

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 25th Nov 2024** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PUBLIC

City Cllr Stephen Thompson
H Witter - Neighbourhood Watch
A Eccles - Resident
R Farrer - Resident
M Fishlock - Resident
C & S Fletcher - Resident
R & G Kellett - Resident
J & L Pickup - Resident
Mrs Julie Buttle - Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from the Police.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Singleton declared an interest in application **06/2024/0966** at Horns Lane and Cllr Butler declared an interest in application **06/2024/1177** at Butler's Farmhouse Cheeses. For clarity the latter application was received after the agenda was issued, however, as residents were present to speak on the proposal and as Members had received information about the proposal at the October meeting, Members stated the application could be discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With reference to MIN 24/25.45, Cllr Butler queried whether the Parish Council had agreed to pay the maintenance service contract for the Defib at the Village Hall. The Clerk stated the agenda item was to consider a contribution to the repair bill. Whilst the responsibility to service the device was mentioned, a proposal to pay for the maintenance service contract was not put forward, as the cost of the maintenance service contract was not known.

24/25 MIN 53 It was **resolved** that the Oct Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

24/25 MIN 54 It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Although the Police could not be present, they sent an email stating that a new PCSO Ellie-Rose Burke will be covering the rural villages with PCSO Chloe Pearson. Antisocial behaviour is still being monitored at Beacon Fell and road traffic collisions have been recorded on Back Lane and Horns Lane. Residents were reminded to refer to the Parish Council website and report speeding concerns to <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern> The police also stated they had received a report of motorbike nuisance, but no one present, was aware of any incidents.

Helen Witter reported that several highway concerns had been reported on the Love Clean Streets app and LCC had advised that they would be carrying work out at

- Carron Lodge / Bilsborrow Lane (4401731)
- Silk Mill Lane kerb (4401734)
- Flooding at Button Street (4408815)

LCC left some triangular 'Flood' signs with residents on Button Street and advised that emergency flooding can be reported on 0300 123 6780.

The Clerk requested copies of the reports so that any actions can be followed up with LCC.

As suggested at the October Parish Council meeting, it was confirmed that Butler's Farmhouse Cheeses held a communication event on the 16th Nov to discuss their planning application with local residents.

Residents expressed concerns that some of the HGV's attending Butler's Farmhouse Cheese, are over 18m long and carry up to 44 tonnes which is inappropriate for rural roads - particularly Button Street which is not wide enough. Road surfaces are being ripped up and damaged verges lead to mud and drainage issues. It was suggested that the cheese should be packaged into smaller vehicles to be transported to a distribution point in a different location.

It was questioned why the rumble strips on Button Street were raised as this causes additional noise and vibration. The Clerk replied that the Parish Council had been informed that the rumble strips needed repainting and LCC will have carried out the work to highway specifications. It was suggested that they should be removed if the planning application is approved.

The Parish Council's comments are recorded under the planning agenda item. Residents were advised to submit individual comments to devcon@preston.gov.uk. Cllr Thompson also stated that if residents contacted him, he could call the application in before planning committee.

The applicants for 06/2024/0966 the proposed dwelling on land adjacent Bonds Farm, Horns Lane stated that the site is a small plot which is not farmed. A previous application for 2 dwellings 06/2024/0046 was refused and the revised application had been scaled down to one property. In response to a comment that 5 windows on the front elevation were excessive, the applicant stated the application was in outline and the design was just a suggestion.

It was noted that the previous application was refused because the plot was not considered to be infill, however the applicant is questioning the decision because infill can also relate to sites within a 'cluster' of buildings. It was clarified that the trees will be retained apart from 2 which have identified as 'dangerous' in the arboriculture report. It was also confirmed that the access would be changed, with the existing access being blocked up.

Neighbour disputes were mentioned but these are not relevant to the planning comments.

Cllr Singleton read out a letter of objection from local residents which referred to the site being in the open countryside adjacent to an AONB; loss of an agriculture field which is currently used as a pasture and an increase of traffic on Horns Lane which is a narrow, quiet lane. The letter also refers to the loss of hedgerow, the impact on wildlife and the felling of 2 trees which should be protected.

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Mr Eccles drew the Council's attention to a planning application for a McDonalds and Starbucks drive thru at a location in Wyre. Although not in Goosnargh Parish, concerns were voiced regarding the increase in traffic, both on the A6 and on the roads leading to Beacon Fell where there will be additional litter and night time disturbance.

As there were no other comments, the meeting was reconvened.

CIL PROJECTS

With regards to the Swainson House Farm site, Preston City Council have stated that the developer (McDermott Homes) was able to carry out some works without triggering CIL, however, they have advised the developer of the amount of CIL due which may be paid in instalments. Goosnargh is likely to receive 4 payments of £11,627 starting in April 2025.

1) PAST & PRESENT

Cllr Platt confirmed that 30 fingerposts were required to signpost the Past & Present walks.

