## SWAINSON HOUSE FARM APPEAL

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of 95 homes at Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh Lane. **06/2025/0182.** The appellant accepts that the application is contrary to the Core Strategy and Local Plan, however the appeal **challenges the robustness of the City Council's 5 year housing supply** and argues that as the site relates well to existing housing in Goosnargh, **the role, function and purpose of the wider countryside would not be undermined.**

The Parish Council remains opposed to housing development in the open countryside - particularly in an area which does not have the supporting infrastructure - and will remain **opposed to the application** at the appeal**.**

## LONGRIDGE SPORTS VILLAGE

The Parish Council was made aware of a **consultation to create a sports village** on the Preston / Longridge boundary which includes 250 affordable homes to be provided by Community Gateway.

The site - **north of Inglewhite Road** - will have vehicular access from Chipping Lane and pedestrian access from Old Clay Lane.

The sports plans include

- a full-sized football pitch and two smaller 7-a-side pitches
- padel courts and indoor cricket nets
- a new 5k Park Run route

Once a planning application is submitted, the details and the Parish Council's comments will be added to our website.

## WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL SITE

Development of the former Whittingham Hospital site is complex and has taken several years to come forward. **A summary** is detailed on our website. Barratts have recently been granted permission to build the final **477 homes** and **develop the open space areas**.

The Parish Council has pledged to work closely with Barratts to ensure the history and importance of the site is reflected in the new development and open space areas.

## WHITTINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The decision to build the new primary school has been delayed due to concerns regarding **access and parking arrangements**. The Parish Council is discussing the concerns with LCC in the hope that a suitable solution can be found.

Meanwhile, as the school is likely to open as an Academy, LCC are holding discussions to appoint a sponsor. To ensure local views are represented, a Parish Councillor will join the selection panel.

## PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

The Parish Council maintains the play area and open space at **Cumeragh Village.** Repairs have recently been carried out to the play equipment and following positive feedback from residents, we can confirm that **Millars** will continue to maintain the grass in 2026.

**Goosnargh Village Green** is maintained by Preston City Council and having pledged to financially support a **Ninja style gym area** and **new equipment in the play area,** we continue to work with the City Council to ensure both projects are delivered before Easter.

Residents are also reminded that the Parish Council has produced leaflets detailing **2 country walks** around the parish. These can be **downloaded from our website** and we hope to inspect and add further walks during 2026.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Council's decision to add poppies to the lampposts on Church Lane to remember those who have died in wars and other conflicts. Plans are in place to expand the areas covered next year. A silhouette of a fallen soldier was also erected at the war tribute on **Beacon Drive.** Residents are reminded that the Parish Council wishes to enhance this area and would welcome ideas from residents. **Please contact the Clerk or a Councillor with your ideas.**

## STJOHN'S CHURCH - FORMER HOSPITAL SITE

The Parish Council values St John's Church as an important and historic building and Members of the Council agreed a **Concept Plan** to see if it could be brought back into life. The Council have engaged **Buttress Architects** to assess if development of the Church is feasible. Residents were invited to a drop in event to suggest what the building could be used for and express views on this ambitious project. **You can still take part in the survey by scanning the QR code.**

More information will be added to the Parish Council website as the project progresses.

## WINTER CAMPAIGN

Lancashire County Council have launched their Winter campaign**.** From **low-cost festive family fun** and Warm Spaces to road safety and self-care, it brings together everything LCC offers to help residents stay safe, well and supported this winter. Visit the webpage: ***www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter***

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# WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the **2025 Autumn / Winter** edition of the Parish Council Newsletter updating residents on Parish Council matters in the Whittingham area. An electronic copy of the Newsletter is available on our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk making it easier for residents to access links to partner organisations.

## CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILOR

Councillors are chosen to represent 2 wards - Higher Ward and Lower Ward - however, they serve the Parish as a whole and in October, Members were pleased to co-opt **Lauren Chattein** to Lower Ward which covers Goosnargh Village.

Lauren lives locally in the village and aims to use her professional marketing skills to improve awareness of the Parish Council's work and promote local community organisations and events.

All Councillors can be contacted using the details on the back page of this Newsletter or they can be contacted electronically by email using the email links on our website www.whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets monthly in **Goosnargh Village Hall** on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7.15pm.** A meeting does not usually take place in December. Any alterations to the dates are added to our website which includes previous Minutes, Agenda, Councillor contact details, financial information and a news page containing information on local issues and concerns.

Before making a decision on any item - particularly financial matters - the item must be included on the Parish Council agenda which is published a week before the meeting. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@whittinghamparishcouncil.org.uk

In January 2026, the Parish Council will consider how much Council Tax is required to fund the services the Council delivers. These include administration, communication, maintenance of public open spaces, including the football pitch on Goosnargh Village Green and the play area at Cumeragh and the appointment of a Parish Lengthsman. In addition, the Council will consider awarding grants to community organisations. **If your local organisation wishes to be considered for a grant, please refer to the grant information on our website or contact the Clerk.**