

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CATFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL LANE, CATFORTH

on MONDAY 18th APRIL 2011 at 7.00pm.

170. PRESENT:	Chairman	P Entwistle	
	Councillors	M Entwistle	M Greaves
		B Hill	B Probin
		S Morgan	C Singleton

4 members of the public.

171. APOLOGIES – Apologies were noted from Cllr. M Stewart.

172. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on **21st March 2011**.
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
There were no declarations of interest.

174. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned to listen to representations from the public, police or community groups.

Mr Dalglish introduced himself to the Council following his uncontested election to Plumpton ward. It was confirmed that according to legislation he could not act as a Councillor until the 4th day after the election results are declared. Discussions took place on the Haydock Grange consultation and these are included under Minute 176.

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

175. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

06/2011/0240 erection of agricultural building to provide covered enclosure to slurry store at Moss House Farm, Chapel Lane, Catforth. It was **resolved** that Members had no objection to the application.

06/2011/0242 certificate of lawfulness for repairs of agricultural vehicles and machinery, office building, buildings for the parking / garaging of private and commercial vehicles and storage of parts / equipment for agricultural vehicles at Homestead, Bay Horse Lane, Catforth. It was **resolved** that Members were not in a position to confirm whether or not this activity had taken place in excess of 10 years.

06/2011/0244 (extension of time) for a 3 storey extension to rear of dwelling at Hope Villa, 248 Lightfoot Lane, Higher Bartle. It was **resolved** that Members had no objection to the extension of time.

06/2011/0270 Modification of 06/2004/0916 - condition 3 requiring that a residential conversion shall not be occupied at any time other than when it is in the same ownership and control as the existing property and **06/2011/0271** - condition 6 requiring the closure of an access in order to allow its retention and the segregated use of the western access at Fernleigh, Lewth Lane, Woodplumpton. Members were informed that the application had been approved on the understanding that the conversion could only be occupied by the occupiers of Fernleigh due to the overlooking and proximity of the 2 buildings. Members felt that removal of the condition would effectively create a new dwelling in the open countryside which would be contrary to para 10 of PPS7. Members **resolved to object** to both applications.

06/2011/0283 (extension of time) conversion of barn to dwelling, change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage, detached single storey outbuilding / workshop, triple garage and detached single storey stable block to accommodate 3 stables, store, tack room and trailer parking at Lewth Hall Barn Farm, Lewth Lane Woodplumpton.

Members **resolved to oppose** the original application 06/2008/0783 as they felt the scale of the proposal would have a detrimental impact and would not enhance the rural nature and character of the area especially as trees will be removed. Concern was also expressed regarding the extension of the residential curtilage and there appears to be no justification or proposed use for the workshop. Members remained opposed to the application on the above basis and **resolved not to support** the request for an extension of time.

176. DEVELOPMENT AT HAYDOCK GRANGE

Members raised several concerns regarding the Haydock Grange consultation in particular the short notification period, the timing of the meeting (during the day when the majority of residents are at work) and the consultation was not held within the Parish to which the application relates. Residents and Members expressed concern that the 'presenters' were dismissive of the transport concerns, had no definition for 'local amenities' and appeared to be 'pushing' the application forward with a complete disregard for local concerns. The propaganda referred to additional investment and new job opportunities but it was unclear where these would come from and members felt that Preston people would relocate to the development rather than it attracting new residents to the City. Specific concerns were raised with regard to the suitability of the rural roads for increased traffic, lack of pavements, congestion and the impact on existing services such as sewerage, police, fire and medical care. It was felt development on the green field site was wholly unsuitable and the development would be better located at Cottam Hall as it is already identified as a strategic location for development. It was **resolved** that the Clerk and Chairman would compose a letter to Taylor Wimpey, Preston City Council and Lancashire County Council raising the above concerns.

177. NEW CYCLE TRACK FOR THE GUILD WHEEL

The route of the Guild Wheel will pass along Lightfoot Green Lane between Sandyforth Lane and the access to Bradley's Sand Pit. Members **resolved** that they had no objections to the construction of a cycle track, for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

178. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS April 10 - Mar 2011

It was **resolved** to approve the end of year accounts and budget analysis.

179. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Statement 1 April 10 to end of Mar 2011

The Chairman verified that finance and bank statements had been reconciled.

Accounts for payment

Members noted and approved the following account paid in accordance with standing order 28 (b) & (c)

Lengthsman wks 49 - 52	£379.87	CQ 784
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Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerks Salary	£616.11
Tax & NI Contributions	£31.79
Domain name renewal	£24.00
LALC Invoice	£334.21
CPRE membership	£29.00
Data Protection Registration	£35.00
Parish Lengthsman van signs	£30.00
Lease of Land Garden	£1.00

180. LCC PARISH CHARTER

LCC adopted a Parish and Town Council Charter in 2008 which sought to improve partnership working. The Charter is now being reviewed. Members **resolved** that the Clerk complete the Charter questionnaire as the Council's primary contact point for correspondence

181. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members considered a suggestion to enter Woodplumpton in to the best kept village competition. It was **resolved** not to enter Woodplumpton on this occasion as several projects are being undertaken to improve the village.

182. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 16th May 2011** at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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