

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## PUBLIC

M Hothersall – NW Rally  
P McDade – Whitechapel Village Hall  
2 members of the public re Beacon Fell mast  
2 members of the public re Caravan Park  
(see attendance sheet)  
  
Mrs Julie Buttle (Parish Clerk)

## APOLOGIES

County Cllr S Whittam, City Cllr S Thompson, H Witter (NHW)

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**23/24 MIN 61** It was **resolved** that January Minutes be signed as a true record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

**23/24 MIN 62** It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

- Mark Hothersall from Legend Fires NW Rally explained the background to the rally which will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It will set off from Myerscough and will cover 5 stages - Beacon Fell - Long Knots – Crossgill - Hawthornthwaite - Nicky Nook. Approx 130 competitors will take part with roads being closed from 7.00 to 19.00. Businesses and residents on the route have been visited so they are clear on what to expect. They have been issued with access stickers and a booklet with emergency details including information on an app giving live updates on the event's progress. Robust safety plans are in place and the emergency services will be in attendance throughout. It was explained that LCC will inspect the route before the rally takes place and the organisers will pay a bond to repair any damage caused. The event may be covered on ITV 4 and can also be viewed on a large screen in Garstang. Mr Hothersall was thanked for his presentation.
- 2 members of the public explained that a caravan storage park on Camforth Hall Lane had increased in size and concerns were expressed regarding the visual impact of the facility as approx. 100 – 120 caravans were now on the site. The matter was investigated by the City Council who established that the storage facility did not have planning permission, however as it was set up more than 10 years ago, they could not take any action.  
Whilst it was acknowledged that the historic change of use could not be challenged, it was not considered acceptable that the facility could continue to double in size without any further controls. The Clerk was requested to contact the planning department to question how big the site can get before requiring planning permission.
- Mr McDade of Whitechapel Village Hall referred to the planning application to extend and alter the front elevation of the Village Hall and provide floodlights to the bowling green and MUGA. Solar panels will be added to the roof but they do not require planning permission. The Village Hall committee have contacted the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) and whilst the floodlights have been put on hold due to the cost, they are preparing a grant application for the solar panels, likely to be in the region of £27 – £28,000. If approved, the LEF grant will cover 80% of the cost but the remaining 20% and an 11% grant fee will need to be financed separately. The Parish Council was asked to a) write a letter in support of the project and b) agree to make up any shortfall. The Council's comments are detailed under **23/24 MIN 65 and MIN 66.**

- 2 members of the public raised concerns regarding the large number of visitors from outside the local area who were objecting to the proposed 40m telecommunications mast at Beacon Fell. The residents stated that local reception was poor and National Planning Policy supported the erection of the mast. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had objected to the application because the applicant had not demonstrated that they had considered the use of existing masts and buildings as required by National Planning Policy. In addition, the mast does not appear to be a 'sharable' structure. It will be operated by Vodafone which means local residents not on that network will not benefit from better reception. The application will be determined by the Planning Department and comments for against the proposal should be submitted to them.

As no other points were raised the meeting was reconvened.

### **CIL PAST AND PRESENT PROJECT**

At the January meeting it was resolved under **MIN 23/24.52** that the next steps for the Past and Present project will be to

- Discuss the cost and mounting of the main board with Cllr Hayton
- Check if permission is required to put the board on Inglewhite Green and agree the exact location
- Walk the trails noting and recording any accessibility problems and the location of the additional signs
- Use the £500 PROW grant from LCC to carry out urgent repairs to stiles etc
- Update the financial records to show that there will be a £6 monthly charge for the upkeep of the web address and a cost to Outdoor Active – to be confirmed

Members discussed the above points and were of the opinion that the exact location of the board needs to be clarified to avoid the creation of a new path and to ensure that those viewing the board do not have to cross any roads.

**23/24 MIN 63** As Helen Witter has engaged with residents regarding the project, it was **resolved** that the Clerk contact her when she returns from holiday, to arrange a date for a meeting with the residents and Councillors to discuss the location on site. In response to whether any permission was required to put the board on the green areas, the Clerk confirmed that all the green areas were in the ownership of the Parish Council under Title No LAN28457.

**23/24 MIN 64** It was **resolved** that Cllr Platt and Cllr Singleton would walk the routes when the weather improves and will send details of any broken stiles or suggested board locations to the Clerk using What3Words.

