

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mick Scambler – Chairman  
Cllr Andrew Butler  
Cllr Rob Hayton.  
Cllr Steve Pike  
Cllr Bill Platt  
Cllr Mark Robinson  
Cllr John Singleton

## PUBLIC

Mr A Eccles - Resident

Mrs Julie Buttle - Parish Clerk

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Police and Helen Witter, Neighbourhood Watch.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hayton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 06/2025/0276 at Woodlands, Bleasdale Road as he is the applicant.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**24/25 MIN 87** It was **resolved** that the Feb 2025 Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

**24/25 MIN 88** It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Mr Eccles stated that he objected to application **06/2025/0182** for 95 dwellings at Swainson House Farm because the properties had 3-4 bedrooms which implied there would be multiple occupants, several of which may have cars. This would lead to an increase in traffic in the local area which already experiences congestion around the school, which has also been earmarked for expansion. The site is in the open countryside and is not an infill plot. Concerns were also expressed regarding the drainage of the site. It was stated that the developer is simply taking advantage of the fact the City Council does not have a 5-year housing supply.

## PLANNING POLICY

Members were informed that as the City Council doesn't have a **current 5-year housing supply**, applications will be assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework "Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development" rather than the Adopted Local Plan Policies. An explanation has been added to the [Parish Council website](#).

Members noted that the City Council is consulting on a **Central Lancashire Core Plan** which will replace the current Core Strategy and the Adopted Local Plan. A presentation on the document will be given to the Preston Area Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Members were requested to attend if possible.

## APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**24/25 MIN 89** Members **resolved** that they had no objections to the following applications

[06/2025/0106](#) extensions and alterations Fairhurst Cottage, Fairhurst Lane.

[06/2025/0229](#) Change of use of agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling at Fir Trees Farm, Inglewhite Road. Members noted that the site has permission under 06/2023/0341 however the applicant is seeking to add a second floor.

**24/25 MIN 90** Members **resolved** to support [06/2025/0276](#) for 1 dwelling at Woodlands, Bleasdale Road because the site already has approval to change the use of an existing building in to a dwelling. The application seeks to construct a new dwelling on brownfield land which would not have an adverse impact on the open countryside.

**24/25 MIN 91** Members **resolved** to object to [06/2025/0182](#) for 95 dwellings on land east of former Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh for the following reasons

The development is contrary to Policy 1 of the Core Strategy because a development of 95 homes is not small scale, the site is not an infill plot and local need can be met from other housing developments nearby. The City Council and a Planning Inspector have refused previous applications because the development will have a permanent impact on the local area. It does not make sense that the previous decisions can be completely disregarded, simply because a developer has taken the opportunity to exploit a temporary gap in the 5 year supply. Their reasons for refusal should be applied to this submission.

Members **noted** that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of a dwelling on land adjacent, Bonds Farm, Horns Lane **06/2024/0966**. As the Parish Council's objections to the application will be forwarded to the Inspector, no further comments were proposed.

### LCC HIGHWAY PROPOSALS GOOSNARGH LANE

Members were informed that LCC are consulting on 3 highway issues on Goosnargh Lane.

- **20mph speed limit** – with repeater signs
- **Bus stops** - remove the existing bus stops near the junction with Oakleaf Close and introduce 2 new, relocated bus stop clearways, with full mobility compliant bus stops
- **Junction tables** with a maximum height not exceeding 75 mm to be added at
  - a) Haymaker Way, Goosnargh, from its junction with the centreline of Goosnargh Lane for a distance of 11 metres in a north easterly direction;
  - b) Goosnargh Lane, Goosnargh, Preston, from a point 13.9 metres north west to a point 10.8 metres south east of its junction with the centreline of Haymaker Way.

**24/25 MIN 92** As the measures were part of a S278 agreement attached to the planning consent, Members **resolved** they had no comments on the consultation.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

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

### FINANCE REQUEST

Members considered an email request for £500 to support Whitechapel Village Hall host a VE Day event and noted that the email stated that any surplus money would be used to improve the infrastructure at the Village Hall. The Clerk advised that as the donation would be used to fund 2 different causes, the Council must be clear regarding the financial allocation to each.

**24/25 MIN 93** Members **resolved** that the Parish Council will pay for the entertainment costs of the event to a maximum of £500. To ensure the funds are used solely for that purpose, Invoices for the entertainment will be submitted to the Clerk for payment.

### MARCH ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**24/25 MIN 94** Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment

Clerk March Salary	J Buttle	£300.74	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.00	BACs

### INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

Members noted the Internal Audit Terms of Reference and the following appendices which had been produced in preparation for the 2024/25 internal audit.

- Risk Management Register
- Council's Asset Register
- Internal Audit Checklist

**24/25 MIN 95** Members confirmed that the above documents were up to date and **resolved** to appoint S Wiseman as the Internal Auditor for 2024/25.

### **CITY COUNCIL TRAINING COURSE**

Members **noted** that the City Council were offering a training course to assist Councillors with cyber security – use of passwords, ransomware, social media etc. The Clerk confirmed that she would apply to complete the modules.

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

Cllr Hayton stated that he had made the pole for the Speed Indicator Device to be erected at the Beeches on Inglewhite Road. Arrangements will be made to erect the device as soon as possible.

The Clerk confirmed the way markers had been ordered for the Past & Present posts and they will be delivered to Cllr Platt as soon as they are received.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**END**