

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024** at the Bowling Club in the grounds of Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Steve Pike – Chairman  
Cllr Mark Robinson  
Cllr Mick Scambler

## PUBLIC

City Cllr Stephen Thompson  
Helen Witter (NHW)  
Jess Wight (Past & Present)  
2 members of the public  
(see attendance sheet)

Mrs Julie Buttle (Parish Clerk)

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Butler, Cllr Rob Hayton and County Cllr Sue Whittam. Cllr Bill Platt and Cllr John Singleton were not present.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 present signed a dispensation form which was approved by the Clerk.

Cllr Robinson declared a personal interest in planning application **06/2023/1328** as he knew the applicant.

Cllr Pike declared a pecuniary interest in planning application **06/2023/1328** as he was a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Comments were expressed on the above applications however as the Council was not quorate during the discussion, the Clerk will circulate the applications by email before making any representations to planning.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**23/24 MIN 50** It was **resolved** that the November Minutes be signed as a true record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

**23/24 MIN 51** It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has submitted suggestions for the SPID locations to LCC however it was stressed that LCC will make the final decision on any locations as they are responsible for road safety and they need to grant a licence confirming the location.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, LCC stated that discussions are still ongoing regarding the rumble strips on Button Street. The Clerk will send another reminder.

The Slow Down Save Lives posters have been erected however it was reported that there had been another accident at the Inglewhite crossroads.

Concerns were expressed that the amount of litter has increased again. The matter has been reported to Preston City Council as requested. They replied on the 18<sup>th</sup> January stating that the rural crews will conduct litter picks up to the end of the 30mph zones at the next available opportunity. Prior to Christmas, PCC found that the areas outside of the 30mph zones did not justify the cost of traffic management, however, they will review this whilst in the area.

Reference was made to an event at the Village Hall to raise funds for the proposed alterations.

Jess Wight explained that the Past & Present leaflets had been altered to reflect the comments expressed after the last meeting including parking and access information. Once printed, the leaflets will be distributed to residents and local heritage groups.

It was stated that whilst the website wasn't finished yet, it was live for people to view and comment.

It was confirmed that the main A0 board could be mounted on to a frame to go on Inglewhite Green and it was acknowledged that at the November meeting, Cllr Rob Hayton had stated he would look at the options including mounting it on to stone. Other boards could be mounted on walls and fences once the locations are confirmed.

Jess stated that the boards do not need covering with laminate or plastic as it doesn't prolong their life and can lead to additional problems with condensation etc.

It was noted that Cllr John Singleton had walked the trails and whilst a few were in poor condition, they were accessible. Although the trails will be advertised, it was stated that liability lies with the person who walks it, however as the trails won't be launched until the Spring / Summer, there is still time to get some areas improved.

Various objections were expressed regarding application **06/2023/0259** for the 40m radio mast and antenna at Beacon Fell. These were noted and will be reflected in the planning comments.

### **CIL PAST AND PRESENT**

**MIN 23/24.52** Further to the comments expressed during public participation it was **resolved** that the next steps will be

- Discuss the cost and mounting of the main board with Cllr Hayton
- Check if permission is required to put the board on Inglewhite Green and agree the exact location
- Walk the trails noting any accessibility problems and record where the additional signs should go
- Use the £500 PROW grant from LCC to carry out urgent repairs to stiles etc
- Update the financial records to show that there will be a £6 monthly charge for the upkeep of the web address and a cost to Outdoor Active – to be confirmed

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

The Chairman verified that the finance and bank statements had been reconciled.

### **REVIEW OF 3rd QUARTER ACCOUNTS 2023 / 2024**

Members compared expenditure with the budget following the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

At the November meeting, the Clerk queried the duration of the grounds maintenance agreement. As Nurture have confirmed that the contract runs for 7 months, Apr – Oct, the October invoice will now be paid. Negative balances were noted in respect of the 2022/23 salary payments to the previous clerk which were paid in arrears and the audit and elections which were not included in the 2023/24 budget.

**MIN 23/24.53** Members **resolved** to approve the quarterly report.

### **HEDGEHOG SUPPORT**

Members noted a leaflet which offered an opportunity to purchase hedgehog shaped fence surrounds to be made available to residents to enable hedgehogs to pass through fences.

**MIN 23/24.54** Members **resolved** not to sign up to the initiative as it was felt that it was more suited to urban areas.

