAR SUPPLY AND PLANNING PERMISSION UPDATE

The Agenda included a comprehensive update regarding the latest developments on the 5yr housing supply and the planning applications in Goosnargh Village. The Clerk confirmed the refusal notices were issued on the 6th March.

Members NOTED that the Memorandum of Understanding which would enable Preston to deliver **410** homes instead of the Government's figure of **241** homes has not been adopted by the Central Lancashire Authorities and the City Council is currently determining applications in accordance with the Inspector's comments on the South Ribble application. Members were reminded that Wainhomes have lodged a High Court Challenge against the Planning Inspector's decision and NOTED that although the Secretary of State has conceded on one of the five grounds of appeal, Preston and South Ribble Councils will stand by the Planning Inspector's decision unless or until it is set aside by the High Court.

Neighbourhood Plans (NHP)

Members NOTED that a NHP provides residents with an opportunity to influence where new development should go and what the new homes should look like – it does not offer 'protection' from development and due to the amount of work involved in producing a NHP, it is extremely unlikely that one can be produced before the new Local Plan is issued.

MIN 20/122 As the NHP must conform with the Local Plan, it was RESOLVED that the suggested way forward is to continue to engage with the Local Plan process to ensure that the City Council is fully aware of the Parish Council's view that Whittingham is unsustainable and that any new developments must be accompanied by an infrastructure Master Plan – similar to that introduced for the development of NW Preston.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Members NOTED that the Clerk has looked into a drainage concern regarding application **06/2017/0339** and a visibility splay concern with application **06/2018/0867** and considers that no further action is required at this stage. Members also NOTED that UU are investigating if a trade effluent licence is required for application **06/2019/0318**.

NOTE - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk.

06/2019/1436 Two storey extension north elevation and single storey extension to south facing elevation at 91, Cumeragh Lane, Preston. (2nd consultation)

Members noted that a neighbour consultation was issued on the 13th February resulting in a second consultation, however there were no changes to the original plans which were considered in January. Members RESOLVED to leave to planning in accordance with the comments expressed in January.

06/2020/0051 Outline planning application for 7no. dwellings (all matters reserved) at Radar Station Site, Whittingham Lane, Broughton, Preston.

Members noted that the site is a large field between 203 Whittingham Lane and Ash Lea. The site includes a telecommunications mast. The application proposes 3 properties to the east of an existing L shaped building and 4 properties to the west. The site is in the open countryside and is not considered to be an infill site due the wide frontage. Furthermore, there is no need for the dwellings as the City Council has a 5 year supply. **MIN 20/123** Members RESOLVED to object to the application.

06/2020/0061 New vehicular access off Whittingham Road following removal of hedgerow on land to the north of Whittingham Road, Longridge, Preston.

Members noted that the original application proposed that 4 houses would be served by the new estate access off Whittingham Road. This proposal amends that so that 3 properties are served by the estate access - with plot one creating a new access directly from Whittingham Road. Concerns were expressed that the application does not give any explanation regarding why the change is necessary and that the applicant has already removed the hedgerow before permission is granted. **MIN 20 /124** Given the lack of explanation and the assumption that the access will be approved, Members RESOLVED to object to the application due to the close proximity to the estate road.

06/2020/0137 Single / two and half storey side extension, new pitched roof over existing rear extension, rear dormer and driveway extended to create additional parking space and entrance widened with new dropped kerb at 48, Church Lane, Goosnargh. Members noted that the proposal will extend the property up to the boundary of 50 Church Lane. Assuming there are no neighbour objections, Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2020/0204 Front and rear dormers at 5, Churchgate, Preston. Assuming there are no neighbour objections, Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2020/0245 First floor side extension at Marlings Barn, Cumeragh Lane. Members noted the proposal was for a small extension over the existing study on the ground floor. Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 20/125 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Clerk Salary	J Buttle	£536.24	1466
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£134.00	1467
Electric Bill Millennium garden	E-On	£21.84	1468

RENEWAL OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Members NOTED that the grounds maintenance contracts for Cumeragh Village and the Millennium Garden need renewing for 3 years from Apr 2020. Members considered the quotes and comments from residents regarding the existing provider and expressed a desire to support a local business.

MIN 20/126 Members RESOLVED to award the contract to Barton Grange Landscapes who will be asked to commence as soon as the weather permits.

E-ON ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

Members noted that options were limited as we have a business metered supply with E-On.

MIN 20/127 Members RESOLVED to renew the fixed price plan for one year.

2020/21 INTERNAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

MIN 20/128 Following a review of the internal audit documents, Members RESOLVED to include the Website Accessibility regulations on the Risk Register, approve Mr Slade as the Council's Internal Auditor and make reference to the website and Newsletter helping to reduce the risks associated with a failure to represent community interests adequately.

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members considered the feedback from the Best Kept Village information session and noted that an entry would require commitment from local residents. It would also be helpful to approach Goosnargh Parish Council to see if we could submit a joint entry to cover the Grapes and Bushells House. **MIN 20/129** Members RESOLVED to include an article in the Spring Newsletter and to ask Goosnargh Parish if we could include their parts of the village in an entry in 2021.

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY SPRING CLEAN

Members noted that Keep Britain Tidy are inviting Parish Councils to take part in a Spring Clean between the 20th March and 13th April. **MIN 20/130** Members RESOLVED to contact the existing litter picking group to ask if they could hold an event in that timescale so that it can be advertised in the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding whether additional equipment and high vis jackets can be borrowed.

NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council Newsletter needs to be issued in April to update residents on the co-opted councillors and to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 11th May.

MIN 20/131 Members RESOLVED to include updates on the planning situation, Keep Britain Tidy and the Best Kept village in addition to advice on how and where to report construction concerns and pot holes. A final draft of the Newsletter will be circulated for approval by email.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that the City Council have launched a consultation on Homes in Multiple Occupancy. The right to convert a single dwelling to a HMO was withdrawn in some areas of the City on the grounds that a high concentration of HMO's could lead to issues for the local community. As Whittingham has no experience of the permitted development or its withdrawal a reply to the consultation will not be submitted.

The Clerk advised Members of an ongoing dispute at the Clay Lane site. Following the refusal of the applications for 2 houses, it was alleged that a hedge had been ripped out and the site owner had offered the land for sale to Travellers. The Clerk reassured members of the 5 Acres Group that although the Council can't influence who the land is sold to, any attempts to develop the land or any occupancy by Travellers, will still require planning permission.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th April 2020 which is Easter Monday. **MIN 20/132** Members RESOLVED to move the meeting forward to Monday 6th April at 7.15 at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.