#### **PARISH ELECTIONS**

Parish Councillors are elected for a 4 year term, and on the **2nd May 2019** all the seats on Woodplumpton Parish Council are eligible for election.

Existing Councillors and members of the public may stand for election, provided they are at least 18 years old and are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union. Applicants must meet at least **one** of the following qualifications:

- you are and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector in Woodplumpton Parish
- you have occupied as owner or tenant, any land or other premises in Woodplumpton Parish during the whole of the preceding 12 months
- your main or only place of work during the 12 months has been in Woodplumpton Parish
- you have lived in Woodplumpton Parish, or within three miles of it, during the whole of the 12 preceding months.

For more details on the Parish Councillor role, please contact the Parish Clerk or attend a Parish Council meeting. If you wish to apply for election, please contact Electoral Services at Preston City Council **01772 906115** for a nomination pack. The closing date for packs to be returned to the City Council is **4pm on Weds 3rd April**.

#### **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 held at **7.00pm on the third Monday** of the month and alternate between Catforth Primary School and Woodplumpton Parish Rooms at the rear of St Anne's Church Woodplumpton. The venue, meeting dates, Agenda and Minutes are available on our website **www.woodplumptonparish.org** along with finance, community information and updates on major planning applications.

**The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th May.** At this meeting, newly elected Councillors will be required to agree to the Code of Conduct and sign a Declaration of Office for the next 4 years. The Council will also confirm the administrative policies and procedures for the forthcoming year.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will also be held on the 20th May. At this meeting, residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council and activities / events in the area. The Chairman will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented. 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 infrastructure improvements in the local area. Details of the income and expenditure to date will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, along with feedback from the traffic engagement event. City and County Councillors are also invited to update residents on their activities throughout the year.

# **MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Woodplumpton Parish Council **resolved** to submit a Motion of No Confidence in Preston City Council Planning Department. Members shared the views expressed by other parishes, regarding the City Council's decision to leave rural areas vulnerable to new development by not adopting a lower housing need figure, but also expressed concerns regarding

- a lack of vision and management in relation to the timely delivery and co-ordination of the NW Preston Masterplan, to the degree that shops, schools, healthcare and supporting infrastructure are not being delivered in a timely manner
- developers 'running the show' by submitting and amending schemes without properly consulting residents or addressing the concerns and needs of individuals.
- a reluctance to take enforcement action against developers who do not comply with planning conditions; a lack of transparency in relation to S106 items and a general apathy in ensuring that S278 works are completed in accordance with planning conditions.

A full copy of the Motion and a Supporting Statement can be viewed on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Parish Council is working on a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape and influence future development in the Parish. Members have written a statement on the **vision** and **objectives** of the Plan and are also working on a **Character Assessment** of the Parish Council area. Further information will be available at the Public Engagement Event as detailed on the front page.

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# Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Spring 2019

# **Message from the Parish Council Chairman**

The Parish Council has long recognised the concerns of residents regarding the **traffic issues** that affect all of us and we have continually kept up to date through individuals, groups, such as the Woodplumpton Community Action Group and through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Complaints are raised with us on a daily basis, whether it's the volume of traffic or the size of the vehicles, the speed or just inconsiderate driving; it is clear that safety and the damage that is being caused is at the heart of peoples concerns.

The Parish Council has worked hard over the years to reduce various traffic problems that residents have raised and we have had some success. Clearly from the residents we speak to, this is not enough to make the community feel safe with the recent and continuous urbanisation of our Parish.

Over the previous 18 months we have worked very closely with Lancashire County Council Engineers and the Highways Authority, who have drawn up a set of improvements to the roads in our rural areas. These improvements will reduce the negative impacts of the speeding and badly driven traffic that threaten our safety, pollute and damage the environment in which we live.

'It has taken a lot of hard work and commitment from the Parish Councillors to get to the point where we can announce these schemes and implement what we believe to be the best, and possibly the only option, to make a real difference to the safety of our community, both now and in the future.'

We have pleasure in inviting you to a public Engagement Event to see the proposed traffic calming plans for Woodplumpton and Catforth as follows

Catforth Village Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 09.00 - 11.00am

and

Woodplumpton Parish Rooms on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March between 19.00 – 21.00pm