**WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

An ordinary meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 11th Nov 2019** at 7.15pm at Whittingham Sports & Social Club

**Members: Members of the public**

Cllr Dave Hall - Chairman PC P Geldard

Cllr Margaret Rigby PCSO J Anyon

Cllr Bernard Huggon Cllr R Woollam

Cllr John Worrall McBride

Cllr Alex Meades Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

**APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies as all Councillors were present

**Approval of Minutes**

**MIN 19/76 I**t was RESOLVED that the Oct Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

Those present did not have any declarations of Interests.

**Public participation**

**MIN 19/77** It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Members were issued with last month’s crime list which included a spate of incidents around Cumeragh Village relating to damaged cars and thefts from sheds. It was noted that there are still high volumes of calls from Guild Lodge but PC Geldard regularly attends stakeholder meetings and the situation is under constant review.

Further to the Oct Public Participation session, PC Geldard stated that PCSO Shackleton will trial the new speed gun in the locations mentioned. In addition, Members were asked to note that there are several assessed spots where the speed enforcement van can park up and enforce speeding from Woodplumpton Lane (Broughton) through to Whittingham Lane (Whittingham). The van is operated by Lancashire Road Safety Partnership however, the police can feed in new locations following consultation with the local community. PC Geldard advised that the Road Safety Partnership is probably the best contact regarding setting speed limits and the criteria required to install a yellow Gatso camera. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements are being made to invite them to a future meeting.

It was mentioned that a van was causing an obstruction on the junction of Halfpenny Lane and Inglewhite Road. This will be checked by the Police who were also requested to investigate parking issues outside Longridge Football Club. The Clerk stated these had been reported previously but LCC had replied that they have no records of any problems. The police replied that they will consult with Longridge force, who cover the area, and will advise LCC if they have any evidence of a problem. It was also mentioned that the problem may get worse once roadworks being on a new sewer construction.

Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles parking outside Goosnargh Post Office and it was questioned why yellow lines were not in use. The Clerk stated that the concerns had been raised with LCC as part of the consultation response to Whittingham Hospital and would be followed up now the application has been approved.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened.

**APPLICATIONS FOR Co- OPTION**

**MIN 19/78** As the applicant for the Lower Ward vacancy was unwell, it was RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**PLANNING Applications before council**

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk)

**06/2019/1195** 1no. stable block and change of use of land to form riding paddock on land adjacent, Pudding Pie Nook Lane, Preston. Members noted that the application states that the stables will be for private use and that the PROW will be fenced off.

**MIN 19/79** Members RESOLVED not to object but requested conditions to that effect.

**06/2019/1227** Single storey side extension at 5 Parlick View Court, Preston.

Members noted that the application is to provide an attached garage.

**MIN 19/80** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

**06/2019/1228** Single storey side extension at 6 Parlick View Court, Preston.

Members noted that the application is to provide an attached garage.

**MIN 19/81** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

**06/2019/1234** Reserved matters application (namely appearance and scale) for 1.no

detached dwelling including vehicular access (pursuant to outline permission 06/2017/1400) at Broadfield, Inglewhite Road, Preston.

Members were informed that an earlier application for 3 dwellings 06/2017/0094 had been withdrawn following comments from the planning officer that the application represented backland development. As a result of these comments, the outline approval 06/2017/1400 relates to a subterranean dwelling thereby minimizing the impact on the open countryside.

**MIN 19/82** As the reserved matters application is for a completely different scheme, Members RESOLVED to object to the application on the basis that the proposal is not a valid reserved matters application as it bears no resemblance to the outline permission. As a new dwelling, the proposal is considered to be backland development, extending in to the open countryside contrary to Policy EN1 of the Local Plan.

**PROPOSALS REGARDING THE PROVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSING LAND**

Members were informed that the Central Lancashire authorities have commissioned ICENI to assess the Housing Need across Chorley, Preston and South Ribble. The report states that there are a number of ways to approach the distribution of Housing needs.

If it uses the standard methodology proposed by the Government, the distribution would be

Chorley - 57% (579 homes)

**Preston - 23% (241 homes)**

South Ribble - 20% (206 homes).

However, if housing need is distributed according to the availability of unrestricted land, jobs, population, affordability and other factors identified in the ICENI report the distribution would be

Chorley - 27.5% (282 homes)

**Preston - 40% (410 homes)**

South Ribble - 32.5% (334 homes).

The Councils are proposing to enter into a **Joint Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) and **Statement of Co-operation** (SOC) to adopt the ICENI report.

Members noted that the current requirement is **507 homes** and although the housing need figure may fall to **410 homes** if the MOU is agreed, there is still a significant difference between 410 homes and **241** homes using the standard methodology proposed by Central Government.

Members stated that the ICENI report was weighted heavily towards protecting Chorley from development due to the amount of land development constraints (green belt land.) As Preston does not have any green belt land, Preston is effectively required to take Chorley’s share of housing – which underlines the Parish Council’s objection, that a one plan approach should not be used when the demographics and land constraints of each authority are different.

