

CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Yvette Brown, a paramedic working on secondment as a Community Resuscitation Engagement Officer for NW Ambulance Service, attended the October meeting to discuss a proposal to provide a defibrillator at **Vaughan's Shop** on Cumeragh Lane. In addition she is eager to provide defibrillator training and wants to encourage residents to become Community First Responders.

The Parish Council wishes to support the proposal and will publish further information on our website in due course - however, **to assess the level of interest in the defibrillator training, if this is of interest to you, please contact the Parish Clerk using the contact details on the back page.**

RENOVATION OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

One of the priorities on the Council's Parish Plan is to try and bring St John's Church on the old hospital site back into use as some form of a community hub. The site is owned by Homes England who have a statutory duty to 'secure best consideration' when they dispose of land and property.



We have arranged a meeting with them to discuss their plans and to see how our plans can be considered as part of that process.

Separately,

- ◆ We have prepared a [concept paper](#) for how we would like to use the building - this can be viewed on our website.
- ◆ We have had discussions with Safe Regeneration, a community organization that has been down this route, for initial advice. They have helped 10 community groups with projects like this and have offered to help us.
- ◆ We are in the process of obtaining quotes for laser scanning of the site to give us accurate dimensions and models of the building. This will enable us to explore different ideas.

As the Parish Council is limited in how it can raise funds, if things go well with Homes England, we anticipate setting up a Community Interest Company in due course.

In the meantime, if you have legal, financial, architectural, or bidding skills, or just a passion for helping bring back a magnificent building into community use, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk using the contact details on the back page and we will be in touch.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

The Parish Council continues to use its portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy to improve local facilities across the Parish.

During 2023/24, CIL has been used to prepare and mark out a football pitch on Goosnargh Village Green. [Many thanks to Goosnargh Golf Society](#) who have donated £170 towards repairs to the goalposts. [Would you please urge children not to swing on the goal posts to avoid any further damage](#)

During 2023/24 CIL monies have also been used to **replace the flagstones** leading up to the memorial on Beacon Drive, provide **new floodlights** at Longridge Town Football Club and provide supporting **plant trellises** in Whittingham Park cemetery.

Our website includes a copy of the **CIL Business Plan** which details ongoing projects that the Council is working on.

DOG FOULING

If you have a particular concern about a dog fouling incident, [report the matter to Preston City Council](#), who can issue **Fixed Penalty Notices** to offenders. To help the Council take action, try to note the date, time, exact location and provide a description of the dog and owner. The Parish Council will shortly be providing dog bag dispensers on **Goosnargh Village Green**, the playing field at **The Square** and the grass verge at Halfpenny Lane - all of which are near multi purpose litter bins.



PLANNING POLICY

The Parish Council continues to comment on local planning applications and will be attending a meeting in November to hear about the long awaited refresh of the **Local Plan**.



Residents may be aware that developers lost their planning appeals to build new housing estates in the heart of Whittingham and we intend to ensure that the Policies in the Local Plan are robust enough to protect our rural area from future development.

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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the **Autumn 2023** edition of the Parish Council Newsletter updating residents on matters in the Whittingham Parish Council area.

An electronic copy of the Newsletter is added to our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk making it easier for residents to access weblinks to other agencies.

We also have a [Facebook page](#) where we post links to surveys, news articles and road closures which can also be viewed on the [Roadwork Bulletin](#) issued by Lancashire County Council.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held downstairs in Goosnargh Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.15pm. Our website includes Agenda, Minutes and other information for all meetings. It's been a pleasure to welcome an increasing number of residents to meetings recently. **Please feel free to come along.**

Before making a decision on any item - particularly financial matters - the item **must** be included on the Parish Council agenda which is published a week before the meeting. For more information please contact the Clerk clerk@whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

A residents' group has been formed to improve areas of the Parish with a view to entering the Best Kept Village competition. **If you would like to get involved with their work, please email either**

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Wreaths will be laid at a Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church on **Sunday 12th 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.

