

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on **Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.30pm**
in **The Bowling Club** next to Whitechapel Village Hall

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are **reminded of their responsibility** to declare any interests in respect of matters contained in the agenda noting that there may be statutory restrictions on the right to participate and vote on that matter – see Standing Order 2023 (11)

Members living in the Parish have a disclosable, pecuniary interest in setting the Precept however, subject to Members disclosing the interest at the meeting, Members benefit from an exemption under paragraph 10(5)(vi) of the Code of Conduct.

Members are required to disclose their interest by signing a dispensation form which will be brought to the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are required to approve the attached Minutes of the 27th Nov Council meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public wishing to raise matters in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders should raise them here. The length of the adjournment is at the Chairman's discretion.

NOTE: Matters requiring a Council decision must be included as a specific Agenda item.

For more details, please contact the Clerk.

- The Police, County and City Councillors are routinely invited to every meeting.

5. CIL PAST AND PRESENT

At the November meeting, Members were shown the information boards for the Past & Present project. Members noted that the boards would need to slide into a surround or be mounted onto a stone plinth. It was questioned whether the boards would need to be covered by perspex or glass to prevent wear and tear by the elements or vandalism. It was also noted that several individual boards need erecting along the individual trails and it was questioned if the trails are passable. Members also discussed the leaflets and launch of the project. It was agreed that Jess White be asked to attend the January meeting to discuss the above.

Members are requested to consider the mounting and display of the boards, approve the leaflets and decide whether a launch of the project is appropriate at this stage.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Dec 2023

The Chairman is requested to verify that the monthly finance statement has been reconciled against the bank statements.

7. REVIEW OF 3rd QUARTER ACCOUNTS 2022 / 2023

Members are requested to consider progress against budgeted items following the completion of the 3rd Quarter April – December 2023.

When considering the 23/24 end of year estimates, the Clerk queried the maintenance cost figure. Nurture have confirmed the cost as £1,596.42 + VAT - invoiced over **7 months** of service delivery. As this agrees with the 23/24 budget, the October invoice will now be paid.

Negative balances include the audit and elections which were not included in the 2023/24 budget and the 2022/23 salary payments to the previous clerk which were paid in arrears. The VAT balance will be reclaimed in 2024/25.

8. HEDGEHOG SUPPORT

The attached leaflet has been sent to all Parishes to support the decline in Hedgehogs. The leaflet explains that a Parish Council may purchase a box of 50 hedgehog shaped fence surrounds to be made available to residents to enable hedgehogs to pass through fences.

Members are requested to consider whether to purchase one or more boxes at £150 each and determine how they can be made available to residents. If approved, the amount will be recorded as a S137 expense.

9. SLCC MEMBERSHIP

SLCC Membership is based on the Clerk's combined salary for both Whittingham and Goosnargh which equates to £229 per annum. The cost of £229 has been split pro rata (based on the hours worked), with Goosnargh's share being £45.80.

Members are requested to approve the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks jointly with Whittingham Parish Council.

10. CONSIDERATION OF 2024/25 PRECEPT

At the November meeting, Members approved a draft budget of **£9,708** for 2024/25 – subject to Nurture confirming the details of the grounds maintenance contract. Nurture have confirmed that the 2024/25 cost will be £1,680 + VAT payable over 7 months.

Members are requested to confirm the above amount and that the Clerk should sign the 2024 Service Level Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Members are also required to approve the final version of the budget including the estimated income and approve and set the 2024/25 Precept.

11. CIL MONIES

As reported in the September and November Minutes and the Best Kept Village report, the Council needs 2 new glazed notice boards to protect papers from the elements.

Members are requested to consider the CIL balance sheet, consider 3 quotes and approve the specification and purchase of the new boards.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members are requested to comment on the following summarised applications

06/2023/0259 Installation of a 40.0m Lattice Tower, 3no. Antennas, generator and cabinet and associated works including felling and removal of 8no. trees and 6no. tree stumps on land at Beacon Fell Country Park, Carwags Lane, Beacon Fell

4 x agricultural livestock buildings at Higher Barker Farm, Syke House Lane, Preston.
Phase 1 = 06/2023/1292, Phase 2 = 06/2023/1293, Phase 3 = 06/2023/1295,
Phase 4 = 06/2023/1294

06/2023/1328 Two storey garage extension following demolition of existing dwelling and store at Bourne Brow Farm, Bourne Brow, Preston

06/2023/1362 Technical Details Consent for 4no. dwellings, vehicular passing place and bin collection area at Daisy Dene, Inglewhite Road, Preston,

06/2023/1393 Two storey veterinary building and reconfiguration and extension to car park of Oakhill Veterinary Centre, Langley Lane, Preston

13. UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

This item provides Members with an opportunity to raise any new concerns to be actioned by the Clerk or to be added to the next Agenda.

Following the November meeting, Cllr Platt marked the suggested SPID locations on Google maps and LCC are now completing a desk top study to assess their suitability.

LCC advised that they attended Carron Lane and cleaned and jetted the gullies on the 23rd November.

Members will be familiar with the NW Rally which will take place on the 23rd March 2024. The event organiser has offered to attend the February meeting to provide time schedules and copies of the information packs to be distributed to residents.

Members are requested to confirm if his attendance is required.

14. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members are requested to note and comment on the following items.

LCC have advised there will be a

- Temporary nightly road closure on Whittingham Lane, Goosnargh from **05/02/24 to 07/02/24** to enable the National Highways to complete bridge repair works.
- Road closure on Horns Lane, Goosnargh from **12/02/24 to 16/02/24** to enable Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities to install a new fire hydrant.
- temporary road closure on Fairhurst Lane, Inglewhite from **20/02/24 to 22/02/24** to enable Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities to install a new water connection.
- The A6 James Towers Way from the Garstang Road / Whittingham Lane roundabout will be closed overnight from 2000 hours until 0600 hours on **23rd March 2024** until **15th April 2024** for asphalt preservation works.
- Round three of the Lancashire warm spaces grant scheme has now gone live. Organisations wishing to applying for grant funding to assist with the provision of a warm space can apply for grant on this link. The closing date is the 4th February. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/community-team-support/lancashire-warm-spaces-grant-scheme/>

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th February 2024 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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