Depending on the number of repairs required, funding may come from CIL or the LCC PROW grant. Contacts at the AONB and LCC will also be approached to ensure landowners are fully engaged in any repairs. It was also stated that the cost to Outdoor Active was likely to be approx. £20 a year.

### **WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL**

**23/24 MIN 65** Further to the information provided during public participation, Members stated that the Village Hall is a well-used and valuable community asset and it was **resolved** in principle that the Clerk would write a letter to support the Village Hall with their grant application.

**23/24 MIN 66** It was further **resolved** that the costs of the project will be emailed to the Clerk for inclusion on the March Agenda so that Members can consider the CIL finances and agree how much can be donated.

**23/24 MIN 67** It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would apply for a free, framed portrait of HM The King to celebrate His reign which will be displayed in the Village Hall.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024**

The Chairman verified that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled. There were no accounts presented for payment.

## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION (BKV)**

Further to the October 2023 meeting where Members agreed it would be a good idea for Whittingham and Goosnargh Parish Councils to work together to submit a joint entry into the Best Kept Village competition, a BKV group was formed and they have requested a donation of £250 each from Goosnargh and Whittingham Parish Councils for materials, plants etc.

It was stated that the 2023 judges report had specifically referenced the poor quality of the Parish Council notice boards in Inglewhite and Goosnargh and in response, Goosnargh Parish Council has already committed to spending £1,000 on 2 new noticeboards. Routine maintenance and other improvements also need to be managed in Inglewhite and Whitechapel.

**MIN 23/24.68** With the above in mind it was **resolved** not to approve a donation of £250.

## **BLACK & RED REFLECTORS – VILLAGE GREEN**

Members noted an email stating that the red and black vehicle 'deflector' posts used to mark the verge and deter cars from driving on Inglewhite Village Green have been damaged. The Clerk advised that new posts cost approx. £25 each.

**MIN 23/24.69** It was **resolved** that Cllr Butler would look at the condition of the posts and will advise the Clerk of the number to be replaced.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Members had no objection to the following application.

06/2024/0135 Installation of 2no. package treatment plants to replace existing septic tank at Smithy Cottage, Inglewhite Road.

As recorded under public participation, the Clerk will contact the planning department to question how a caravan storage site can continue to expand without any planning permission.

## **80<sup>th</sup> ANIVERSARY OF THE D DAY LANDINGS**

Members **noted** that several Beacons will be lit at 21:15 hrs on the 6<sup>th</sup> June in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings. The Parish Council does not have a beacon however, information on the event will be added to the website in case any local community groups wish to get involved.

## **NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members **noted** the following items of new correspondence.

- A resident of Caraway Green informed the Clerk of a damaged footbridge on FP 0605007. The Clerk reported the matter to the PROW team and has advised the resident of the reference number and contact details to check on any progress.
- PCSO Chloe Pearson has confirmed there have been no changes to the rural policing team. Community Road Watches have been carried out in Goosnargh and the surrounding villages. To date, no volunteers have come forward to support the police with the road watch scheme.
- A reminder that the A6 James Towers Way from the Garstang Road / Whittingham Lane roundabout will be closed overnight from 2000 hours until 0600 hours on **23rd March 2024** until **15th April 2024** for asphalt preservation works.

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

Members **noted** that LCC have been asked to provide feedback on the SPID locations and a further email has been sent to LCC regarding the lack of action on the rumble strips on Button Street. In view of the time taken, the Clerk has copied in Cllr Rupert Swarbrick the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways.

Surface water is causing several problems from the end of Bleasdale Road to Button Street and on Inglewhite Road.

It was stated that LCC have been working in the area to plot 'lost gullies' on their mapping system. If the gullies are not on their system they can't be jetted which is causing flooding issues. It was stated that up to 1200 gullies were not transferred over from one mapping system to another. The Clerk will write to LCC to ask them to clarify the situation.

Cllr Hayton stated that the electricity board may have filled in a dyke near his property which LCC are monitoring. The situation is only evident after wet weather. Cllr Hayton will send the Clerk a photograph so that it can be recorded on the Parish Council's records.

Cllr Pike reported several damaged road signs – crossroad sign at Syke House / Mill Lane, steep hill at Goosnargh Mill and a corroding give way sign at Inglewhite Road. All of the items can be reported on Love Clean streets but Cllr Pike will send some photos to the Clerk if he encounters any problems.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in Whitechapel Village Hall at **7.30pm**.

**END**