

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on **Monday, 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm**
in Whitechapel Village Hall

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

As both Cllr Butler (Chairman) and Cllr Hayton (Vice-Chairman) have presented their apologies in advance, **Members are required to appoint a chairman for the meeting.**

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are **reminded of their responsibility** to declare any interests in respect of matters contained in the agenda noting that there may be statutory restrictions on the right to participate and vote on that matter – see Standing Order 2023 (11)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are required to approve the Minutes of the 24th July 2023 Council meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public wishing to raise matters in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders should raise them here. The length of the adjournment is at the Chairman's discretion.

NOTE: Matters requiring a Council decision must be included as a specific Agenda item.

For more details, please contact the Clerk.

- The Police, County and City Councillors are routinely invited to every meeting.
- Mr Pinder has been invited to the meeting to present the data from the Speed Indicator Devices which were erected on the existing poles at Inglewhite.

5. SPEEDING ISSUES

Further to the speeding concerns raised at recent meetings, the website has been updated with all the necessary links to submit Speed Concerns, register with Community Road Watch and report dangerous driving via Operation Snap.

27th July - Members are requested to **note** that further to **MIN 17** LCC replied that under the 2016 Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions, there are no signs available permitting them to erect 'do not follow sat navs' signs.

Further to **MIN 22** the Clerk arranged for 2 Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDs) to be erected on the existing poles at Button Street and Inglewhite Green.

Members are required to consider the collected data and advise if they wish to contact LCC to apply for new poles and a Licence. If the application is successful, the Council can begin the process of purchasing new SPIDs for the approved locations using CIL monies.

6. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Historically, the Parish Council has submitted a 'Goosnargh' entry in the Best Kept Village competition. The entry relates to St Mary's Church, Goosnargh Oliverson's School, the Grapes and Bushell House in addition to Goosnargh Village Hall, Goosnargh Village Green and Goosnargh Playground which are in Whittingham Parish. A new residents' group has been formed in Whittingham to tidy up various areas and submit an entry in to the competition.

As this could result in a duplicate entry, Whittingham have asked if both Parishes could work together to submit a joint entry rather than splitting the entry across 2 parishes.

Members are requested to consider the request and advise if any Goosnargh Cllrs would like to join the residents' group.

7. ACCOUNTS

The bank account has finally been updated to the new Clerk's details and is operating successfully and all the payments authorised in July have been processed.

Members will be aware that the Clerk agreed to be employed under the same terms as the previous Clerk, however, due to other employments, the Clerk's income is subject to PAYE. The previous Clerk claimed 65p per mile but as this incurs additional tax, the Clerk wishes to reduce the amount to the tax free allowance of 45p per mile payable from Chorley which is the registered place of employment.

Members are requested to approve the above arrangements.

Members are required to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT
Nurture Landscapes	Nurture Landscapes	£273.67
Clerk Salary Jul – Sept	Mrs J Buttle	£815.28
PAYE	HMRC	£203.60
Office use Jul - Sept	Mrs J Buttle	£97.50
2 uncontested elections	Preston City Council	£200.00

8. 2022/23 ANNUAL RETURN

Following the sudden passing of the Clerk in March, the Council was unable to complete the 2022/23 end of year audit because the bank account could not be accessed. In addition, the internal audit could not be carried out because the cheque books could not be located. The Clerk advised the External Auditors of the above, however they have stated that the Council must still approve and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. (AGAR) The deadline for returning the AGAR was the 31st July however, the Bank Account containing the information to complete the forms was not made available until the 10th August.

Members are required to

(a) consider and approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) by Resolution in advance of approving the Accounting Statements.

(b) consider and approve Section 2 (Accounting Statements) by Resolution

(c) ensure both sections are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which that approval is given.

Members are requested to note that in addition to the audit fee, the External Auditors may charge a penalty fee for the late return of the form.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) LOCAL DELIVERY SCHEME 2023/24.

LCC operate a PROW Local Delivery scheme which permits Councils to apply for a grant of £500 to assist with the maintenance of public rights of way. As the Council has commissioned a project which will increase the use of the public rights of way, the Clerk submitted an expression of interest to apply for the grant which had a closing date of the 15th Sept 2023.

Members are requested to confirm that they wish to apply for the 2023/24 grant.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members are requested to comment on the following summarised applications

[06/2023/0884](#) Single storey rear extension at The Old Haystack, Syke House Lane,

[06/2023/0917](#) Change of use of domestic garage to 1no. holiday accommodation, and 2no. rear dormers at Daisy Barn Farm, Inglewhite Road,

11. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members are requested to **note**

31st July - LCC have advised that given the inspections, traffic management, sign manufacture and installation required, it is likely to be 2-3 months before they can replace all the signs at Carron Lane. They also have a backlog of drainage issues due to the recent severe weather but they will prioritise the drains on Carron Lane.

7th Aug - LCC have apologised about the length of time it is taking for them to commence works at Walmsley Bridge. They have stated it is a complex issue requiring different assessments to be carried out on site one of which has highlighted a number of ecological issues that need to be addressed. These will be progressed, however the time required to resolve the issues is unknown. LCC have confirmed that they are committed to undertaking the works.

Oakenclough Road, Beacon Fell, will be closed on 27/09/23 to enable Morrisons Telecom Services on behalf of British Telecom to carry out pole maintenance works.

12. MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

This item provides Members with an opportunity to raise any new concerns to be actioned by the Clerk or added to the next Agenda.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd October 2023 in Whitechapel Village Hall.

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