

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 13th Nov 2017** at 7.00pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

Members:

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman
Cllr Dave Hall
Cllr Bernard Huggon,
Cllr Stan Hunter,
Cllr Harry Landless
Cllr Alex Meades
Cllr Margaret Rigby

Members of the public

Lindy King - GWHG
Cllr Lona Smith – Preston City Councillor

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk.

APOLOGIES – None all Members were present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th October 2017.

MIN 90 it was RESOLVED that the October Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 38e, the Clerk granted a dispensation to Members to enable them to discuss the budget for 2018 / 2019. Members noted a written dispensation will be required prior to the Council confirming the Precept.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 91 it was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Smith stated that she had highlighted the problems that rural areas may face in relation to the waste management consultation discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.

The amended plans for 193 dwellings on Inglewhite Road have been approved despite further objections submitted by residents and the Parish Council.

Cllr Smith stated she has reported vibration problems to LCC regarding the roadworks taking place on Whittingham Road and has also queried how residents will get in and out of Green Nook once the trench reaches that point. It was noted that a gap has opened up between the road and the kerb and a complaint has been made that the contractors have been working at weekends but have not worked consecutively throughout the week.

Lindy King of the Heritage group stated that she had met with the conservation officer regarding the Heritage List. An updated description / list of properties has been passed to the Clerk with amendments shown in green. As the Heritage Group advised on the amendments and are happy with the outcome, no further action is proposed until we receive the City Council feedback from the public consultation.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

HOLME FELL COMPLAINT

Members were informed that the City Council has provided an explanation for each of the concerns raised in relation to the formal complaint regarding the Holme Fell application. Members considered the explanations but felt there was still enough concern to refer the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman. **MIN 92** As a Parish Council is unable to refer another local authority to the Ombudsman, Members RESOLVED that the Clerk work with Goosnargh Resident Association to submit a case.

The City Council was 'minded to approve the application' subject to the signing of a S106 agreement. Once this is signed, the decision can be challenged by way of a Judicial Review. Under MIN 79, Members RESOLVED that legal advice was required to assess the documents prior to requesting a Judicial Review and Members made a financial commitment in this regard. The Clerk informed Members that a planning solicitor has agreed to look at the case but as this may be a lengthy and expensive process, he won't commence until the S106 is signed. Concern was expressed that this may impact on the Judicial Review which needs to be submitted within 6 weeks of the decision.

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MIN 93 If the S106 is signed, Members RESOLVED to proceed with the quote, but if a further extension of time is granted, the Clerk was requested to approach other Planning Solicitors to see if they can commence the analysis earlier. It was requested that in addition to advising on the merits of proceeding with a Judicial Review, the solicitor will be requested to provide feedback to assist Members in understanding and expressing the key issues as this may strengthen the Parish Council's objections to any similar applications.

CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Members NOTED that no new applications had been received, however an amended scheme had been submitted in relation to the reserved matters application **06/2017/0840** for 193 dwellings at Inglewhite Road. As the Parish Council was only given 6 days to comment on the amended scheme, comments were made under delegated authority.

The Clerk reiterated previous concerns regarding drainage and questioned the response from the Local Lead Flood Authority. The increase in affordable homes was criticised as this will result in a 'solid bar' of affordable homes adjacent to Halfpenny Lane. Visitor parking has been increased but it is still unclear if each property has sufficient parking spaces based on the number of bedrooms. Some residents will be required to move bins to the end of a shared private drive. In light of the recent City Council consultation, concerns were expressed regarding the number / loss of bins which will need to be stored in a 'dedicated collection space' on recycling day. The amended plan includes the removal of a hedgerow which has resulted in the parks department stating 'trees and hedgerows should be protected and a management plan put in place'. This response has been supported.

Finally, it was questioned whether LCC have taken into account the combined effect of this application (for 193 dwellings) and a Barratt application (for 360 dwellings) across the road from the Alston Arms. The combined effect of both developments may have an impact on the junction of Inglewhite Road with Chipping Lane at the Alston Arms.

SPID REPLY

LCC consider that the proposed device may be too heavy to be moved to different locations and have stated that a device with a permanent road speed will not be permitted in areas of less than 40mph. **MIN 94** Members RESOLVED that the Clerk approach other companies to supply a solar device in keeping with LCC's comments.

CIL MONIES AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018/2019

Members NOTED the balances in the **CIL Finance Log** which included the October CIL receipt of £11,932.89 in respect of works at the former Ridings Site. The amount is being paid in instalments. Members requested that the Clerk asks the City Council to provide an update on outstanding / commenced schemes as payment, expected on other sites, has not been received. Members considered progress on the items in the **CIL Business Plan** and agreed to include an additional item of new Parish boundary signs. Suggested signs and an estimate of the costs will be sought by the Clerk.

MIN 95 Members RESOLVED to pay the submitted invoice for the footpath improvements on Goosnargh Village Green. It was confirmed that money had been transferred to the current account in July 2017 under MIN44b. CQ 1293

MIN 96 Members RESOLVED to purchase an iPad SP1 Defibrillator following the receipt of information supplied by the Village Hall. The device will be mounted outside the Village Hall and will be serviced and administered by the Trustees.

Members considered the **DRAFT 2018 / 19 budget plan**, noting variances in existing and proposed expenditure, new projects and items requiring renewal or repair. Members noted the 2017/18 budget was £17,685 but the precept was set at £15,375 with the balance being met by reserves and CIL. The 2018/19 budget is £18,430. The figure does not include CIL items and it is likely that the Precept will need to be increased, primarily due to the additional maintenance costs requested by the City Council.

£15,375 divided by 881 band D properties (April 2017) equated to an average cost of £17.45. Members were satisfied with the budget analysis, but prior to confirming the Precept, Members requested that the Clerk establish the increase in properties so that Members can compare the budgetary increase in proportion to the average cost per resident.

In accordance with MIN 86, the Parish Newsletter included an article on the grant scheme

and local groups were invited to apply for funding.

MIN 97 Members RESOLVED to approve the following grant requests in accordance with the grant policy. Cheques will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting in May.

1. Donation to Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival £500
2. Donation to Longridge Agricultural Show £250

OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

POPPY WREATHS

MIN 98 Members RESOLVED to made a donation of £34 to Royal British Legion for 2 poppy wreaths under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 99 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Poppy Wreath	Royal British Legion	£34.00	1285
Nov salary	Mrs J Buttle	£448.87	1286
Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£56.40	1287
Newsletter Printing	Preston City Council	£112.50	1288
Newsletter Delivery	JPP Media	£85.00	1289
Newsletter Design	Mrs J Buttle	£46.40	1290
Grounds Maintenance	Envirocare	£324.00	1291
Cutting of Cumeragh hedge	Goosnargh Tree Service	£196.00	1292

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED an email from a drainage company drawing attention to changes in the regulations relating to septic tanks. The Clerk was request to check the new regulations with the Environment Agency before Members consider whether / how to inform the public.

Members NOTED that there will be a public hearing on the Ribble Valley Local Plan on the 23rd Jan 2018

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

At the Annual Council meeting in May, Members agreed to trial meetings in the Sports & Social Club until the end of 2017. **MIN 100** Members RESOLVED to continue the bookings into 2018 with the situation being confirmed again at the 2018 Annual Council meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 11th December 2017** at 7.00pm in Whittingham Sports & Social Club.

In accordance with MIN 80b Members confirmed that Cllr Lewis, Cllr Hall and Cllr Meades will form a working group to consider a refresh of the Parish Plan and the merits of starting a Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting will be arranged in the New Year.