

### Planning Decisions

At the time of printing, a decision has not been announced on the Whittingham planning appeals. It is understood the delay is due to the Planning Inspector becoming unwell. The Parish Council remains in contact with the City Council and as soon as we receive any more information, **we will update the news page on our website.** Currently, applications which do not accord with the Local Plan are being refused as the City Council believes it can demonstrate a deliverable 5 year supply of housing land.

### Community Infrastructure Levy.

When new development is approved in the Parish, the City Council collects a Community Infrastructure Levy from the developers and passes 15% of the Levy to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is working through a list of expenditure suggestions put forward by residents. These are detailed in the **CIL Business Plan** on our website. Progress will be assessed at the November meeting. A Working Group has been formed to consider improving the leisure opportunities on Goosnargh Village Green.

### Whittingham Hospital Development

Residents will be aware that Homes England went 'back to the drawing board' in 2019 and released new plans for the development of the Whittingham Hospital Site. The revised application included 750 dwellings, (in addition to the 150 built by Taylor Wimpey) the redevelopment of the Sports and Social Club and associated outdoor facilities and the allocation of land for a primary school. Under **Phase 1** of the revised application, Barratt Homes will deliver 248 homes off Cumeragh Lane under application reference **06/2020/1118**. Following the felling of several trees on the site, the Parish Council will continue to monitor the development.

Elan Homes have submitted an application to develop 21 homes off the Henry Littler Way entrance. The Parish Council has expressed concerns regarding the access and junction arrangements.

Residents living on the Taylor Wimpey development have requested a **20mph speed limit**. This has been forwarded to the County Council who are progressing a request to adopt the estate roads.

### Community Grants

Regrettably several community events had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus. The Parish Council has a small budget for community donations and will consider awarding a grant or donation to local community groups / events which will bring direct benefit to the area or some of its inhabitants. If your organisation wishes to apply for a community grant, please contact the Clerk.

### Speeding Traffic

In 2020, Whittingham Parish Council installed solar powered Spid Indicator Devices (SPIDs) on **Whittingham Lane** and **Halfpenny Lane**. Monthly data revealed that **84.5%** of vehicles passing the Whittingham Lane SPID were exceeding the **30mph** speed limit - with 132 vehicles recorded in excess of **70mph!** **62%** of the south bound traffic on Halfpenny Lane also exceeded the **30mph** limit.

The Parish Council is working with Lancashire County Council and the Road Safety Partnership to reduce the number of incidents and **the mobile police enforcement camera is now active in the area.** The timing has not been ideal due to diversions created by the construction of the United Utilities water main, but the Parish Council has also invited the County Council Cabinet Member for Highways to a future meeting to discuss how the situation can be improved. In addition, Lancashire County Council has provided a **Community Toolkit** which contains practical ideas for reducing traffic speed locally. The Toolkit can be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council is prepared to support some of the ideas and would **welcome feedback from residents** regarding which ones would be most effective and whether residents would like to get involved. If you can't access the website and would like to know more about the ideas, please use the contact details on the back page to contact the Clerk or your local ward Councillor.

### Pot Holes

The Parish Council encourages residents to report potholes, and road safety concerns to the County Council via their website.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it)

Once you access the website you can log the precise location on a map and you receive an email reference number to allow you to check progress on any repairs. The website also provides links to other useful information such as **roadworks** and **road closures**.

### Best Kept Village

The Parish Council is considering entering the Best Kept Village competition. Work has already taken place to replace damaged benches and signs on Goosnargh Village Green but if an entry is to be successful, **volunteers are needed** to contribute ideas and actions to improve the village appearance. If you would like to get involved please contact a local Councillor or the Clerk.

In addition, the Parish Council is considering a **paid contract for a handyman** to repair assets and undertake routine maintenance in the Parish. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

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## 2 VACANCIES

### VACANCY INFORMATION

Applicants need to be over 18, live or work within 3 miles of the Parish and take an interest in the local area.

To apply, send a letter or email to the Parish Clerk outlining why you wish to be considered, the links you have with the local area and any skills or qualities you can bring to the Parish Councillor role.

### FOR ANY CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS IN THE PARISH CONTACT

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# WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2021

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Parish Council Newsletter updating residents on matters in the Whittingham Parish Council area.

### Parish Council Meetings

As reported in our Summer edition, meetings are now taking place downstairs in **Goosnargh Village Hall** on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7.15pm**. Any changes to the time or venue will be added to our website. [www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk)

Meetings are open to the public and provide residents with an opportunity to comment on planning applications, traffic problems and any other concerns in the Parish. **Attendees are still encouraged to refer to the Covid Method Statement before attending.** Our website includes copies of previous Minutes, Agenda, Councillor contact details, financial information and a news page updating residents on items of interest. Please visit the website and use the 'Contact Us' link for any queries or questions

### Parish Council Vacancies

Parish Councillors can vote to oppose or support local planning applications, raise safety concerns with Highways and improve facilities and amenities in the Parish - but to do this effectively, the Parish Council needs to be at full strength and currently, we have 2 vacancies in **Higher Ward**. We hope you would like to get involved in matters concerning your local area, so please contact the Parish Clerk.

Members were saddened to hear that former **Councillor Stan Hunter** had passed away in August. Cllr Hunter was a valuable Member of the Parish Council - serving for 28 years from 1991 to May 2019.

### Remembrance Sunday.

Wreaths will be laid at a Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church on **Sunday 14th November at 10.30 am**. Further details will be available from the Church. After the service, the Parish Council Chairman will lay a wreath at the Memorial at Beacon Drive. Members of the public are welcome to attend to pay their respects.

