

## WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS, REAR OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON

on **MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.00pm.**

**135 PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr M Greaves  
Councillors Cllr B Dalglish, Cllr P Entwistle, Cllr M Entwistle  
Cllr S Morgan, Cllr B Probin, Cllr S Yates

4 members of the public including the Parish Lengthsman and Lorraine Ellwood Rural, Wildlife & Heritage Crime Coordinator at Lancashire Constabulary.

**136 APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Stewart

**137 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**

It was **resolved** that the January Minutes be signed as a true record.

**138 TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Yates declared a pecuniary interest in the green bin donation request from Catforth Village Hall as she is a member of the Village Hall committee.

**139 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

In response to the traffic calming plans for Catforth, concerns were expressed that there is insufficient traffic in Catforth to warrant the proposed measures.

Members agreed that the traffic does fluctuate, with the situation being worse in the summer months but local knowledge indicates that there is a high number of incidents, both reported and unreported throughout the year. The Chairman added that as the situation may get worse in the future, the Parish Council is proposing the action now, whilst it has the opportunity to do something about it. The Clerk also confirmed that members of the public have attended the Parish Council meetings and have emailed their concerns to the Council which led to the Swillbrook end of Catforth being included in the traffic calming plans.

It was also explained that a speed monitoring vehicle is currently located in the village due to the level of concern. Monitoring data will be requested by the Parish Council and a request was made for the vehicle to visit Woodplumpton. Lorraine Ellwood also added that there were 42 fatalities on the roads across Lancashire last year and with 8 already reported this year, the police are carrying out more enforcement.

It was questioned if the engineering plans would be drawn up prior to the consultation because if residents wanted the scheme changed, the £12,500 would be wasted.

It was stated that this matter will be considered under the Agenda item however, residents must recognise that the schemes have been produced after extensive consultation with LCC who have run the schemes past their Road Safety Unit. Whilst the Parish Council will consider small adjustments, the final responsibility lies with LCC and any suggestions for alternative measures must be supported with evidence that the measures will be effective in all situations. The Parish Council has gone through this process with LCC and has already had to accept that some proposals cannot be implemented on safety grounds.

Lorraine Elwood explained her role at Lancashire Constabulary which includes community engagement and gathering police intelligence and Members reiterated their concerns in relation to the police changes - documented at the November and January meetings.

Lorraine replied that although officers now sign in at Preston, if they are not called to serious incidents, they will still cover the rural areas but priority will always be given to incidents where life is at risk or likely to be harmed. The number of unmarked cars has been increased and as officers are dual skilled, traffic police may respond to rural crime incidents too.

Lorraine advised that there are no crimes showing in the rural areas but if Members have evidence to the contrary, she will ensure the concerns are addressed. Lorraine also explained that south division's 4 x 4 vehicle is being used in Tarleton and Ormskirk as they have a higher proportion of roads inaccessible to 'normal' vehicles.

Members cited the thefts from the building sites and queried how these could drop to nothing; Members also cited the theft of 2 BMW's from Whittle Hill. It was questioned if the police records are synchronised with the parish boundary and it was agreed that the Clerk sends Lorraine a map of the Parish boundary and a list of the main roads.

Members reiterated their concerns that a meeting took place with Chief Insp Clegg in November and assurances were given that Broughton would still be manned. As the situation has completely changed, Members have reservations that the rural areas will benefit. Lorraine stated that any incidents reported directly to her mobile number will be investigated and a crime number will be issued, however for incidents in progress, residents should use 999 or 101. The mobile number will be added to the website and newsletter. Those present also discussed the merits of using social media, snapchat and whatsapp to remind the public to report incidents and be vigilant. Members were advised that Mr Baines and Mr Flaherty of the neighbourhood watch scheme would be attending the March meeting. Lorraine repeated her offer to attend any future meetings and was thanked for attending.

It was **resolved** that the meeting be reconvened.

#### **140 TRAFFIC CALMING - WOODPLUMPTON AND CATFORTH**

Members recapped on the comments expressed in public participation and reiterated that the concept plans have been produced after extensive consultation with LCC's Road Safety Unit. Members stressed that whilst small adjustments may be considered by the Parish Council, LCC will need to carry out a formal consultation on the scheme details. Consequently, any suggestions for alternative measures will need to be supported with evidence that they will be effective in all situations.

**140a)** Members **resolved** that the concept plans were still in accordance with their requirements and that they were happy to share them with the public.

**140b)** Members **resolved** that LCC be asked to provide an A2 foam backed board of each concept plan - in addition to a smaller scaled plan, showing the schemes in full, with the detailed plans numbered for reference.

**140c)** Members **resolved** to hold a Public Engagement event in both Woodplumpton and Catforth to inform residents of the schemes. The suggested dates (subject to booking confirmation) will be Catforth Village Hall 9.00 – 11.00 on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Woodplumpton Parish Rooms 7.00 – 9.00 on Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**140d)** Members **resolved** that the Chairman will write the event leaflet and circulate it to all for comments prior to printing. The Vice Chairman will do the same with the feedback form which must be returned within 5 days of the event and the Clerk will sort out the printing, posters and distribution of the leaflets.

**140e)** Members **resolved** that once the public engagement events have taken place, the Parish Council will consider any comments and make any minor amendments before requesting that LCC draw up the detailed plans at a cost of £12,500.