When replying to the above objection, an officer from the Central Lancashire team stated that a one plan approach had been a unanimous decision taken by the Joint Advisory Committee but given that the public has no involvement in those decisions, Members felt that the consultation on the MOU is likely to be a meaningless exercise, as the decision will have already been ‘rubber stamped’ by the Joint Advisory Committee before the consultation was issued.

**MIN 19/84** Members RESOLVED that the Clerk reply to the consultation by querying how and when the Authorities agreed to adopt the content of the ICENI report and what weight will be given to the consultation replies.

Finally, Members expressed their disappointment that whatever figure is used, it applies to Preston as a whole and does nothing to stop developers saturating the rural areas with new housing development - regardless of whether the need for housing has been met locally.

Further to the latter comment, the Clerk stated that the City Council was about to issue a consultation on the sites to be considered for inclusion in the new Local Plan – the Issues and Options stage. All of the sites currently pending a decision by the Secretary of State are included in the document and other new sites have been proposed.

**MIN 19/85** Members RESOLVED that as the document needs careful scrutiny, Members should hold a separate meeting specifically to discuss the Local Plan in the New Year.

**RIBBLE VALLEY HOUSING NEEDS**

**MIN 19/86** Members noted that Ribble Valley have issued a consultation on their future housing needs and RESOLVED that any concerns regarding housing on the Preston border should be raised at the Cross Boundary Partnership Group meeting.

**FINancial stateMENT**

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

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**MIN 19/87** Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

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| **DETAILS** | **PAYEE** | **AMOUNT** | **CHEQUE** |
| Nov salary | Mrs J Buttle | £536.24 | 1444 |
| Tax / National Ins | HMRC | £134.00 | 1445 |
| Barton Grange play inspections  | Barton Grange | £402.00 | 1446 |
| Newsletter Printing | Preston City | £108.00 | 1447 |
| Newsletter Delivery | J P P Media | £85.00 | 1448 |
| Purchase of 2 poppy wreaths | Royal British Legion | £34.00 | 1449 |
| Grounds maintenance  | Envirocare | £354.00 | 1450 |

**BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/2021**

Members considered the DRAFT budget and noted the variances in existing and proposed expenditure increases and the addition of the following estimates for works proposed at the October meeting.

* Village Green replacement community notice board – no horses, no dogs in play area
* Painting the lamp posts along the new path by the play area in Goosnargh
* Tree thinning & crowning at Cumeragh play area
* Contribution towards a joint partnership traffic assessment report - CIL

Members also NOTED that the grass maintenance contract runs for 3 years and a new contract is due to start in April 2020 an increase in the budget is proposed to facilitate this, however, commencing the contract in April, has proved difficult if the growing season starts early.

**MIN 19/88** Members RESOLVED that quotes are sought in January, so the contract can be awarded in February with works commencing in March.

In accordance with MIN 19/74**,** the Parish Newsletter included an article on the grant scheme and local groups were invited to apply for funding. Requests have been received from

1.      Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival £500

2.      Longridge Agricultural Show £250

3. Trinity Methodist Church £200

4. Little craft show £200

Members welcomed the new community requests and expressed a desire to support them but felt the donation should not be made solely by Whittingham Parish Council.

**MIN 19/89** Members RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts groups 3 & 4 to advise them that £100 each will be allocated in the budget but other funding may be available from Goosnargh Parish Council.

Members noted that the draft budget currently proposes a 9% increase in the Precept but as the amount will be divided by an increased number of residents, the ‘real cost’ to residents will not be as high. Members asked the Clerk to see if the ‘real costs’ can be established and identify areas where the draft budget could be cut further.

**CIL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/21**

Members NOTED the Master CIL report confirming all the amounts received, the expenditure to date and the proposed expenditure to the end of the year - which includes the estimated costs for the Speed Indicator Devices. The Clerk explained that although Anwyl Homes had started work on site in September, their CIL payment will not be transferred until April 2020.

The Clerk is continuing to chase CIL payments in respect of other commenced applications.

After the invoices for the SPIDS are paid, there is still likely to be a balance of £65,876 held in the current account. **MIN 19/90** Members RESOLVED to transfer £50,000 to the CCLA account in the New Year once the SPID invoices have been paid.

**MIN 19/91** Members NOTED the CIL business plan and RESOLVED to issue an update and request for expenditure ideas in the New Year. Members also NOTED that **if** residents express a desire to improve the infrastructure in Longridge, e.g health provision there is nothing to restrict the CIL expense to improvements in the Preston area.

**NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members NOTE the following updates

The LCC Travel Plan monitoring officer has stated that he will be in touch regarding the meeting to discuss Travel Plans.

The Cross Boundary Partnership group meeting is scheduled for the 20th November.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Based on previous years, December is traditionally a quieter month and the Clerk would welcome the opportunity to allocate some time to the CIL applications and the Local Plan submission. **MIN 19/92** Members RESOLVED to postpone the 9th December. The next scheduled meeting will take place on **Monday 13th Jan 2020** at 7.15pm.