

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 10th November at 2014** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall, Preston.

Members:

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman
Cllr Stan Hunter
Cllr Bernard Huggon
Cllr Alan Lewis
Cllr Ruth Mills
Cllr Margaret Rigby
Cllr Lona Smith

Members of the public

Mr Alan Wheatley - FOWGG

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES All members were present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th Oct 2014.

MIN 78 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the October meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 06/2014/0787 due to her employment at Guild Park.

Cllr Hunter declared a prejudicial interest in the purchase of a seat for Goosnargh Play Area due to his property overlooking the play area.

Both Councillors left the room when the matters were discussed as Agenda items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 79 Members RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

Mr Alan Wheatley addressed the Council and explained that Members of (FOWGG) Friends of Whittingham and Goosnargh Green wished to disband and purchase a seat for the play area in memory of Mr Birkby. The FOWGG Minutes confirming this were circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Mr Wheatley explained that they hope to match the seat with others at the site but the cost, type and location had not yet been agreed with the City Council.

In response to questions from Members regarding the location and need for a bench, it was stated that it was unlikely that FOWGG members would be happy simply adding a plaque to an existing seat. The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council does not have the final say on the provision or the location as the City Council own the land. An email from the City Council Parks department was circulated confirming that the City Council were happy to order a seat and install it. In response to further questions from Members it was stated that other bodies such as Goosnargh Parish Council and the local County Councillor had not been approached to help fund the cost. FOWGG believed that the £1000 set aside by the Parish Council to contribute to the play area had not been paid and this was the reason Whittingham Parish Council had been approached. The Clerk confirmed the £1000 was paid to FOWGG and will send the email confirmation.

Members RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting and bring forward Agenda item 10 to allow a decision to be made. As Cllr Hunter had declared a prejudicial interest in the matter due to the proximity of his home to the site, he left the meeting and did not take any part in the decision making process.

PURCHASE OF BENCH FOR FOWGG

MIN 80 Further to the discussion under Public Participation, Members RESOLVED to support the provision of a seat in principle and to make the donation from this year's accounts. As the Parish Council contributed £1,000 to the play area, Members requested that FOWGG approach other sources for financial contributions and then come back to the Council in December with the type of seat, cost and a formal proposal for the amount needed.

The Clerk was requested to contact the City Council to seek some reassurance that they would consult residents on the location of any new seating.

CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2014/0787 Prior notification of submission for demolition of Frank Gardham House, Guild Park, Whittingham Lane, Whittingham.

MIN 81 Members noted that the site will be seeded over following demolition but wished to record their views that as the land is on the boundary of the Whittingham Hospital housing development it should be properly maintained as open space.

06/2014/0789 Prior notification of submission for the relocation of an agricultural Building at Chingle House Farm Whittingham Lane Goosnargh

Min 82 Members questioned the need to relocate the agricultural building given that the agricultural use must be declining if the remainder of the site is being developed for housing - see **06/2014/0813**. With this in mind, Members questioned whether the building is being relocated simply to provide a more acceptable location for conversion to another dwelling in the future.

06/2014/0813 Conversion of barn into 3 dwellings, erection of 3 dwellings, erection of 3 garage blocks to provide garages for the existing farmhouse, barn conversion and new build houses and installation of underground package treatment plant (following demolition of existing farm buildings) at Chingle House Farm, Whittingham

Members noted that the application would provide 6 new dwellings on brownfield land currently occupied by agricultural buildings. **MIN 83** Members RESOLVED to comment that whilst they had no major objections to the development, they felt the proposal was unambitious and should aspire to achieve more than code 4 in the code for sustainable homes. It was noted that whilst the development would take place on the footprint of the existing development, the increase in properties would result in additional traffic using a very narrow lane. With this in mind mind Members requested that the hedgerows be retained where ever possible.

06/2014/0805 Substitution of house types and alterations to layout of application 06/2012/0544 resulting in an increase of 2 dwellings (total 79 dwellings) on land south of Whittingham Road, Whittingham.

