

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 23rd Oct 2023** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Andrew Butler – Chairman
Cllr Mick Scambler
Cllr Stephen Pike

Mrs Julie Buttle (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC

County Cllr Sue Whittam
City Cllr Steve Whittam
Helen Witter (NHW)
Mr Pinder and colleague (regarding SPID)
Cllr B Clarke & Cllr M Woodburn (Whitt Parish Council)
6 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Hayton, Cllr Singleton Cllr Robinson and Cllr Platt.
PCSO Chloe Pearson sent her apologies as the meeting fell on a day when she was not on duty.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

APPROVAL OF 25th SEPT 2023 MINUTES

23/24 MIN 34 It was **resolved** that the Sept Minutes be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

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

Mr Pinder apologised that he was unable to attend the September meeting as expected and presented the data which had been collected by the 2 Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDs) which were erected between the 14th and the 24th September on Button Street (south bound) and the Village Green (east bound) both of which are 30mph areas.

Village Green SPID - 10,480 vehicles passed the SPID. The highest recorded speed was 70mph with the average (85th percentile) being 29.8mph

Button Street SPID - 5,378 vehicles passed the SPID. The highest recorded speed was 50mph with the average (85th percentile) being 33.3mph

Mr Pinder stated he will forward the data from both devices to Andy Pratt (Deputy Police Crime Commissioner) County Cllr Rupert Swarbrick (LCC Cabinet Member for Highways) and Paul Connell (LCC Road Safety Officer) who approves the location of poles and new SPID devices. Once they receive the data, the police may arrange enforcement checks during the time frame where vehicles were traveling over 35mph. It was also noted that Thursday and Friday were the busiest times for traffic.

Members of the public stated that whilst the SPIDs had confirmed that traffic was speeding, the SPIDs had been placed on the existing brackets which were in the wrong places and did not capture the extent of the problem.

It was also stated that whilst the SPIDs can capture the data 365 days a year, they are probably capturing the same people speeding and more long-term, practical solutions are needed to deter speeding and prosecute offenders.

Mr Pinder replied that average speed cameras cost £250-£300,000 each and are only used in special circumstances as they need to be able to track a car for 2 – 3 miles. New SPID devices are capable of automatic number plate recognition, but due to the data captured, the police have to process the data. Mr Pinder is already campaigning to ensure that the police are acting on the data his devices capture. Residents also have a role to play in this, by reporting local concerns to the Police, Road Safety Partnership, LCC Highways, County and City Cllrs. The Clerk confirmed that various links to report speeding concerns are on the News page of the Parish Council website.

County Cllr Sue Whittam stated that she had written to LCC to inform them of the concerns and she referred to a letter in which LCC stated they would be installing temporary signage on Inglewhite Road from January to March 2024 to remind drivers to think about their speed. The letter also confirms that Inglewhite Road is a mobile enforcement site for Lancashire Constabulary.

Cllr B Clarke and Cllr M Woodburn from Whittingham Parish Council explained that a new residents' group had been formed to tidy up various areas in Whittingham with a view to submitting an entry into the Best Kept Village competition. It has been established that historically, Goosnargh Parish Council have submitted an entry which includes amenities in the Whittingham area and the group believes it would make sense to submit a joint entry. With this in mind, they invited a member of Goosnargh Parish Council to the next residents' meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was reconvened.

SPEEDING ISSUES

LCC have advised that they have not refreshed the rumble strips on Button Street as they are concerned that they may cause noise issues for a nearby property. Members stated that they understood the strips were textured red paint and as such should not increase the road noise.

MIN 23/24.35 Members suggested a location further down Button Street and **resolved** that the Clerk send this to LCC.

MIN 23/24.36 Members referred to the SPID data presented during public participation and **resolved** that the Clerk contact Mr Connell (LCC Road Safety Officer) to request that a site visit is carried out (with residents in attendance) to discuss the location of new SPID poles.

LCC's proposals will be presented to the Parish Council who will approve the cost and the number of locations. Once the poles are erected, Members may wish to re-erect the temporary SPID in the new locations prior to applying for a Licence to erect new SPIDS on the poles.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Chairman stated that it was a good idea for both parishes to work together in support of an entry to the Best Kept Village competition.

MIN 23/24.37 It was **resolved** that the Chairman Cllr A Butler would attend the residents' meeting once it has been arranged.

MIN 23/24.38 The Clerk informed Members of the results of the 2023/24 competition and Members **resolved** to approve the £75 submission entry which had been deferred due to the bank problems.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 30th Sept

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

ACCOUNTS

MIN 23/24.39 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Backlog of Invoices June – Sept 2023	Nurture Landscapes	£1094.68
Erection of 2 SPID devices (July MIN 22)	Altham Parish Council	£329.40

HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS Apr 23 – Sept 23

The Chairman verified the approved Council budget for 2023/24 and the Clerk presented a report to illustrate the approved expenditure to date and the remaining budget available.

The Clerk explained that audit fees and the City Council election fees (approved under MIN 28) had not been included in the 2023/24 budget. The audit fee is not yet known however the unbudgeted costs can be paid from the bank interest.

Cllr Pike stated that he would arrange for the Village Hall hire costs to be sent to the Clerk and Members confirmed that the poppy wreath is re-used each year with a donation being made to the Royal British Legion. The Clerk will make the arrangements for this for the November meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF 2024/25 BUDGET ITEMS

Members **noted** that the November meeting will focus on the 2024/25 budget requirements. Apart from the request to finance 2 new notice boards, no new items were proposed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members considered application [06/2023/1073](#) extension to existing track to provide vehicular access from Bullsnape Lane at Fir Trees Farm, Inglewhite Road, Preston.

Members noted that the Parish Council was not consulted on a prior notification application to change the use of the agricultural building to a dwelling because the use was considered to be permitted development. As part of the application, it was stated that the application would make use of an existing track. The applicant now wishes to take the access off Bullsnape Lane further to the east. Members stated that the existing access was on a bend and the new location was probably slightly better. With this in mind, Members had **no objections** to the proposal.

Members **noted** that the Lancashire NHS Foundation are preparing to submit an application for an acute Mental Health Inpatient Service south of Guild Park. As the site is in Whittingham Parish Council's area, Members stated they were happy for Whittingham Parish Council to respond.

Members **noted** that the number of lodges at the propose holiday park at the former golf club [06/2022/1406](#) had been increased from 127 to 130. The application is going to planning committee on 2nd November with a recommendation for approval. Members stated that 3 extra lodges did not alter the views they had expressed previously when the application was originally submitted.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members **noted** that Lancashire County Council will be hosting the Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference on Saturday 4th November 2023. Members also **noted** that Preston Area Committee will meet on the 8th Nov at 7.00pm to discuss the new Local Plan. Cllr Steve Pike expressed an interest to attend and the Clerk will email the agenda and any supporting information.

MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

The Clerk confirmed that LCC have repaired the chevrons at Carron Lodge but LCC are still investigating the flooding.

Flooding was reported at the Broadgate Farm at Bleasdale Road and Briars Farm on Langley Lane.

Those present were reminded to use the Love Clean Street app to report highway issues to LCC as the app provides an **exact** GPS location and photographs can be submitted. Details how to access the app are on the Goosnargh Parish Council website. A resident stated he would report some fallen masonry near a tunnel on Button Street.

It was stated that there was a water leak on Fairhurst Lane. The exact location should be reported to United Utilities on this link <https://www.unitedutilities.com/emergencies/>

It was noted that the Stone Cross at Inglewhite has been cleaned but it needs pointing. This will be dealt with locally.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 20.30 and the next meeting will be on **Monday 27th November 2023** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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