

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

on **MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2012 at 7.00pm.**

- 108. PRESENT :** Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors M Entwistle
M Greaves S Morgan B DalGLISH
B Probin M Stewart

PCSO D Reid and approx. 20 members of the public

- 109. APOLOGIES** Cllr C Singleton,

- 110. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on **13TH Dec 11**
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

- 111. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
There were no declarations of interests.

112. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PCSO Reid advised there had been 6 crimes since the last meeting. These included an incident at a party held at Preston Grasshoppers, a canal boat set on fire, possession of controlled drugs from a vehicle in the area, damage to a vehicle at Honiton Way, theft of a boat and theft of oil from a farm in Catforth. Residents were again asked to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. PCSO Reid confirmed that PCSO Ashley Lawton will be replacing Gemma Duxbury who has successfully applied to join the police force.

A resident advised that there were deep pot holes at Eaves Lane opposite the Odd Chair company near Honeywells and Newmill bridge. Residents were advised to report concerns using LCC's online reporting facility but the Clerk will contact them in relation to this incident. It was confirmed that potholes on Sandy Lane have previously been reported and the road will be resurfaced.

Residents felt their objections to the Haydock Grange application had been completely overlooked by the planning committee and several concerns were expressed both in terms of how the planning committee considered and voted on the application and what happens now the application has been approved. Residents were assured that although the principle of development has been approved by the application, residents will still be able to comment on the design and layout of the scheme once the detailed submission is made. Residents were invited to stay for the next agenda item where the Parish Council considered whether to contest the decision.

113. HAYDOCK GRANGE

Members took in to account the comments made under public participation and along with their own judgement and observations of the planning committee proceedings, they **resolved** to send a letter to the City Council to ascertain why the application was not deferred and to highlight the various concerns expressed. It was **resolved** that the draft letter would be circulated to all Parish Councillors for approval, prior to submission. The approved letter is attached at **Appendix A** and should be considered as the Minutes detailing the Parish Council's objections to the City Council's decision on Haydock Grange.

In addition, Council **resolved** to write to Central Government elected members to express concern at the lack of transparency and democracy in making the decision and implore them to intervene.

NOTE - After the meeting, it was established that intervention can only be on planning terms and the letter at **Appendix B** – (also circulated and approved by Members) was sent in support of the Parish Council's request for intervention.

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members are advised prior to the meeting that planning applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk

Members made representation on the following application

06/2011/0984 Two storey extension to rear of dwelling and installation of 1st floor window to south side elevation of Galaber House, Rosemary Lane, Catforth. Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

115. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 April 11 to end of Dec 2011

The Chairman verified that the financial and bank statements reconciled.

116. FINANCIAL MATTERS

QUARTERLY BUDGET ANALYSIS 2011 / 12

Members considered the 3rd quarter's budget analysis (April to December) and **noted** that items are progressing in accordance with the budget.

FARM WATCH POSTERS

When considering the 2012 / 2013 budget, Members resolved to sponsor 'Farm Watch' signs in the Parish. The police have since advised that the signs are required now. Allocation has not been made in the 2011 /2012 budget and Members **resolved** to use £40 from reserves to sponsor the signs under S31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997.

Cllr Matthew Greaves advised Members that Woodplumpton villagers were entering a float in a procession to celebrate the Guild. Woodplumpton School is involved with decorating the float and there will be a Rose Queen competition and field day with hog roast etc. Cllr Greaves has attended the planning meetings and asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a financial donation. Members agreed in principle to a donation but to enable the Parish Council to fully support the event, Members **resolved** that Cllr Greaves attend the committee as the Parish Council's representative.

Concern was expressed that residents not living in Woodplumpton may feel 'left out' and a suggestion was made to consider transporting residents to and from the event. It was **resolved** that the matter be included on the Parish Council Agenda where the contribution and type of Parish Council involvement can be considered further.

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

Clerk's Jan Salary	£615.91
Jan Tax & NI Contributions	£31.99
Lengthsman Contract 37 - 40	£352.50
Farm Watch Sign sponsorship	£40
Lea & Cottam SPID Ins	£17.10

117. IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT WOODPLUMPTON PLAYING FIELD

Members have been involved in discussions regarding the planting of a hedge on Woodplumpton playing fields which could provide an opportunity to create a hard standing for parking at land at The Orchard. Both LCC and PCC have advised that they would not be willing to fund a scheme that involved residential parking and concern has also been expressed that a hedge could cause problems for vehicles turning at the top of The Orchard. Members acknowledged the difficulties involved and **resolved** to reply that they wished the hedge to be planted (if possible set back 2m from the boundary) but as the hedge was being provided by LCC and the land belongs to PCC the decision should be taken by both parties. It was confirmed that the Parish Council Lengthsman would maintain the hedge once it was established.

118. RESULTS OF A STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING 28TH NOVEMBER 11

Members **noted** the decision by Preston City Council to censure a former Parish Councillor in relation to the Standard Committee's decision that he failed to comply with the Code of Conduct.

119. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 20th February 2012** at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.

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