

PLANNING MATTERS

Residents will be aware that the Planning Inspector dismissed the appeals for new homes to be built in and around Whittingham, however, the Government's national policy to build more homes, means the threat of new development will never go away completely!

The Parish Council remains of the view that new homes should be linked to local connection and demand (not builder demand) and capacity has been reached locally with the development of the former Whittingham hospital site.

It is understood that the City Council is in the process of rewriting the current Local Plan to ensure Planning Policies comply with the National Planning Policy Framework and as part of this process includes the allocation of new development sites, the Parish Council is closely monitoring the situation to ensure local views are represented.

INCREASED TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING CONCERNS

The Parish Council purchased 3 solar powered Speed Indicator Devices which record the volume and speed of passing vehicles. As



reported in earlier editions of the newsletter and the local press, the number of cars excessively, exceeding the speed limit has been astounding. All the data has been passed to the Road Safety Partnership and the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner who is overseeing a review on the use of enforceable GATSO cameras (yellow boxes.)

The review findings will be published shortly and the Parish Council will continue to campaign for GATSO cameras to be installed. In addition, the Parish Council remains in contact with County Councillor Edwards (Cabinet Member for Highways) to request lower speed limits and additional speed awareness measures.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The Parish Council worked in partnership with Preston City Council to plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Goosnargh Village Green. It is hoped that this will be the first of many green initiatives to make the village cleaner and brighter. Members are also progressing plans to contract a Lengthsman to keep the Parish clean and tidy with a view to entering the Best Kept Village competition. More details will be in the next issue of the Newsletter which will include the Chairman's Annual Report and an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Business Plan.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Parish Council is eager to support local groups which help to provide activities and events which are at the heart of village life. For some time grants and donations have been awarded to community events and Members are now assessing how to improve the facilities and equipment available to individual organisations.

Requests have been received from the Goosnargh Tennis Club and Whittingham Bowling Club - both of which are looking to increase their membership. The Tennis Club who meet at premises at the rear of the Village Green, will be holding an open day on the **8th May** and can be contacted on **07773 498348**. Whittingham Bowling Club meet at the Whittingham Hospital site and are also holding 2 open days one on the **1st May** and one on the **29th May**. Further details are available by contacting **07941 306720**.

POLICE CONTACTS

As we have previously reported in the Parish Newsletter, police resources are allocated based on the number of crimes / incidents so it is important that ALL incidents are reported - no matter how small or insignificant - as added together, the reports could illustrate that more resources are needed and more information can be collated with the ultimate aim of stopping the activity or catching the culprits.

For an emergency - call **999**; for current, suspicious activity call **101** or to report a concern or give anonymous information you can contact Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111** or fill out their online anonymous form <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/our-guarantee-of-anonymity> For reassurance on any local police matter you can contact PC Ruman Takhar on **07929 713979** or Police Community Support Officer Julie Anyon on **07815 449032**. These numbers are only answered when the officers are on duty.

CYCLING & WALKING ROUTES

Lancashire County Council are looking at ways to 'join up the gaps' in the existing network of footpaths and cycle routes to provide safer, direct and more convenient routes. As this could create safer paths for cyclists and pedestrians and help reduce the amount of traffic on the roads, the Parish Council is supporting the initiative by requesting that residents provide feedback on current cycling and walking provision in the local area. You can find out more about the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, and take part in the survey at www.lancashire.gov.uk/activetravel

Due to a minor set back, the Parish Council has engaged the help of the Open Spaces Society to progress a woodland walk adjacent to the Homes England site on Whittingham Lane. It is hoped the new benches in the cemetery will still go ahead.

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CO-OPTIONS AND A NEW VISION

Following the Parish Council's appeal for residents to get involved in matters concerning the local area, **Cllr Eddie Marginson** and **Cllr Dave Price** have been co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Now that the Parish Council is back at full strength, Members are focusing on a refresh of the **Parish Plan** which assesses the look and feel of the Parish and considers what it offers to the local community and how it can be improved. Various themes have been identified including **housing, transport, education** and **recreation**.

In the coming months, the Parish Council will be consulting residents to establish views on the above themes. Once complete, the Parish Plan can be used to allocate resources to local projects, respond to planning applications and strengthen the ongoing campaigns for additional services and improved infrastructure.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and they provide residents with an opportunity to attend in person to propose improvements, raise local concerns or find out more about City and County Council issues. Alternatively, residents can contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors listed on the back page.

Agendas and Minutes of meetings are published on the Parish Council website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk along with the Council's finances and budget for the forthcoming year.

Each May, the Council hosts an **Annual Parish Meeting**. This is not an ordinary Council meeting - it is a meeting where residents 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 inform residents of their campaigns and activities and community groups who have received funding from the Parish Council, are invited to give an update on their events and activities for the forthcoming year.

This year's **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 12th May at 6.30pm** in Goosnargh Village Hall and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. It is advisable for anyone wishing to attend or raise an item, to email the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

