

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

**A MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mick Scambler – Chairman  
Cllr Andrew Butler  
Cllr Bill Platt  
Cllr Steve Pike  
Cllr John Singleton

## PUBLIC

City Cllr Stephen Thompson  
Sergeant 6402 W Wallis  
H Witter - Neighbourhood Watch  
Mr T Hickson – Village Clock  
Mr A Eccles - Resident  
Mrs Julie Buttle - Parish Clerk

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Parish Cllrs Mark Robinson and Rob Hayton.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As setting the parish precept may have an effect on a Councillor's individual property, Members signed a dispensation form.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**24/25 MIN 63** It was **resolved** that the Nov Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

**24/25 MIN 64** It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation

Helen Witter advised that the feedback from the Speed Indicator Device has been positive and residents are eager to see the one go up at Beech House / Inglewhite Road. It was confirmed this is being progressed and an update is included under the CIL items.

It was stated that whilst the kerb has been repaired at Silk Mill Lane, it has been clipped by a wagon. This will be repaired by the Parish Council. An update was requested regarding the flooding at Bourne Brow. This is documented on page 3 'update on existing matters'. The City Council will be asked to remove the excess litter on Carron Lane although it was noted that a resident was clearing some up at the weekend.

Police Sergeant Wallis explained that she covers the rural north of Preston up to Garstang, as well as Ashton, Lea and Sharoe Green. She is supported by PCSOs Chloe Pearson and Ellie Burke. The Goosnargh area has a low crime rate with just one report of criminal damage and one report of theft since Christmas. Resources are allocated according to the number of police incidents and residents are reminded to report concerns and sign up to the 'In the Know' emails.

It was confirmed that the Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Task Force team will be attending the 24<sup>th</sup> February meeting. Members were also given details of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute who specialise in supporting farmers facing difficult times. A link to their website will be added to the Parish Council website. <https://rabi.org.uk/how-we-can-help>

Police help was requested with a dangerous road condition at Back Lane / Stoney Lane. The Clerk will forward the details to sergeant Wallis.

Mr Hickson explained that the village clock had deliberately been stopped due to a bearing failure which could cause significant damage. It was explained that the clock was bequeathed to the village in 1861 and is housed in the Church as the turret was the only building tall enough to house it. Volunteers from the bell ringing group regularly climb the turret and manually wind the clock up, but due to the weights involved, the practice is becoming less viable and an automatic winding unit is being considered. Repairs will cost £1,800 and the winding mechanism will cost a further £6,000. Donations of £2,000 have been promised and Mr Hickson is contacting local businesses, residents and the Parish Councils to donate to the project.

City Cllr Thompson stated that Barton had raised funds through a 'buy a minute' donation scheme. Mr Hickson will approach Barton to see how their fundraising is progressing. Members considered a donation under MIN 69.

Mr Eccles stated his support for planning application **06/2024/1067** for the conversion of 2 barns to 2 dwellings at Lower Stanalee Farm, Stanalee Lane. The Clerk explained that the period for comments had expired but the Parish Council had not raised any objections to the proposal.

As there were no other matters raised, the meeting was reconvened.

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

**24/25 MIN 65** Members **resolved** to note and approve the following invoices already paid in December

LCC Invoice for erecting SPID pole	LCC	£478.80	BACs	MIN 24/25.42
Clerk Dec Salary including NJC backpay	J Buttle	£382.05	BACs	MIN 24/25.58
PAYE	HMRC	£95.40	BACs	MIN 24/25.58

The Chairman verified that the monthly accounts had been reconciled with the bank statements.

#### **REVIEW OF 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER ACCOUNTS 2024 / 2025**

**24/25 MIN 66** Members consider expenditure against the budget and **resolved** to approve the report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter April – December 2024. It was noted that an invoice for the hire of the Village Hall was outstanding. This will be forwarded in time for the February meeting.

#### **JANUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**24/25 MIN 67** Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment

Clerk Jan Salary	J Buttle	£300.54	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.20	BACs
Oct – Dec mileage	J Buttle	£45.00	BACs
Oct – Dec home expenses	J Buttle	£97.50	BACs

#### **SLCC MEMBERSHIP – Society of Local Council Clerks**

Members noted that the SLCC Membership is based on the Clerk's combined salary for both Whittingham and Goosnargh Parish Councils with Goosnargh's share being £41.50

**24/25 MIN 68** Members **resolved** to jointly renew the membership with Whittingham Council.

#### **VILLAGE CLOCK DONATION**

Members considered the request for a donation towards the repair and upgrade of the village clock as detailed under public participation.

