

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Residents will be aware that the City Council must be able to demonstrate that it has a deliverable **5 year** housing supply. If the City Council uses the Government's Formula for calculating its supply, it can demonstrate **13.6 years** as it does not need to include the shortfall of homes not built in previous years. However, at an appeal in Barton, a Planning Inspector ruled that until the Local Plan is refreshed, the City Council must use the Local Plan figures which equate to a supply of **4.95 years** - slightly short of the 5 year requirement.

The City Council is challenging the Inspector's decision and until the matter is resolved, planning applications are being assessed on the basis that the Council has a housing supply of **13.6yrs**. This means the tilted balance is **not** engaged; Local Plan Policies are up to date and applications which do not comply with the Local Plan should be refused. This is the case with the Whittingham appeals which will be considered in April. As soon as we know the appeal decisions, the Parish Council website will be updated, along with the Goosnargh and Whittingham Against Over Development Facebook page.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

When new development is approved in the parish, the City Council collects a CIL levy from the developers and passes 15% of the levy to the Parish Council. Following consultation with residents, Members have used CIL monies for the following projects :-

Creation of a Parish Newsletter and website, resurfacing of the footpath between Goosnargh Village Hall and the play area, Defibrillator at the Village Hall, new War Memorial on Beacon Drive, Parish Boundary and Village Green signs, new benches and litter bins in various locations, Solar Powered Speed Indicator Devices and improvements to 2 Public Rights of Way to create 2 circular walks in the Parish. Other projects are ongoing and are listed on the **CIL Business Plan** which can be viewed on our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The above projects demonstrate that the Parish Councillors are proud of the Parish and want to keep residents informed regarding how CIL monies are spent locally. Members are trying to reduce the speeding traffic and make the village, cleaner, safer and tidier. The next step will be to enter the Best Kept Village competition. Whilst we might not be ready to enter this year, please continue to keep us informed of any problem areas or projects which will enhance the village for all residents.



GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

We are very fortunate to have a team of volunteers who go round collecting litter from problem areas in the Parish. If you would like to join them, please contact the Clerk who will pass your details on. We appreciate many people cannot volunteer regularly but we are hoping to register with Keep Britain Tidy who are launching a litter picking campaign running from **28th May - 13th June**. For more information see

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick>

Litter and fly tipping incidents can also be reported directly to the City Council at www.preston.gov.uk/article/899/Report-fly-tipping or call **01772 906909** to get it removed. You will need to give a precise location.

HEDGE CUTTING, STREET LIGHTS, POTHoles, ROADWORKS

Lancashire County Council is responsible for repairing pot holes and ensuring that overgrown hedges are cut back. Residents can easily report these matters directly to LCC, along with street lighting issues and blocked drains using the link www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it The Parish Council is notified of some roadworks in advance and we try to put these on our website, however, if you do get held up by roadworks you can check how long they will be in place for by using this link <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx?district=Preston>

MUD ON THE ROAD

We are aware of the difficulties caused by developers leaving mud and debris on the road whilst new building works take place. As part of the planning process, developers have to submit a Construction Method Statement to the City Council and action can be taken if they breach the conditions. If you have a concern about any building work, please contact Preston City Council on **906900** or email devcon@preston.gov.uk

POLICE INCIDENTS

We are fortunate to have a low crime rate in the Parish, but we still hear of incidents where people have left their sheds and cars unlocked or house windows open, particularly in warm weather. Please leave your premises secure and report any crime incident on 101.

LOWER WARD

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Clybane
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PR3 2AY

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Cllr Bernard Huggon
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Preston
PR3 2AU

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HIGHER WARD

1 VACANCY

Cllr Dave Hall
14 Fellview
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PR3 2AJ

Tel: 07920 825277

FOR ANY PROBLEMS, CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS WITHIN THE PARISH CONTACT

Mrs Julie Buttle
Parish Clerk
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BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

To join the Parish Council, applicants need to be over 18, live or work within 3 miles of the Parish and take an interest in the things that affect the area and its residents. In this instance, Parish Councillors are not politically appointed. To apply, just send a letter or email to the Clerk outlining why you wish to be considered, the links you have with the local area and any skills or qualities you will bring to the role.



WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and give residents an opportunity to comment on planning applications, traffic problems and any other issues of concern in the Parish. During the Coronavirus pandemic, Whittingham Parish Council has met remotely with a link to the meeting published on the Agenda, however as the legislation allowing Councils to meet remotely expires in May, Councillors are making plans to return to **face to face meetings from June**. All meetings will be risk assessed and will comply with the Covid regulations at the time. Further details will be available on our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk towards the end of May.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Council meeting - it is a meeting where electors can find out about the work of the Parish Council. The Chairman will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented. City and County Councillors are invited to update residents on their activities and community groups are also invited to give an update on their events and activities for the forthcoming year.

As the number of attendees can not be predicted, this year's **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held **remotely** by Zoom on **Monday 26th April at 7.15pm**. A link will be published on the Parish Council website and can be emailed on request. It is advisable for anyone wishing to raise an item to email the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

In February, the Council was saddened to hear of the death of **Cllr Margaret Rigby** who served on the Parish Council for **41 years**. Her local knowledge, enthusiasm and passionate contributions will be greatly missed. A fitting memorial will be organised in due course.

To function properly and represent residents to the best of its ability, the Parish Council needs to co-opt **2 new Councillors**. Please refer to the information on the rear page.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Village Hall is an important asset bringing the community together. New Trustees are required to assist the management committee in the running of the building and ensure its future viability. For details of the help required, please contact **Peter Pemberton 01772 865057**