

# **GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD AT WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL.**

**ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7.30PM**

In accordance with LGA 1972 Schedule 12 para 17(1) Cllr A Butler, Chairman of the Parish Council presided as Chairman.

**PRESENT:** Parish Cllr Andrew Butler (Chairman)  
Parish Cllrs: Mick Scambler, Mark Robinson, Steve Pike  
Parish Cllrs Elect: Rob Hayton, Will Platt  
Preston City Cllr - Stephen Thompson  
Consultant for the Council's CIL project - Jessica White  
Neighbourhood Watch – Helen Witter  
5 members of the public (as noted in the Clerk's notes)  
Temporary Parish Clerk – Julie Buttle

### **A. APOLOGIES:**

Parish Cllr John Singleton,  
City & County Councillor Susan Whittam,  
City Cllr Harry Landless (also Chairman of Goosnargh Village Hall)  
PCSO Chloe Pearson  
Judith Burn – Whittingham Festival

### **B. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **C. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

The Chairman of the Parish Council paid tribute to the Parish Clerk Andrea Saville who passed away and welcomed Julie Buttle who is temporarily covering the position.

The Chairman reflected on the Councils' achievements during 2022/23 and stated that the Council were pleased to support Coronation and tree planting events.

The Council is making good use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received from new planning applications and has commenced a project to develop the footpaths and trails around the parish both from an access and a heritage perspective. The Council continues to fund grass cutting at Inglewhite Village Green which is now looking very nice. Several benches have been replaced and the stone cross in the Village will shortly be repointed.

The Council tries to remain fair and impartial when it comments on planning applications some of which will be controversial, but residents are always made welcome at the Council meetings where they can make comments and express concerns.

Mark Robinson recently joined the Council and following the May elections, the Council remains at full strength.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A 2022/23 finance report could not be presented as the bank statements are unavailable due to the administration processes required to reflect the change in Clerk.

### **D. OTHER REPORTS**

County Cllr Susan Whittam gave her apologies to the meeting but City Cllr Stephen Thomson was present and replied to queries raised by the public.

## **E. MATTERS RAISED BY THOSE PRESENT**

Helen from Neighbourhood Watch advised that there were lots of concerns regarding speeding. Diversion routes had been signposted but as there weren't enough signs, she had emailed Highways to request more.

The school has issued a newsletter reminding parents to adhere to the speed limits and an assessment request has been submitted to the Road Safety Partnership. PCSO Chloe Pearson will also try to get involved with the speeding concerns. County Cllr Susan Whittam has also been contacted and she will refer the concerns to Andy Pratt the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner who works with the Road Safety partnership. It was also confirmed that Cllr Whittam will get more 'Slow down – Save lives' stickers.

Litter remains a problem particularly in the areas outside the 30mph zone. The Clerk had written to the City Council regarding the litter issues in April and they confirmed that a change in legislation meant they could no longer collect litter from narrow lanes, with no footpaths, multiple blind spots and speed limit exceeding 30mph – however, their reply confirms that they are working on a strategy to help circumvent these problems and deliver the quality service that residents deserve.

Residents highlighted issues on Button Street and questioned if the speed limit can be reduced to 20mph. They also requested that the hedges be cut back as the 30mph signs weren't always visible. Concern was also expressed that motorists don't stop at the crossroads and it was questioned if a stop sign should be used, rather than a give way. Rumble strips had been added previously and it was questioned if these can be replaced.

The Clerk will refer the above concerns to LCC Highways and will report their reply back to the next Parish Council meeting. In addition, Cllr Stephen Thompson suggested that residents keep a diary of the speeding concerns and incidents and if the residents send the information to him, he will work with County Cllr Whittam to get the deputy Crime Commissioner involved. It was also mentioned that residents can look at the Community Toolkit issued by the Road Safety Partnership as this contains suggestions which may ease the speeding concerns. The Clerk stated she would forward the Toolkit to Helen Witter.

Jessica White explained the Goosnargh Past and Present project which seeks to develop footpaths and trails around the Parish which will explain and record the history and heritage of the area. The project is being supported by Burnley Council who will provide information boards - in addition to a website which can include digital images of the area.

The Clerk advised that City Cllr Landless had presented his apologies to the meeting but as the new Chairman of Goosnargh Village Hall, he hopes to attend a future Parish Council meeting to explain the changes that have taken place.

## **END OF BUSINESS**

**After a short adjournment, the meeting continued with the**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**