**24/25 MIN 69** It was noted that a funding appeal has been launched but as the clock is a community asset for Goosnargh, Members **resolved** to donate £500 from the reserves under S2 of the Parish Council's Act 1957.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF 2025/26 PRECEPT**

At the November meeting, Members approved a draft budget of **£8,627** for 2025/265 – subject to Nurture confirming the details of the ground maintenance contract. Nurture have confirmed that the 2025/26 cost will be £1,830 + VAT payable over 7 months.

**24/25 MIN 70** Members **resolved** that the Clerk should sign the 2025 Service Level Agreement for grounds maintenance with Nurture on behalf of the Parish Council.

**24/25 MIN 71** Members considered the spreadsheet detailing the budget, reserves and precept information and **resolved** to set the Precept at £6,750 which is a small increase of £250.

#### **CIL MONIES**

#### **PAST & PRESENT HERITAGE WALKS**

Members were informed that the Clerk's application to Champion Bowland was successful and the Council had been awarded £555 to the project, on condition that the fingerposts were in line with specifications for the Forest of Bowland protected area. Cllr Platt and Cllr Singleton confirmed the project had the support of the access officer who had walked the trails.

**24/25 MIN 72** It was **resolved** that the Clerk inform Champion Bowland so that the fingerposts can be ordered. The Clerk will also order some way markers in line with the project artwork.

## **SPID (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE)**

Members noted the positive comments in relation to the SPID at Inglewhite Green and stated that the device at Beech House / Inglewhite Road will be erected before the February meeting, provided the weather conditions allow for the pole to be erected in the field. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Butler and Cllr Scambler regarding downloading the SPID data.

## **ST FRANCIS HILL CHAPEL**

Under 24/25 MIN 44 Members resolved to award £4,000 CIL monies to St Francis Hill Chapel subject to the receipt of an invoice confirming the work has commenced.

**24/25 MIN 73** An invoice has been received and Members **resolved** to approve the release of the £4,000.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

No objections were received to the following summarised applications received in December.

**06/2024/1067** Conversion of 2 barns to 2 dwellings at Lower Stanalee Farm, Stanalee Lane,

**06/2024/1231** Variation of approved dwelling plans at Inglewhite Barn, Inglewhite Road,

**24/25 MIN 74** Members **resolved** to object to application [06/2024/1252](#) for up to 2no. dwellings (access only) on land south of Yew Tree Farm Eaves Green Lane, Goosnargh as the application is in the open countryside and is not considered to be an infill plot.

No objections were raised to application [06/2025/0035](#) to vary the previously approved plans for extensions at Ashes Farm, Church Lane, Whitechapel.

## **BOWLAND NATIONAL LANDSCAPE – CHARACTER REFRESH**

The 2009 Forest of Bowland Landscape Character Assessment will be reviewed by way of an online engagement event, requiring the completion of a questionnaire and interactive map.

**24/25 MIN 75** Members **resolved** that the Clerk respond to the questionnaire, referring to Members for comments as and where necessary.

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

**Button Street flooding** – LCC replied stating that *Button Street was inspected in July 2024. A number of blocked gullies were identified and an order raised for our gully team to visit to clear the gullies. Unfortunately, we did not visit the area until 25 October 2024. Our gully team identified three drains that required cleaning and jetting. Works were carried out at the time and the drains left clear and running freely. Orders have been raised for our gully team to revisit the area again following the recent flooding.* A concern about the rumble strip was noted.

Residents are advised to continue to report highway and flooding incidents on Love Clean Streets.

**Bourne Brow** – Flooding was reported and motorists were incorrectly directed down Walmsley Bridge Lane which is closed. LCC replied stating that *the street works team will visit to investigate and consider a different diversion rather than the one put in place by the police which uses Walmsley Bridge Lane. We will also look into the issues surrounding the drainage system on Bourne Brow as soon as we are able.*

The Clerk was requested to contact LCC to check that they are looking into the issues and ask that they provide an update on the plans to re-open Walmsley Bridge Lane.

**Village Green Kerb** - LCC have repaired the kerb at Silk Mill Lane. The Parish Council will arrange to 'back fill' the kerb with concrete to ensure it is not damaged further.

## **CHANGE TO SCHEDULED MEETING DATE**

**24/25 MIN 76** Members **resolved** to alter the May meeting to the 19<sup>th</sup> May as the 26<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.