

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

on **MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2011 at 7.00pm.**

- 80. PRESENT :** Chairman P Entwistle
Councillors M Entwistle
M Greaves S Morgan
B Probin M Stewart
- PCSO D Reid 9 members of the public
- 81. APOLOGIES** Cllr C Singleton, Cllr B Dalglish (email opened after the meeting)
- 82. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on **17TH Oct 11.**
It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record.
- 83. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
Cllr M Entwistle declared a personal interest in the Catforth carol service as she was proposing the suggestion. It was confirmed she is not a committee member and will not benefit in any way from the donation.
- 84. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned to listen to representations from the public, police or community groups.
- PCSO D Reid informed members that 2 crimes had been recorded. A trailer has been stolen from a marina and some tools were taken from a vehicle on Newsham Hall Lane. A van associated with various metal thefts has been traced to an address in Clitheroe and enquiries are continuing. Several more properties have joined farm watch and a request was made for £40 to fund additional signs. This will be considered as part of the precept discussion. A lamp post has been knocked down opposite the Bay Horse. This will be reported by the Clerk. It was confirmed that Broughton Police station will remain open following strong representations by all. Additional volunteers are required and a request will be placed in the December newsletter. Complaints were made regarding mud on the roads. Preston City Council arranges for the roads to be swept and the contact details will also be included in the newsletter. It was confirmed that HGV's have been advised not to use Newsham Hall Lane and Hoyles Lane as weight restrictions apply. A query was made regarding when the 20mph zones will apply to the rural areas. The Clerk will check the details supplied.
- Concerns were again expressed that the Travellers were entitled to apply for a permanent site at Catforth under human rights legislation as additional planning provision has not been made by the City Council.
- It was **resolved** that item 7 on the agenda be brought forward and the meeting reconvened.
- 85. TRAVELLERS COMMENTS**
Following the last meeting, the Clerk confirmed that temporary permission was granted for 3 years from the 19th January 2011. Under Section 73 of the Planning Act, the Travellers have the right to appeal the temporary decision at any time – but it is clear from the decision notice that the site was considered inappropriate in terms of sustainability and highway safety. The decision suggests that an alternative site needs to be considered by the Travellers.

The draft Core Strategy (which is based on the now abolished Regional Spatial Strategy) indicated there may be an unmet need for Traveller sites in Preston and the inspector granted a 3 year temporary permission to allow additional site allocations to be proposed. Preston City Council has confirmed that there will be a consultation on Site Allocations in the Spring of 2012.

Members **resolved** to wait for the outcome of the consultation as the Travellers can legitimately stay on the site until 2014.

86. 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 applications

06/2011/0840 Single storey extension to side of dwelling (following demolition of existing conservatory) at Lowes Farm, Willacy Lane, Catforth

Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2011/0848 Single storey extension to rear (retrospective) provision of hardstanding to side and rear (retrospective) and erection of conservatory to side and 2 dormer extensions to rear of Oak Cottage, Catforth Road, Catforth
Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2011/0864 widening of French doors at Houghton House Barn, Lightfoot lane, Higher Bartle

Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

06/2011/0870 erection of single storey extension to front and side of dwelling and landscaping works to rear garden at Rydal mount 42, Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton.

Members **resolved** to leave to planning.

87. CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CORE STRATEGY

Members considered the consultation on the Core Strategy which has been amended to include North West Preston as a strategic location for housing development. Members cited several objections to the proposals and **resolved** that a letter of objection containing the points raised at the meeting will be submitted by the Chairman. The letter will be circulated to all Members to ensure all the objections are adequately covered.

The Clerk updated Members on her visit to London regarding the Localism Act and the new powers being granted to Parish Councils – particularly in relation to Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Infrastructure Levy. Members **resolved** to hold an additional meeting in December to discuss these matters.

88. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Clerk's Nov Salary	£615.91
Nov Tax & NI Contributions	£31.99
Lengthsman Contract 29 - 32	£264.37
Clerk's Train Fare to London Planning Seminar	£182.65

89. CATFORTH CAROL SERVICE DONATION

Members **resolved** to contribute £25 to Catforth Carol Service under Section 145 (e) of the Local Government Act 1972.

90. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 April 10 to end of Oct 2011**
The Chairman verified that the financial and bank statements reconciled.
91. **COMMUNITY GARDEN MAINTENANCE 2012**
Members **resolved** that the garden maintenance should continue by way of a contract. It was further **resolved** that £1500 will be included in the Precept requirements for 2012/13 to facilitate this. Members noted the requirement for a Trustee meeting to consider the contract arrangements.
92. **TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012 / 2013**
Members considered the proposed budget allocations in respect of the 2012/2013 precept. Members noted that it is likely that LCC will move to an arrangement where Parish Councils are paid in relation to work undertaken on Public Rights of Way rather than by a grant. Members **resolved**
- To reduce the income accordingly,
 - To increase the budget allocation on the Newsletter to reflect anticipated postage increases,
 - To sponsor the 'farm watch signs' at a cost of £40 under S31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997.
 - To investigate the purchase of a solar powered speed device
 - To investigate purchases resulting from items in the parish plan
- Members **resolved** to set the precept at £18,375 as last year.
93. **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
Members considered an article on Human Trafficking and **resolved** to write to Ben Wallace MP asking him to raise the issue in Parliament.
94. **NEWSLETTER**
Members made further suggestions for the December newsletter including an article on the Core Strategy. It was **resolved** that draft copy be circulated to all Members before printing.
95. **NEXT MEETING**
Details of the additional December meeting will be circulated once the room has been confirmed.

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