#### **141 MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN CITY COUNCIL PLANNING OFFICERS**

Members noted the Motion of No Confidence submitted by Broughton Parish Council and the reply from Chris Hayward, Director of Planning. Members shared the concerns, expressed by others, regarding the City Council's decision to leave rural areas vulnerable to development by not adopting a lower housing need figure, but as Woodplumpton has already been identified as a strategic location for development, Members concentrated on specific concerns relating to the NW Preston area. Concerns expressed included

- 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
- a reluctance to take enforcement action against developers who do not comply with planning conditions, a lack of transparency in relation to progress on S106 items and a general apathy in ensuring that S278 works are completed in accordance with planning conditions.
- developers 'running the show', submitting and amending schemes without consulting residents or addressing the concerns and needs of individuals.

As a result of the above, which will be documented in a Supporting Statement, Members **resolved** to submit a Motion of No Confidence in Preston City Council Planning Department.

## 142 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO DETERMINE

**Note** - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk).

**06/2018/1086** Conversion of barn to boarding kennels and existing stables to a cattery and erection of outbuilding for dog care facilities at Cross House Farm, Sandyforth Lane, Preston. Members noted that the application was at a farm, in the open countryside, next to the M55 motorway, away from a residential area. In general terms, Members wish to support new rural enterprise in the open countryside and **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2018/1336** Single storey extension to stable block at Hathersage Barn, Moorside Lane. The application site is away from the main road, at the end of a track serving a farmstead. Members have no objection to the extension of the existing stables, but **resolved** to query the use / need for roof lights which are not in keeping with the existing structure.

**06/2019/0013** Part single, part two storey outbuilding, ancillary to main dwelling, following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding at Cherry Tree Lodge , Roots Lane, Preston. Members noted that the proposal is for a 2 storey building which will be ancillary to the main dwelling. Members also noted that the proposal is located behind the building line of Cherry Tree Lodge which is set back from Roots Lane. As the building will replace an existing structure, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2019/0065** front porch following demolition of existing porch at Hill View, Whittle Hill. Members noted that the property had benefitted from previous extensions and the addition of the porch will exceed the 50% volume, however, as the porch is in proportion to the existing extended property, Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2019/0092** Single storey rear extension, extension to existing front porch and 3m high boundary fence at Heatherdene, Rosemary Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the application is primarily to replace an existing conservatory with a small extension to the store / utility room at the rear. A front porch will also be added. The property lies at the end of Rosemary Lane and is bounded by the M55 motorway necessitating the need for a 3m boundary fence which should not impact on the adjoining dwelling. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2019/0101** 3.5m high boundary treatment to south, west and east of Ivy House Barn, 149 Lightfoot Lane, Preston.

Members noted that the property adjoins Tom Benson Way and as such, the fence should not have an impact on adjoining dwellings. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

**06/2019/0153** Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling on land adjacent to Barton House, Blackleach Lane Catforth.

As the above application was submitted after the Agenda had been published, Members were asked to **note** the proposal, bearing in mind that the conversion may be permitted development.

## 143 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

## 144 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members **noted** the approved direct debit payments to Easy websites and Nest pension and the following account already paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

Preston City Council – November Newsletter	£153.00	BACS
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Members **noted** a thank you letter in respect of the donation to the Catforth Carol service, which raised £188 for the Royal British Legion. Members also **noted** a letter from Catforth Village Hall requesting a £60 contribution for the emptying of 2 garden waste bins. Provision for a donation is included in the 2019/20 budget, so the letter will be acknowledged with a view to authorizing the payment in April. Following a discussion at the January meeting, the Clerk was also requested to add the provision of a replacement set of Christmas lights to the April Agenda.

Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Quarterly expenses Oct - Dec	£44.33	BACS
Barry Hill Lengthsman duties 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	£750.00	BACS
Wood to repair the planters at Whittle Hill	£40.93	BACS
Clerks Feb Salary	£1106.00	BACS
HMRC PAYE	£108.84	BACS
HMRC N Ins employer	£73.19	BACS

#### 145 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING ALTERATIONS

Lancashire County Council is suggesting changes to the days and times Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will open. Currently centres are open from 8am to 7pm during the summer (1 April to 30 Sept) and 8am to 5pm during the winter. (1 Oct to 31 March).

LCC is proposing to change the opening hours to 9am-5pm for the entire year.

Members stated that the proposed opening times will mean that the majority of working people will only be able to access the HWRC at the weekend. This may lead to increased demand and delays with people deciding to 'give up' and fly tip the rubbish instead.

Members **resolved** to reply with an alternative suggestion that the HWRC opens from 9.00 – 4.00 in the winter and 9.00 – 6.00 in the summer. Members also requested a link to the consultation so that they can reply as individuals.

#### 146 BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Cllr Dalglish attended an information session on the Lancashire best kept village competition. Members considered the information and **resolved** not to submit an entry this year but to include an article in the spring Newsletter to see if there is any interest from residents.

#### 147 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk has contacted the consultant to ask if we will be in a position to hold a joint traffic and NHP consultation and he has replied that we may be in a position to cover the following points

- What the Neighbourhood Plan is (and is not)
- What the issues are which the Plan aims to tackle including CIL monies
- What the Vision and Objectives are
- The findings of the Character Assessment
- What the general policy directions are
- What the next steps are and how people can be involved in the Plan

Members stated that as there is a link between the NHP and the traffic calming consultation, they would be in agreement to using the traffic engagement event to increase awareness of the NHP, but as there will not be time to go through the NHP in detail, any information should be in the form of a handout. It was **resolved** that the Clerk runs this past the consultant and establish if he will be able to attend.

#### 148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 7.00pm at Catforth Primary School, School Lane, Catforth.