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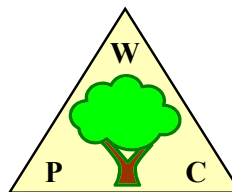
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Woodplumpton Parish Council's Newsletter Summer 2022

A warm welcome to the Summer edition of the Parish Council Newsletter which updates residents on matters concerning the Woodplumpton Parish area. A copy of this Newsletter is included on the Parish Council website www.woodplumptonparish.org in addition to Minutes, Agendas, Accounts and local news. **Please use the electronic version to access any of the weblinks.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our meetings take place on the **3rd Monday** of the month in the library at St Anne's Primary School, Woodplumpton. Meetings start at **7.00pm** and there is usually a **time limited** session for public participation. Residents are requested to notify the Clerk of any issues **in advance** of the meeting, so that the relevant information is available. Matters requiring a Council decision must be included on the Agenda which is prepared a week before the meeting. Further information is available from the Parish Clerk.

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH SUMMER FETE

The Parish Council continues to financially support this community event, launched to celebrate Preston Guild in 2012. The Fete continues to go from strength to strength, with 2021 being the most successful ever following its cancellation in 2020 due to Covid.

This years event will be held at the recreation ground at the top of The Orchard in Woodplumpton on **Saturday 3rd Sept** from **12.00 - 5.00pm**.

Over 50 stalls will be attending and with free children rides, a play ground, fun dog show, welly wanging and worm charming, it really is a **fun day out with free entry**. Refreshments include a hog roast, beer tent, gin and prosecco horse box along with teas and coffees.

There will be a bus service from Catforth Village Hall to The Orchard every hour commencing at 12.00pm.

The event relies on **volunteers** to help set up and dismantle the stalls, supervise activities or assist with tea and coffee making. If you are new to the Parish or simply wish to volunteer or get more involved in local activities, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors listed on the back page.



If you would like to run a stall or require more details please contact

Cllr Matthew Greaves on **07727 989236**



NW PRESTON DEVELOPMENT

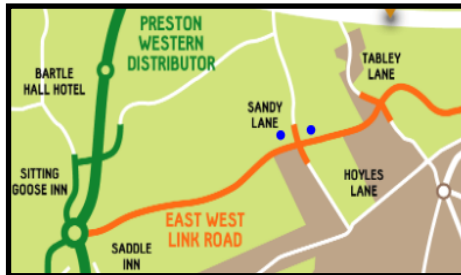
Over the years, the Parish Council has strongly objected to the **scale** of the new development in NW Preston and has raised many concerns regarding the lack of supporting infrastructure.

The original Masterplan included community facilities, shops, schools and a health centre - none of which have been delivered - instead, residents have had to endure the misery of flooding and numerous roadworks whilst new roads are created and utility services are installed.

It is understood that United Utilities are still working on the designs / costs of a new sewer and as soon as we get more information, it will be added to our website. www.woodplumptonparish.org

LOCAL CENTRE

Outline plans have been submitted for **2 local centre sites** either side of Sandy Lane, north of the new E/W link road, illustrated by blue dots.



The Wainhomes site to the west, proposes a public house and hotel, takeaways, medical centre, and retirement apartments whilst the Taylor Wimpey site to the east, allocates 1 hectare of land which could provide local shops. Although approved in outline, there is no guarantee the facilities will be built.

Wainhomes have recently submitted plans for a new access road through the local centre site which appears to suggest they intend to build more houses rather than the proposed community facilities. The Parish Council has objected to the application and will continue to monitor the situation.

SCHOOLS

Lancashire County Council have finally realised the increased demand for school places in the area and they have added the Provision of School Places to their Corporate Risk Register. Discussions have since taken place within the Directorate and we understand that in addition to temporary places in 2023/24 and permanent new forms in 2024/25, **a new primary and secondary school should be available from 2025/26.**

The Parish Council considers this to be an extremely ambitious timescale and will monitor progress with interest.

INGOL HEALTH CENTRE

The NW Preston Masterplan included a new Health Centre but following discussions with the NHS, this was scaled back to expand Ingol Health Centre instead. Funding was secured through a S106 agreement attached to development at Cottam Hall. This needs to be **allocated by 2025** and again, the Parish Council is monitoring progress with interest.

TRAFFIC CALMING PLANS

Residents will be aware that the Parish Council has been working with Lancashire County Council to introduce traffic calming measures and we are delighted to announce that LCC have published the Traffic Regulation Orders to allow work to commence in Woodplumpton.

Assuming there are no significant objections to the scheme, LCC aim to start work in Woodplumpton on the 24th October. Obviously there will be some disruption but the new scheme is intended to reduce speeding and improve safety for everyone.

