

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Developers are required to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy to the City Council and 15% of the total is passed down to the Parish Council to enable it to make improvements to the local area.

Details of the income and expenditure for 2017/18 will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in May and will also be available on the City Council website.

Projects carried forward into 2018/19 include discussions with LCC and Developers to ensure that they adhere to Travel Plans and **improve bus services** in the Parish.

We are also working with the police and LCC to provide **solar powered Speed Indicator Signs** at various locations in the Parish and due to the new housing developments, particularly on the Parish borders, we are planning to introduce **new boundary signs** welcoming drivers to the Parish of Whittingham.

The extremely wet weather has meant that the inspection of the Public Rights of Way was delayed but we are hoping to complete the inspections in the Summer so that new **leaflets detailing family friendly walks** can be produced.

You may have seen in the press that the County Council are using a new machine to repair pot-holes. If you have any concerns about potholes or the state of the roads within the Parish you can phone the County Council on **0300 123 6780** or report issues on their website **www.lancashire.gov.uk**

FLY-TIPPING

Recently, we have noticed a marked increase in the amount of litter and fly-tipping and we are working closely with the City Council to identify offenders.

Please help us to stop this anti-social and environmentally unfriendly habit by reporting incidents to the City Council on **01772 906909** with an exact location, details of what has been tipped, vehicle registrations, etc. The information can also be supplied on-line directly to the City Council at **www.preston.gov.uk**

NEW SEPTIC TANK REGULATIONS

The Parish Council has been informed that from **1 January 2020**, you won't be able to release sewage from a septic tank directly to a watercourse. If you have a septic tank that currently releases to a watercourse you should contact the Environment Agency to discuss what you'll need to do. Their contact details are General enquiries- **03708 506 506**

PLANNING APPLICATION AT GOOSNARGH LANE

As previously reported, Preston City Council Planning Committee recommended the application at Holme Fell for approval - subject to a Section 106 Agreement. As well as other financial matters, the Agreement confirms the tenures and tenancy arrangements for the affordable homes. If the document is not signed, the Director of Development has delegated authority to refuse the application - so technically, **a decision is not formally made until the document is signed.**

As the application is contrary to Development Policies in the Local Plan, in conjunction with Goosnargh Parish Council and Goosnargh Residents Action Group, Whittingham Parish Council engaged a Planning Solicitor to investigate the legality of the recommendation. Having reviewed all the documents, the Solicitor has produced an Advice Note confirming that there are several points requiring Counsel's opinion before the decision can be challenged at a Judicial Review - however, **we can't approach Counsel until the full content of the S106 is known.**

The Parish Council is in regular contact with the City Council and the Solicitor and we will let residents know if the decision can be legally challenged, however, since the recommendation was made, the City Council has conceded it does not have a 5 year housing supply which means that applications in areas contrary to the Local Development Plan are more likely to be approved.

WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL SITE

The Parish Council is represented on the Stakeholder Committee overseeing the development of the former hospital site. The Homes and Communities Agency - now called Homes England - have confirmed that development of the site as currently proposed, is not economically viable and they are in the process of drawing up a new Masterplan which may remove the employment area and increase the number of houses to 850.

Any alterations to the current proposals will require a new planning application and the Parish Council will do its best to ensure that the S106 Agreement, which includes the leisure provision, is not watered down in any way. We will also ensure that any new plans will include the promised allotment provision and will re-instate the footpaths and rights of way which ran through the site.



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WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and give residents an opportunity to comment on planning applications, traffic problems and any other issues of concern in the Parish.

Meetings are currently held at 7.15pm on the second Monday of the month in **Whittingham Sports and Social Club** in the former hospital grounds. Full details of the meetings including an Agenda and previous Minutes are available on our website along with finance, community information and updates on major planning applications.

www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on the 14th May at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal Council meeting - it is a meeting where residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council, community groups and activities / events in the area. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented.

City and County Councillors are invited and are given the opportunity to update residents on their activities throughout the year and community groups that have been awarded a grant by the Parish Council are requested to attend to give an update on their activities.

If you represent a local organisation and wish to provide information to residents or apply for a grant, please contact the Clerk.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group are looking to recruit a Trustee. If you are enthusiastic about History and your Local Heritage and would like to contribute to that, GWHG would love to hear from you. Please contact Lindy King on **07794 876326**

With the assistance of students from UCLan, GWHG have produced, a booklet about Goosnargh and Whittingham Whitsuntide Festival. It is available in local shops and GWHG meetings.