### **SLCC MEMBERSHIP**

The Clerk is a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks who provide information and training to ensure the Clerk remains up to date on Clerk related matters. As the Clerk also works for Whittingham Parish, the membership fee is split pro rata (based on the hours worked), with Goosnargh's share being £45.80.

**MIN 23/24.55** Members **resolved** to approve the Clerk's membership to the SLCC and will forward £45.80 to Whittingham Parish Council.

## CONSIDERATION OF 2024/25 PRECEPT

At the November meeting, Members approved a draft budget of **£9,708** for 2024/25 which assumed the Nurture contract was over 12months. It has since been confirmed that the contract runs for 7 months and the cost for 2024 will be £1,680 + VAT.

**MIN 23/24.56** Members **resolved** to approve the 2024 Service Level Agreement which the Clerk will sign and return on behalf of the Parish Council.

**MIN 23/24.57** Due to the reduced estimate for the grounds maintenance, Members noted that the budget had been reduced to **£8,436** and after taking into account the Council's reserves, Members **resolved** to set the 2024/25 Precept at £6,500.

## 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 the displayed papers from the elements. The Clerk presented an example of a green aluminium notice board with magnets to fix the papers at a cost of £487 plus delivery.

**MIN 23/24.58** Members **resolved** to purchase 2 boards to be purchased from CIL monies.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**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.

Strong objections were noted in relation to the above application, specifically that Beacon Fell is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the proposal, which involves the removal and felling of trees, as well as installing a generator, would interfere with the natural ecology and habitat and will be visually intrusive. The applicant has also failed to justify the need for a new tower as opposed to the improvement of existing towers.

**MIN 23/24.59** Members **resolved** to object to the application.

4 x agricultural livestock buildings at Higher Barker Farm, Syke House Lane, Preston.

**06/2023/1292** = Phase 1, **06/2023/1293** = Phase 2, **06/2023/1295** = Phase 3 and **06/2023/1294** = Phase 4. The applications seek to improve and maintain a rural enterprise in a rural area. **No objections.**

**06/2023/1328** Two storey garage extension following demolition of existing dwelling and store at Bourne Brow Farm, Bourne Brow, Preston. The proposed garage will be set further back from Bilsborrow Lane. **No objections.**

**06/2023/1362** Technical Details Consent for 4no. dwellings, vehicular passing place and bin collection area at Daisy Dene, Inglewhite Road, Preston. The proposal amends the house type on a scheme already approved. **No objections.**

**06/2023/1393** Two storey veterinary building and reconfiguration and extension to car park of Oakhill Veterinary Centre, Langley Lane, Preston. The application form states the lights will be controlled within the hours of site operation. **No objections.**

The following applications were received after the agenda had been published.

**06/2023/1281** replace a flat roof with a pitched roof, new window reconfiguration and replacement of an existing conservatory. Leave to planning.

**06/2024/0017** 1no. agricultural building with ancillary domestic storage and access track at Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh Lane, Preston. A previous application to convert an existing agricultural building into a house was considered to be permitted development. The applicant states that as they wish to continue farming the land, a new store is required. It will be up to planners to determine if the need is justified. Leave to planning.

**06/2024/0051** Single storey rear extension, alterations to front entrance, external play deck, 10no. floodlights adjacent to existing bowling green and MUGA and improvements to carpark at Whitechapel Village Hall.

The application will be circulated to all Members by email, however as the Village Hall is an established and well used community asset, no objections were expressed.

**06/2024/0045** Outline application for 4.no dwellings on land adjacent to Horns Fold. As the site lies in the open countryside and there is no need for the dwellings, **an objection will be sent.**

**06/2021/0046** Outline application for 2.no dwellings adjacent to Bonds Farm, Horns Lane. As the site lies in the open countryside and there is no need for the dwellings, **an objection will be sent.**

**MIN 23/24.60** Members **resolved** not to oppose an application to convert the carpark machines at Beacon Fell to a cashless facility. All day parking will remain at £1.

#### **UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The NW Rally will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. The event organiser will be invited to attend the February meeting to provide time schedules and copies of the information packs to be distributed to residents.

#### **NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members **noted** the following items of correspondence.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> February. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/community-team-support/lancashire-warm-spaces-grant-scheme/>

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**END**