Members expressed concern that the application form states that both the foul and surface water be disposed of via the main sewer. Members reiterate that the existing sewers will not accommodate this increase. Members note that affordable housing is now proposed in the NW corner at the rear of existing properties fronting Whittingham Road. Given that the existing properties are large detached houses, the construction of semi detached and mews properties at the rear is considered out of character and Members feel the siting of affordable houses on the original plan was more acceptable. Members noted that there appears to be an increase in 3 bed properties and a decrease in 2 bed properties. It is questioned whether this is reflected in the amount of car parking provision for the development.

MIN 84 Members RESOLVED to object to the application for the above reasons.

Note - Plots 54 and 55 (formerly plots 50 and 51) were shown as phase 2 in the latest application 06/2014/0452 but they are not included in the red boundary of this application relating to phase 2 see plan H5998-01. Members request that the planning officer clarifies the phasing of these 2 properties with the developer.

PRESTON CITY CENTRE PLAN

MIN 85 Members RESOLVED to note the publication version of the City Centre Plan.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL CONSULTANTS BRIEFING

Members were informed that HCA had appointed Nexus planning to prepare a briefing to appoint consultants to work with stakeholders to progress the development of the sports and social facilities at the Whittingham hospital site.

MIN 86 Members considered the briefing to be issued to the consultants and RESOLVED to make the following comments in italics

Page 3 - Purpose of Commissionacceptable to the planning authority, HCA, *stakeholders and the Parish Council*

Page 4 - Stage 1 – resident Whittingham *and Goosnargh* population

Page 5 - 4 Stakeholder *and Goosnargh and Whittingham resident's* consultations.

Members also requested that the consultants note that the Parish Council is concerned that the S106 agreement covering the provision of schools, sports and leisure facilities was written in 2008 and does not take into account the additional development and resultant increase in population in the Whittingham Parish area. As the picture has changed, Members feel that the need and demand for facilities should be revisited hence the request for additional consultation with the residents of Whittingham and Goosnargh. As new development has already begun in other areas, Members also feel that the provision of new facilities should be brought forward and should not be left until phase 3.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

POPPY WREATH

MIN 87 Members RESOLVED to make a donation to the Royal British Legion under Section 137 of the Local Government Act for a poppy wreath to be laid on Remembrance Sunday.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 88 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Nov salary	Mrs J Buttle	£392.53	CQ 1098
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£53.80	CQ 1099
Bus Shelter Window	KDC Build	£144.00	NOT PAID*
Hedge Cutting Cumeragh	Goosnargh Tree Services	£186.00	CQ 1101
Maintenance contract	Barton Grange	£1548.00	CQ 1102
Poppy Wreath	Royal British Legion	£25.00	CQ 1103

*An invoice has been received for the installation of a window in the bus shelter at Church Lane but Members reported that the work had not been completed. The Clerk will check this before paying the invoice.

TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015 / 2016

The Clerk presented an estimate of the expenditure required for 2015/2016 and members considered the items listed on the agenda.

MIN 89 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a draft budget to incorporate the following points

- a) **Clerk's Salary** - Contracted increment and inflationary increase likely to be 1.5%.
- b) **Printing of newsletters or consultations** - Carry forward the £550
- c) **Christmas Trees** - Not to purchase a portable, battery operated tree lighting system but to provide one Parish Christmas tree using the permanent electricity supply at Beacon Drive.
- d) **Enhancement of PCC maintained areas** - not to add any additional funds
- e) **Cumeragh Village play equipment renewal** – to include a new heading to cover the inspections, maintenance and £200 towards future provision
- f) **Speed Indicator Devices** – to allocate from CIL monies if accepted
- g) **Asset Register** – varnish benches on Goosnargh Green and repair / replace seating at Cumeragh play area

Members NOTED that the grant advert has not yet been published in the Longridge News but a grant request has already been received from the Goosnargh and Whittingham Festival committee.

Members NOTED that officers from the City Council were not available to give a presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) but had provided an estimate stating that the Parish Council was likely to receive in excess of £84,000 in the next financial year. Members were advised that the Parish Council was under no obligation to accept the levy and there are restrictions on how it can be spent. Members requested that a briefing on the restrictions be presented to the next meeting so that Members can decide whether or not to accept CIL monies.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED the following correspondence

- Pages 1 – 2 of the LCC Parish Champion's newsletter for November
- Closure of D'urton Lane from its junction with B6241 Eastway to its junction with Houghton Green Lane between the 13th and 24th November for carriageway maintenance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members NOTED the date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.00pm.**