

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WOODPLUMPTON PARISH ROOMS
ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WOODPLUMPTON
on **MONDAY 17th JANUARY 11 at 7.00pm.**

118 PRESENT: Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors M Entwistle
M Greaves B Hill
S Morgan B Probin
C Singleton M Stewart

M McBride – City Council. Mr Pickup – Plumpton Field, Pc J McCartney, PCSO D Reid Approx 8 members of the public.

119 APOLOGIES – All councillors were present.

120 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on **13th Dec 10.**
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

121 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS
No personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

122 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

An update was requested on the planning appeal in respect of the Traveller site. The Clerk confirmed that a decision had not been made. Anyone wishing to contact the planning inspectorate could obtain the contact details from the Clerk. It was confirmed that an enquiry regarding an alteration to the watercourse had been referred to the Environment Agency.

It was alleged that dogs were roaming free from the Travellers site. The Clerk confirmed the matter would be brought to the attention of environmental health. PC McCartney confirmed that the police can use powers under the dangerous dogs act if they are causing a nuisance in public areas or are on the highway. If the dogs are worrying livestock action can be taken by the land owner.

PC McCartney informed the meeting that several people from the Travellers site had been prosecuted for unpaid fines. He made reference to the recent edition of the police Newsletter and advised that a tractor unit in excess of £10,000 had been stolen from Blackleach Lane. Several troughs, gates and garden implements had also been stolen throughout the Parish. It was confirmed that Woodplumpton police house would be closing and a new venue was being sought for PACT and police surgeries.

Preston City Council's Head of Strategy and Enabling attended the meeting along with Mr Pickup the owner of Plumpton Field to discuss the inclusion of the site in the Sites for Preston consultation. A lengthy discussion took place on affordable housing and the proposed development. A summary of the key points is appended to these Minutes.

123 CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CORE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

During previous consultations on the Core Strategy the Parish Council has requested that Woodplumpton be added to the list of areas where the sewer infrastructure is to be improved. It was **resolved** that this request be made again under policy 29 (page 130).

It was noted that policy 13 had been changed from *direct proposals to the urban fringes* to *manage the development of urban related uses to the urban fringes* and a new paragraph had been added regarding the siting, design and the impact of expansion. It was **resolved** not to comment further on this policy. In view of the number of sites put forward for development in the Sites for Preston consultation it was resolved that Bartle be included as an Area of Separation to protect the merging of Bartle with Cottam.

124 SITES FOR PRESTON - CONSULTATION

Members **resolved** to comment on the Sites for Preston consultation as follows **Q7**. The Parish Council remains open minded regarding rural affordable housing. A housing needs survey should be carried out to ascertain the level of local need. **Q16**. Rural facilities should be protected including Catforth Village Hall, local public houses and post offices. **Q26**. Agree with decision not to take forward sites at Bartle but request that the Cottam boundary is clearly defined to prevent similar applications being made in the Bartle area. **Q 28 – 30** Sports provision should be maintained and there should be improvements to the playing field at The Orchard. The Bowling Green and UCLAN sports arena should be more accessible by public transport. **Q32**. If a need is expressed for allotments, the need should be met by the City Council. **Q35** – protect all farmland from development.

Following a vote on site PO97, it was carried by 5 votes to 3 that the Parish Council would remain open minded regarding the site as in Q7. The City Council is asked to note that there are known problems with visibility, access and the sewer system and a more detailed submission is required. .

125 VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

The City Council has confirmed that the playing field was purchased under the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 which confers a right of recreation which would be difficult to change. Any intention to change the land must be advertised for 2 consecutive weeks and all objections must be considered. Approval would also be required from City Councillors. The Parish Council remained concerned that although public consultation is required; City Councillors could vote for the land to be sold and could overturn the planning recommendation if an acceptable price was offered to the Council. It was **resolved** that a further letter be sent to LCC expressing concern at the length of time the registration is taking.

