

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 13th Oct at 2014** at 7.30pm at Goosnargh Village Hall, Preston.

Members:

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

Members of the public

PCSO David Reid

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr R Mills

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th Sept 2014.

MIN 63 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September 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

There were no declarations of interest.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Members noted that the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 has been amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014 and in order to comply with the new regulation, standing orders 33b needs to be suspended at each meeting or amended to read that *a person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:*

- a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;*
- b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;*
- c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.*

MIN 64 Members RESOLVED to amend Standing Order 33b to incorporate the new provisions shown in italics above.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 65 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation. PCSO Reid explained that there had been a burglary on Halfpenny Lane but the offender had been caught and the property was recovered. Cold calling signs have been erected on the Square. Work is progressing on other areas but 70% of residents need to say yes to the scheme. Help may be needed putting the letters out and encouraging residents to return the letters.

Members queried the use of the Speed Indicator Device which was believed to be part funded with Grimsargh Parish Council. PCSO Reid stated that the police are no longer erecting the devices and he believed it had been returned to Grimsargh. As Whittingham part own the device PCSO Reid was requested to check this and the Clerk was requested to check if an agreement exists regarding the return or disposal of the asset. Members expressed a desire to move towards solar powered SPIDs and PCSO Reid stated that he may be able to provide further information and costs for consideration at the November meeting.

Further to MIN 50, Cllr Hall requested an update on the meeting between HCA and Whittingham Club which was attended by Cllr Smith. Cllr Hunter stated that he also attended as a member of Whittingham Club.

It was reported that a consultant had been appointed by HCA to produce some briefing papers to 'move the matter forward' but attendees at the meeting had mixed feelings regarding whether the consultant would listen to their concerns any more than HCA had. The Club reiterated that they were sitting tenants since 1949 and they need the same amount of land or more. HCA confirmed they were aware of the issues. Copies of the consultants briefing papers were circulated to those present at the stakeholder meeting and attendees were requested to respond within a 2 week timescale. Several attendees explained that this may not be possible. Attendees were requested to supply the information as soon as possible so that a new meeting date could be arranged. Members felt that it may be helpful to ensure the consultant has the contact details of the Parish Council so that any further information can be brought to the Parish Council meetings for consideration. Cllr Hunter stated that any meetings between the consultant and the Parish Council should be public meetings.

Cllr Hall expressed his concern that the Whittingham Hospital application had been determined when the information presented to the Parish Council implied that further information was required. The Clerk confirmed that the comments made by the Parish Council had been presented to the City Council and a request to defer the application was rejected by the planning committee. Members requested that the Clerk contact the Chairman of the planning committee to request an answer to the points raised by the Parish Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

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

06/2014/0694 Erection of stables for private use at Pigot House, Cumeragh Lane, Whittingham. **MIN 66** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2014/0699 Erection of two storey distribution centre with associated landscaping, car parking and modified access at Oak Nurseries, Pudding Pie Nook Lane. Members noted that application 06/2012/0171 to extend Dean Farm Warehouse has still not been determined due to unresolved concerns regarding the widening of the access road. Members wish to draw attention to the above as the access road will also need to be widened in respect of this application.

MIN 67 In principle Members RESOLVED to support the application as it promoted local food distribution and would bring new jobs to the area but expressed concerns that it will generate additional traffic in terms of employee and business related vehicles. In addition to the width of the access road concern was also expressed that the access must be clearly signed as it will be used more frequently by HGV's who will take longer to turn into the road. Concern was also expressed regarding the number of skips, their accessibility and the frequency in which they will be emptied.

06/2014/0715 Erection of detached garage at 3 Church Lane, Goosnargh.

MIN 68 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2014/0716 Conversion of existing agricultural building to a single storey dwelling, including 4no. solar panels and new septic tank at Sudell House, Brabiner Lane.

MIN 69 Members understood that the building was erected based on an agricultural need for the farm. Members RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds that the building is not a dilapidated barn in need of renovation and will not be used to accommodate an agricultural worker.

06/2014/0745 Pitched roof over existing flat roof extension to side and rear of dwelling at 14 Nookfield. **MIN 70** Members RESOLVED to support the application as a pitched roof would be a visual improvement.

PRESTON LOCAL PLAN

The Public Inquiry into the Local Plan will be heard over 2 weeks starting on the 21st October at the Town Hall. Events have been superseded by the granting of planning permission in the Area of Separation however it is understood further representations may be made at the discretion of the Inspector. **MIN 71** It was RESOLVED that Cllr Hall would attend the hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

PROGRESSION OF A LOCAL LIST

Members were reminded that the conservation officer stated that she was going to prepare a report requesting that the City Council consider a consultation with Preston's Parishes about the implementation of a local list. The report has not been forthcoming and a further reminder has been sent. **MIN 72** Members RESOLVED to send a letter to the head of the relevant department outlining their concern and annoyance regarding the lack of action in relation to this matter.

COMPLETION OF AUDIT 2013/2014

Members NOTED that there were no matters arising in respect of the external audit and thanks were expressed to the Clerk for undertaking the work involved. **MIN 73** Members RESOLVED to approve and accept the Annual Return.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 14 – Sept 14

MIN 74 Members considered the half yearly budget and RESOLVED that the Clerk chase up the window in the bus shelter.

CONSIDERATION OF 15/16 BUDGET ITEMS

Members were requested to consider items to be included in the budget and suggested the addition of solar Speed Indicator Devices as mentioned under public participation. The Clerk was requested to resubmit last year's grant advert to the Longridge news.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 76 Member RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Oct Salary	Mrs J Buttle	£392.33	1093
Oct Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£54.00	1094
Electric Bill	E-On	£17.14	1095
Audit Fee	BDO	£120.00	1096
1/4ly expenses & stationery	Mrs J Buttle	£67.33	1097

DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

MIN 77 Members RESOLVED that the Clerk attend the Information Commissioners workshops on the 27th and 29th January in Wilmslow Cheshire. Transport costs will be shared with Woodplumpton Parish Council

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Concerns were expressed about the plastering up of a door (believed to be a fire exit) and equipment being left in the meeting room. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about these 2 matters to the Village Hall Trustees.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 10th November 2014.**