Discussions are still taking place on the Catforth scheme. Once the concerns are resolved, it is hoped the Catforth scheme will commence not long after the work in Woodplumpton.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Obviously traffic calming measures can not be installed on every road in the Parish, so we have been working with Andy Pratt, Deputy Chief Police Crime Commissioner to look at other ways to reduce the amount of speeding traffic and make our roads safer.

As reported in our last Newsletter, Andy oversees the work of the **Road Safety Partnership** and the Parish Council has applied for a grant to erect aluminium signs of children in local school uniforms, which can be placed at the road side to encourage drivers to slow down.

In addition the Parish Council has several '**Slow Down, Save Lives**' stickers which can be added to the side of your wheelie bin. Drivers passing the bins on collection days will be reminded of this important message. If you would like a sticker for your bins, please email the Clerk or contact a local Parish Councillor using the details on the back page.



No matter what measures are introduced, there will always be a few irresponsible motorists who have no regard for their own safety or that of others! Lancashire Police have launched '**Operation Snap**' a police initiative which encourages members of the public to send dashcam footage of dangerous driving or other motoring offences to the police. Residents can also express concerns about road safety, drug use, anti-social behaviour on the [Lancashire Talking website](http://www.lancashire-talking.com)

In addition to the **Community Infrastructure Levy**, the Parish Council is funded through a **Precept** collected through the City Council Tax.

In accordance with Local Government legislation, our budget, expenditure and audit information are all published on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org under 'documents / finance'.

The **2021/22** financial year started with a carried forward balance of **£579,926** of which CIL monies totalled **£553,022** leaving the Council with reserves of **£26,904**. Itemised Income and Expenditure for **2021/22** is summarised below leaving a year-end balance of **£618,186** which includes **£594,174** in CIL monies, leaving the Council with reserves of **£24,012**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021/22

Income		Expenditure	
Bal Fwd	579,926.33	Salary, Tax, NI, Pension	16,999.86
receipt	37,455.00	Admin & Office Purchases	319.44
Bank Interest	12.70	Newsletter & Website	2,311.05
Lengthsman Grant	500.00	Neighbourhood Plan	1,355.00
LCC Parish Grant	400.00	Fees, Subs, & Insurance	1,680.72
VAT Refund	584.08	Woodplumpton Election	2,535.25
Refunds	181.99	Repairs / Ground Maintenance	4,552.81
CIL Interest	372.58	Community Donations & Fete	2,755.00
CIL Receipts	91,711.14	S137	44.00
		Lengthsman Contract	9,300.00
		Lengthsman materials & equip	164.22
		Lengthsman van signs (asset)	75.00
		CIL Info Signs (asset)	2,620.00
		CIL Legal Fees Traffic	4,250.00
		CIL Prep works for Traffic	42,815.62
		VAT	1,179.90
		Expenditure TOTAL	92,957.87
		Carried Fwd TOTAL	618,185.95
	£711,143.82		£711,143.82

During **2021/22** the Council received **£91,711** in CIL monies and spent **£3,144** on new information signs and **£47,416** on legal fees and preparatory costs for the traffic calming schemes. Bank balances for the year are as follows.

CCLA Acc	= £592,742.38
Bank Acc	= <u>£25,443.57</u>
Carried f/wd	<u>£618,185.95</u>

PWDR / EWLR

Work is progressing on the Preston West Distributor Road (PWDR) and the East West Link road (EWLR) If you are new to the area and wish to find out more about the roads, you can access [LCC's webpage](#) or follow the Preston West Distributor Road [Facebook page](#) for updates, photographs and drone footage showing the site from a different angle.

ROSEMARY LANE CATFORTH

The steps from Bartle Court Business Park to Rosemary Lane have been temporarily closed. Following discussions with Costain, the Parish Council understands the steps will re-open in September.

BARTLE LANE & MAXY LANE

Bartle Lane has been closed to through traffic whilst a new bridge is constructed for the PWDR. The Parish Council has been informed that the road will be reopening in Sept / October with a **30mph** speed limit at the western end and a **40mph** speed limit at the eastern end. Given the amount of new development at the eastern junction with Sandy Lane, the Parish Council has contacted the Cabinet Member for Highways, to request the whole road is opened with a **30mph** limit. Maxy Lane which links Sandy Lane and Tabley Lane will remain closed to through traffic.

TABLEY LANE

Despite the Parish Council's objections, the Taylor Wimpey application for 320 dwellings and a school was approved with an additional exit on to Tabley Lane. Lancashire County Council have assured the Parish Council that use of Tabley Lane will be discouraged once the EWLR is open. A condition of the PWDR / EWLR is that existing road use is monitored and the Parish Council will ensure this is carried out with traffic calming measures installed if necessary.