126 VERGE DAMAGE AND PARKING ON THE ORCHARD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Hill produced some photographs showing temporary fencing around the play area benches and damage caused by cars parking on land by the playing field. It was suggested that a hard standing (surrounded by bollards) is created for 3-4 cars to allow parking at the play area without allowing access to the field. A counter argument was put forward that this would encourage more cars to the area and the spaces would be used permanently by residents. It was **resolved** that the photographs be sent to the City Council with the question what will they do to resolve the matter and when will the fencing be removed.

127 CLOSURE OF WOODPLUMPTON POLICE HOUSE

Members **resolved** to ask a senior officer to attend the next Parish Council meeting to hear their concerns that there will be a less visible police presence in the area once the police house is closed and to give an assurance that the proceeds of the sale will be used for policing in the Woodplumpton area.

128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members made representation on the following applications

06/10/0867 Erection of 6 terraced dwellings at Bay Horse Hotel at Catforth following demolition of public house. Members were informed that the properties were not affordable and would be sold at market value. Concern had been expressed that the application did not sufficiently demonstrate that there was a need for this type of development. Concerns were also expressed regarding the creation of a rear alley for bin storage and the noise generated by heat pumps. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/10/0877 Erection of 2 storey extension to side, single storey extension to side and rear, porch to front, alterations to front and rear windows, 2 new windows in east elevation, detached garage to side and construction of a new vehicular access at Oak Cottage, Catforth Road, Catforth. Members were informed that the application sought to extend a small cottage into a family home. Concerns had been raised by highways regarding the proposed new access and it was unclear whether the proposals would contravene IPS4 which seeks to retain the stock of modest sized reasonable priced dwellings rather than allowing them to be enlarged and become too expensive for the average house buyer. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/11/0001 Retrospective application for the storage of plant machinery used in the soil washing and solids separation process and retention of hard standing and landscape bund at land to rear of Hollowforth Hall, Hollowforth Lane, Woodplumpton. Members were reminded of the site history and noted that this application was intended to allow more manoeuvrability around the containers reducing the need for a crane to attend the site. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

129 MINERALS & WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION

The new core strategy proposes that no new reserves of sand and gravel will be required during the plan period. Members **resolved** that no further comments were required.

130 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Clerk's Jan Salary	£602.44
Jan Tax & NI Contributions	£59.41
Lengthsman Contract	£264.37
Quarterly admin expenses	£56.57

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 April 10 to end of Dec 2010

The Chairman verified that the financial and bank statements reconciled.

QUARTERLY BUDGET CHECK – Oct - Dec

Members **resolved** to approve the quarterly budget statement and did not propose any virements or alterations to the budget.

131 CODE OF CONDUCT PROCEDURES

Members **resolved** to note City Council procedures with regard to Parish Council complaint investigations. Following an investigation by the City Council, Members were given written confirmation that the Cllr title should not be used in a personal or private capacity and should only be used if the person is acting or giving the impression that they are acting on behalf of the Council.

132 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Members noted that the Clerk had accepted an additional offer of employment as Clerk to Whittingham Parish Council. Members noted that the appointment was part time and would not have an adverse impact on Woodplumpton.

133 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **7.00pm** on **Monday 21st February 11** at Catforth Primary School, School Lane.

At the conclusion of the meeting Members were informed that the Parish Council has received a copy of a letter to Highways from a member of the public concerned about some works to a faulty electric cable. The repair work caused damage to a field drain which is now causing extensive flooding in Brierley Lane. Highways will be responding to the resident and at this point the Parish Council is requested to **note** the correspondence.

Members **noted** that Cllr M Entwistle had been requested to attend a meeting of the patient liaison group following a complaint at a recent meeting.

Planning permission was given for a new entrance off Tabley Lane to Melbourne estate. Concern has been expressed that the footpath was removed and the premises are being used as a MOT testing station. This will be drawn to the attention of Planning.

A new fence is being erected at Maxey Lane resulting in mud on the road. Concern was also expressed regarding a ménage to the rear of Maxey house and a log cabin being used for residential purposes. This will be drawn to the attention of Planning.

It was suggested that the Newsletter includes an article about ivy killing trees and that Austin is asked to remove roots whilst undertaking his work.

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