

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **Monday 8th Sept at 2014** at 7.00pm at Goosnargh Village Hall, Preston.

Members:

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

Members of the public

Mrs Parker CVRA

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES Cllr B Huggon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th July 2014.

MIN 48 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the July 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 49 Members RESOLVED to adjourn for public participation.

Mrs Parker of the CVRA addressed the meeting and expressed disappointment that following the decision to move the Speedi-tree system to Beacon Drive last year, the Parish Council has now resolved not to purchase a replacement system for this year. A request was made to include the purchase in the budget for Christmas 2015.

Mrs Parker also stated that in addition to damage to the grasslock system a mature apple tree had also been damaged in the same week. The Clerk stated she received an email about the grasslock system which was repaired but was unaware of the damage to the tree. The CVRA have applied for funding for benches and planters around the play area from Lloyds Bank Community Fund which assists local projects. 4 projects have registered CVRA, Lea Primary School, Pear Tree Special School and Dig In NW. Funding is awarded according to the number of votes secured on the Lloyds website. The Clerk will see if a link can be provided on the Parish Council website to assist people with voting.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL SITE

Members NOTED that the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) had replied that the community consultation of the reserved matters application is the responsibility of the developers however, the phasing of the site is as follows:

Phase 1 – reserved matters - application now in from Taylor Wimpey and should be determined in Sept with a start on site before xmas 2014.

Phase 2 “St Lukes”- the detailed tender information will be released to developers next week. This will be for up to 200 units and is likely to see a reserved matters application coming forward in spring/summer 2015 with a start on site in late 2015.

Phase 3 – development should commence once Phase 1 is coming towards completion. This will be openly marketed.

Phase 4 – development should commence once Phase 2 is coming towards completion. This will also be openly marketed.

Employment Park – Marketing should commence later in 2014. Level of interest from commercial developers is unknown and this may be a long term prospect.

Members stated that the size and scale of the development is important to Whittingham and the public are likely to raise questions as the work commences. When this occurs, it may be beneficial to invite the developers to future Parish Council meetings.

A meeting with the HCA and the Sports & Social Club members has been rescheduled for 6th October at 6.30pm. It was noted that Cllr Lewis is unable to attend. **MIN 50** It was RESOLVED that as Cllr Smith would be attending as a City Councillor, she would report back to 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

06/2014/0535 Reserved matters application for 132 dwellings and 18 apartments in 3 blocks at former Whittingham hospital site

The Clerk referred to 2 documents on the City Council website 1 from Parks and 1 from the Environment Agency both suggesting that amended plans should be submitted as the drainage design did not accord with the outline application and Parks felt many aspects of the development were overbearing and not in keeping with the area.

The Environment Agency expressed concerns that the pond (required to take the surface water) is not included in this phase and consequently there is not a suitable drainage strategy for the proposal. Consequently there is a possibility that the layout of the houses may need to be altered to accommodate the drainage facilities – particularly if an additional pond is required. This would clearly have repercussions for the detailed layout of the proposal.

Parks have also criticised the layout and design of the proposal in particular the entrance to the main road. Of further concern is a gated access which is clearly shown leading to the open space to the north of the site but there is no explanation regarding its purpose.

With regard to the specific detail of the development, Parks have made various recommendations regarding the landscaping and layout of the site which could cause concerns to future residents and it was suggested that the application should also show the provision and location of dog bins within the development.

It was not clear if fibre optic provision will be provided throughout the site and it is suggested that this is included as a condition.

MIN 51 Based on the lack of information relating to the above matters, Members RESOLVED to defer comments until revised plans are received.

06/2014/0564 Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of The Mosses, Whittingham Road, Longridge. **MIN 52** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2014/0577 Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of Ellesmere, Cumeragh Lane, Whittingham **Min 53** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2014/0586 Erection of 4 x detached 3 storey dwellings on lound south of the Old Popular Foundary, Inglewhite Road.

Members considered the plans and were reminded that housing has already been approved for 2 semi detached properties. The proposal is for 4 detached buildings all of which are 3 storey. Members felt that this was an over intensification of the site. The properties would be overbearing and would not be in character or in keeping with the area especially as the neighbouring houses on Halfpenny Lane are terraced. The initial proposal provided an opportunity for more affordable homes and this would be negated by detached properties. The highway objections were noted and concerns were expressed that the poor layout could lead to onstreet parking.

Min 54 Members RESOLVED to object to the application.

CUMERAGH VILLAGE PLAY AREA AND HEDGE

Members NOTED that an area of grasslock surfacing was damaged - allegedly whilst the grass was being cut. Barton Grange have not accepted liability, but agreed to repair the surface as a gesture of goodwill.

Members NOTED that the City Council are inspecting the play area on a weekly basis. Their reports indicate concerns that the roundabout is uneven and that the multi-unit flexes when the climbing rope is used. The Clerk has reported these matters to Playdale and has requested that they contact the City Council to confirm the equipment is satisfactorily installed so the matter can be removed from the inspection reports.

The City Council has also stated that the bark needs topping up under the slide.

MIN 55 Members RESOLVED that this matter should be addressed as cheaply as possible and they would be happy to work in partnership with Guild Lodge or the CVRA to apply the bark. The Clerk was asked to sort out the necessary quotes.

MIN 56 Members RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to approve the cutting of the hedge opposite Guild Park providing the quotes remain within the allocated budget.

CUMERAGH VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

The Village Green application will be heard on the 23rd September. **MIN 57** it was RESOLVED that Cllr Mills would attend if the meeting is open to the public.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements reconciled.

RENEWAL OF THE ELECTRIC PLAN – MILLENNIUM GARDENS

The Council signed up to a 2 year fixed price contract with E-on in September 2012 which ends on the 10th Sept 14. **MIN 58** Members RESOLVED to enter into another 2yr fixed contract with E-on.

CPRE MEMBERSHIP

MIN 59 Although they have been unable to prevent local development, Members RESOLVED to renew membership to the Campaign to Protect Rural England as their national campaigns do influence policy. The Clerk was requested to see if a local representative can attend a future meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 60 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Yr 1 Maintenance	Barton Grange	£1548.00	CQ 1087
Aug Salary	Mrs J Buttle	£392.33	CQ 1088
Aug Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£54.00	CQ 1089
Sept Salary	Mrs J Buttle	£392.33	CQ 1090
Sep Tax / National Ins	HMRC	£54.00	CQ 1091
Renewal of membership	CPRE	£36.00	CQ 1092

LALC AGM & LCC CONFERENCE

MIN 61 Members RESOLVED that Cllr D Hall will attend the LALC AGM on Saturday 8th November at County Hall, Preston.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

There were no new items of correspondence.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MIN 62 Members RESOLVED to keep the next meeting on **Monday 13th October** starting at a later time of **7.30pm**.