LIGHTFOOT LANE

The priority of the Lightfoot Lane / Mayflower Drive junction was altered to allow the construction of the Redrow estate and the priority should have been changed back once the Lightfoot Lane junction with Tom Benson Way was permanently closed. Discussions are ongoing with LCC to establish why this has not occurred.

HOYLES LANE REALIGNMENT

Residents will be all too familiar with the realignment problems at Hoyles Lane which are still causing problems for local residents. The Parish Council has requested that LCC meet with residents to see the problems first hand, especially as highways have stated that **more works are scheduled with additional traffic calming measures installed on the approach to the priority working**. We have requested plans of the works which will be added to our website as soon as they are received. LCC have also stated that a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit will be undertaken by a suitably qualified independent person.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021 - 31ST MARCH 2022

The last two years of the Covid 19 pandemic were a challenge to us all, but we are pleased to say that during this current year, circumstances have gradually improved. The Parish Council has seen a return to normality with face-to-face meetings and the reintroduction of local events such as Catforth In Bloom and Woodplumpton & Catforth Summer Fete.

The experience of virtual meetings during Covid was novel and by no means negative. The Council is aware of the effects that Covid 19 has had on our communities and is grateful for the efforts made by all those key workers, volunteers, and many others, who have contributed to help the residents of our Parish in these difficult times.

The Council is able to run smoothly due to the professionalism, care and diligence of Mrs Buttle, the Parish Clerk and my thanks are expressed to her and my fellow councillors for the amount of work they carry out to make sure your council runs smoothly. They don't just turn up once a month for a meeting but undertake a lot of background work, attending working groups, representing the council on outside bodies, studying planning applications and carrying out various tasks around the Parish.

83 planning applications were considered during the year which included large housing developments, extensions, alterations, change of use of agricultural buildings, etc. The Parish Council continues to challenge the continued over development of the Parish and lack of infrastructure with varied success. According to Government figures Preston now has sufficient housing land for the next 15 years so we expect to see more plans refused on this basis.

One benefit of the new developments, is that the Parish Council receives funding called Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to spend on projects within the Parish. Currently this has been allocated to the Traffic Calming Measures due to be installed in both Villages. All the latest information on these projects can be found on the Parish Council website and are detailed on page 7 of this Newsletter. The funding will enable us to continue to improve the Parish year on year. Other projects include the protection of the Stocks outside St. Annes Church in Woodplumpton and improvements to The Orchard Playing fields. Please contact the Clerk or local Councillors with other suggestions.

A Planning Inspector has been appointed to assess the Neighbourhood Plan and we are waiting for feedback from the City Council. We hope to hear more by late 2022 as it's adoption will give the Parish Council access to additional benefits and the support required to ensure the continued enhancement and protection of the Parish.

Our neighbourhood policing team continues to struggle with the increase of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour within the Parish and surrounding area which is a cause for concern. Please ensure all incidents are reported using the information below.

The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner recently attended a Parish Council meeting and we intended to continue to work with him to improve policing and road safety in the Parish - see page 7.

Our Parish Lengthsman Barry Hill continues to work hard around the Parish ensuring litter is kept to a minimum, repairing styles and making sure grass verges, hedgerows and public rights of way are well maintained. I would like to thank Barry for his hard work and commitment.

I would also like to thank the local voluntary groups within the Parish who work hard to support the community in various ways such as Catforth In Bloom, Catforth Village Hall, and Woodplumpton Community Action Group.

We as a Parish Council will continue as volunteers, providing a voice for all Parishioners in a fair and representative way for everyone who resides and works here.

Cllr Matthew Greaves - Chairman - Woodplumpton Parish Council

POLICE INCIDENTS

Police resources are allocated to areas with the most incidents, so it is important that ALL incidents are reported - no matter how small or insignificant - as added together, the reports could illustrate that more resources are needed and more information can be collated to stop illegal activities and catch those concerned.

For an emergency - call **999**; for current, suspicious activity call **101** or to report a concern or give anonymous information call **0800 555 111** to contact [Crime Stoppers](#) where you can fill out an anonymous form online.

For reassurance on any local police matter you can contact PC Ruman Takhar on **07929 713979** or Police Community Support Officer Julie Anyon on **07815 449032**. These numbers are only answered when the officers are on duty.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Problems with construction vehicles not washing their wheels, parking in dangerous places or working outside the agreed hours, should be reported to the site manager. If the situation does not improve, contact the Clerk or email the City Council on devcon@preston.gov.uk preferably with photos to illustrate the problem.