

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CATFORTH VILLAGE HALL,
CATFORTH ROAD, CATFORTH

on MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.00pm.

- 134 PRESENT:** Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors M Entwistle M Greaves
B Hill
S Morgan (Arrived after public participation)
C Singleton M Stewart.

PCSO D Reid Approx 10 members of the public.

- 135 APOLOGIES** – Apologies were noted from Cllr. B Probin.

- 136 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on **17th Jan 11.**
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

- 137 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**
Cllr P Entwistle declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 as a member of the Catforth Village Hall.

138 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Reid confirmed 2 separate incidents involving the theft of £140 of firewood and 1000 litres of heating oil. The latter was clearly planned as containers and equipment were required. There has been no progress on the tractor theft. A warning was given regarding the possession of cannabis. The police and environmental health have visited the Traveller site in relation to the complaints about their dogs. PCSO Reid will visit again and it was suggested that further concerns are reported to the RSPCA. Concerns were expressed that improvements to sanitation and drainage have not been carried out. These concerns will be forwarded to the City Council.
An incident of sheep worrying was reported at Chapel Lane Catforth.

Mr Pickup addressed the meeting and explained his concerns regarding the misrepresentation of facts at a public meeting held in Woodplumpton in relation to the site suggestion for affordable housing at Plumpton Field. The meeting was attended by Parish Councillors and he voiced his dissatisfaction that they did nothing to contradict the statements made despite being present at the last Parish Council meeting where the facts were discussed fully with the agent and a representative from the City Council. Cllr Greaves responded that the Council meeting was about affordable housing and he was aware of the need for this. 15 houses wasn't a problem, his concern was that it could provide access to more development on green fields. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had not been formally invited to the meeting and as such, those present were not representing the views of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Appendix detailing the Council discussion would be included on the website.

Some photographs were passed to the Clerk showing water discharging into a drain and stream near the bridge in Woodplumpton. The drain goes over the main sewer and the volume of water has become greater since the drains were sealed at Eden Cottage. The Clerk was asked to query the matter.

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

139. CATFORTH VILLAGE HALL – LOAN

Under Minute 74 (OCT 10) Members considered the request for a bridging loan to assist Catforth Village Hall in its application for a grant from the Rural Development Programme for England. Members agreed in principle that an application should be submitted to the PWLB if the grant was awarded.

Confirmation has been received that the grant has been successful and the Village Hall will be awarded £35,670 on completion of the works.

It was **resolved** that the Chairman sign the application form applying to the PWLB for £35,670. Written confirmation has been received from the Village Hall confirming that they understand that they will be responsible for the interest repayment and borrowing fees and Preston City Council has been approached to assist with a written agreement to this effect.

140. WOODPLUMPTON WAR MEMORIAL

The City Council has advised that planning permission will be required to alter the path at the memorial because it is classed as engineering operations.

Permission is not required for the railings provided the height does not exceed 2 meters. It was **resolved** that a planning application be submitted at a cost of £170. Gateway has provided a quote to replace the railings and it was **resolved** to proceed with the application for a memorial grant.

141. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members made representation on the following applications

06/2011/0121 erection of 3 stables, tack room and construction of an all-weather riding arena at The Old Barn, Roots Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

142. DEVELOPMENT OPPOSITE WOODPLUMPTON CHURCH

Concern was expressed regarding the height and the proximity to the road of the development being built opposite Woodplumpton Church. Members **noted** that Planning have agreed to check the development is being built in accordance with the approved plans.

143. DEVELOPMENT BAY HORSE CATFORTH

New plans have been submitted for 3 semi-detached houses. Members **resolved** to support the planning application and confirmed that there was a need for smaller homes within Catforth.

144. LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

LCC have secured a grant from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund which is to be used to offset the negative impact of quarrying in the Parish. It was **resolved** to invite LCC and the Lengthsman to the next meeting to discuss environmental improvements in accordance with the grant.

145. QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE

Correspondence was emailed to Councillors regarding the above challenge which seeks to protect 2012 recreational sites. Sites nominated for protection will be eligible to apply for some funding, however the application must be made by the land owner. It was **resolved** to draw the City Council's attention to the Challenge and ask them to consider registering Woodplumpton Playing Fields. Village Halls can also register as a provider of indoor leisure. Cllr Singleton will forward her email to the Village Hall committee.

146. INTERNAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Members **resolved** that the following were up to date and appropriate

- Risk Management Policy Statement
- Risk Management Register
- Council's Asset Register

Members completed the **Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control** document and **resolved** to formally appoint Mr Slade as the Council's internal auditor. Members noted the fee was £80 last year. A letter of appointment will be issued which will include the Terms of Reference and the Suggested Testing Methodology for the Audit.

147. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Clerks Salary	£602.44
Tax & NI Contributions	£59.41
Lengthsman wks 41-44	£176.25

b) Financial Statement 1 April 10 to end of Jan 2011

The Chairman verified that the finance and bank statements reconciled.

148. SLCC MEMBERSHIP

Where a Clerk works for more than 1 Parish Council, SLCC membership is based on the combined salary and is shared by the councils concerned. Consequently Membership has been reduced to £67.50. Members **resolved** to renew the membership.

149. DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Members **resolved** to support the proposal by Preston City Council to introduce 4 dog control orders.

150. SLCC BRANCH CONFERENCE

Members **resolved** to approve the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC conference in Warrington. The cost is £40 to be shared equally between Woodplumpton and Whittingham Parish Councils.

151. POPPY PARTY WEEKEND

The Royal British Legion is encouraging organisations to hold a poppy party over the weekend of the 10th – 12th June 2011 in celebration of their 90th birthday. Information was passed to the Catforth Village Hall Committee.

152. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 21st March** 2011 at Woodplumpton Parish rooms.

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