24/25 MIN 55 It was **resolved** that the Clerk purchase the posts from Fox Timber at £9.60 each. Once they are delivered, Cllr Platt and Cllr Singleton will arrange to put them up.

At the LCC conference, attended by the Clerk and Cllr Pike, it was established that the Council may submit a grant application (up to £750) to Champion Bowland.

24/25 MIN 56 It was **resolved** that the Clerk submit the application before the 31st Dec deadline. Members also **noted** that the Parish Champion may have grants available in April 2025.

2) SPID (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE)

Members noted that the SPID pole has been erected on Inglewhite Village Green but sadly, despite seeing the consultation, an objection has been received from a local resident.

Members were reminded that LCC approved the site as the optimum location to ensure the SPID was effective and as such, it is unlikely that it can be moved. Members stated that the SPID is intended to be reduce speeding incidents for the majority of residents and whilst the situation was unfortunate, it was not possible to please everyone.

24/25 MIN 57 It was **resolved** the Clerk take the devices to Cllr Butler who will arrange to have them erected as agreed under MIN 24/25.43. Hopefully this will be before Christmas.

3) WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL AND HILL CHAPEL CIL FUNDING

Further to MIN 24/25.44 Members **noted** that letters of thanks have been received from the Village Hall and Hill Chapel. The funds will be released once the Clerk receives a copy of the invoice for the proposed works.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Oct 2024

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

INFLATIONARY PAY INCREASE

24/25 MIN 58 Members **noted** that the Clerk is employed in accordance with the National Joint Council terms and conditions for Local Government staff. The NJC has agreed a flat rate increase to the pay scales which equates to an additional £14.53 a month. As the salary will remain below £5,000, the Council should not be impacted by the increase in National Insurance.

ACCOUNTS

24/25 MIN 59 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Grounds maintenance	Nurture Landscapes	£288.00	BACs
Nov salary (new rate)	Mrs J Buttle	£300.54	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.20	BACS
1 x solar and 1 x battery SPID	ELAN City	£5,014.78	BACs

CONSIDERATION OF 2025/26 BUDGET ITEMS

Members considered the draft budget for 2025/26 which reflects increases to existing fees.

24/25 MIN 60 Members **resolved** to set the budget at £8,627 with the Precept being confirmed in January 2025.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

24/25 MIN 61 having considered the comments made during public participation; Members **resolved** to comment on the following applications

06/2024/0966 1no. self-build dwelling with attached garage and modified access on land adjacent, Bonds Farm, Horns Lane.

Members **resolved** to object to the application based on the Parish Council's previous comments and the refusal notice which states the application is considered to be in the open countryside, is not an infill site and is isolated from day-to-day services.

06/2024/1087 Extension to agricultural livestock building at Rigg Farm, Rigg Lane, Preston
No objections.

06/2024/1136 Garage and workshop to accommodation at Colbourn Cottage, Inglewhite Road.
No objections.

06/2024/1177 Maturation shed with workshop and office barn at Butlers Farm House Cheeses, Button Street, Preston.

The Clerk informed Members that the supporting information states that the number of milk transportations will be reduced by 2-3 movements per week and the development will lead to a reduction in vehicle movements to and from the site as the HGVs will be fully loaded. Notwithstanding that, Members noted the concerns regarding the size of the lorries expressed by residents during public participation.

Members **resolved** to respond to the application by stating that the Parish Council seeks to promote rural businesses. The site is already in use and the frequency of vehicle movements will be less. However, comments expressed regarding the suitability of the rural roads and the size of the lorries will be mentioned to the City Council so that these can be raised with LCC as Highway Authority.

With regards to the proposed McDonalds and Starbucks drive thru in Wyre, concerns about litter were noted and it was **resolved** that the Clerk contact Wyre Borough Council to request a S106 donation to provide additional litter bins within a 10-minute drive of the proposed facility.

MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

Members **noted** that LCC will be hosting a second information event regarding the proposal to expand Goosnargh Oliverson's School. The event will be at 6.30pm in Goosnargh Village Hall on the 27th Nov 2024. Details are on the Parish Council website.

The Clerk informed Members that LCC are proposing a Prohibition of Waiting Order (double yellow lines) on Goosnargh Lane on both sides of the road to the west of the junction with Willow Grove. The Order is intended to protect sight lines and ensure the safe movement of transport which is being impacted by obstructively parked vehicles.

24/25 MIN 62 Members **resolved** to respond to the consultation by stating that whilst parking in that location is a concern, the problem will only be moved further up Goosnargh Lane. Members also requested information on how and when the restrictions will be enforced.

Members **noted** that Broughton Parish Council have arrange a Defib training session on the 9th Dec at Toll Bar Cottage. It was suggested that a similar session could be held at Whitechapel Village Hall. The Clerk will forward the contact details for the lady who organised a Defib training session in Goosnargh Village Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 27th January 2025** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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