

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday 22nd Sept 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mick Scambler – Chairman
Cllr Bill Platt
Cllr Mark Robinson
Cllr John Singleton

PUBLIC

County Cllr Maria Jones,
City Cllr Daniel Guise
City Cllr Stephen Thompson

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs Andrew Butler, Rob Hayton and Steve Pike.,
Other apologies included Helen Witter – Neighbourhood Watch

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the July meeting, Members were issued with a copy of the Code of Conduct training guide.
Cllr Platt and Cllr Scambler signed to confirm they had received a copy of the training guide.

Cllr Robinson declared a personal interest in respect of [06/2025/0912](#) at Syke House Lane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 25/26.39 Members **resolved** to approve the July Parish Council Minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

MIN 25/26.40 Members **resolved** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

Preston City Cllr Stephen Thompson stated that he had left the Conservative party and had joined Reform. He mentioned that the Harris Library would be re-opening on Sun 28th Sept following a £19 million restoration.

Cllr Guise had nothing to add in relation to matters on the agenda.

County Cllr Jones confirmed that officers were looking in to options to re-open Walmsley Bridge Lane and an update would be available shortly.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - August

The Chairman confirmed that the bank statements and accounts had been reconciled.

2024/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

Members **noted** the following information

- The Clerk's employment is linked to the Local Govt NJC pay scales which were increased in August. The new rate, applied in August, reflects an increase of £12.03 a month.
- Under MIN 25, Members agreed a donation of £1,500 towards new marquees at St James' Church. As invoices were presented to the value of £1,354.50, the invoice was paid.
- Lancashire County Council have announced that the £300 Environmental Grant and the £500 Public Rights of Way Grant will not be offered during 2025/26. As there are over 200 Public Rights of Way crossing the parish, Members expressed their disappointment regarding the withdrawal of the grant for this financial year.

The Clerk was requested to send an email to County Cllr Jones requesting that she campaign for the grant to be reinstated in 2026/27.

MIN 25/26.41 Members **resolved** to note and approve the following invoices already paid in accordance with Standing Order 2023 15 (xii)

Clerk Salary & Aug arrears	J Buttle	£348.69	Ref 27
PAYE & Employer N Ins	HMRC	£90.03	Ref 28
Marquees	St James's Church	£1,354.50	Ref 29

MIN 25/26.42 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Aug Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£313.72	BACs
Clerk Salary Sept	J Buttle	£310.17	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.60	BACs

ALTERATION TO A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (PROW)

MIN 25/26.43 Members **resolved** that they had no objections to the proposed alteration to a PROW which would be diverted away from Goosnargh Oliverson's school field and will follow the field edges north of the Carroway Green housing estate.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

MIN 25/26.44 Members **resolved** they had no objections to the following summarised applications.

[06/2025/0805](#) two storey rear extension and porch at 3 Church Lane Cottages, Church Lane

[06/2025/0806](#) Pitch roof and 4 roof lights at Rose Cottage, Scotch Green Lane

[06/2025/0852](#) vary plans for a granny annex at Longley Barn, Latus Hall Farm, Carron Lane,

[06/2025/0879](#) 1no. agricultural storage building (silage) at Rigg Farm, Rigg Lane

[06/2025/0912](#) agricultural building following demolition at Isles Field Barn, Syke House Lane.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members noted that Inglewhite has been selected as a finalist for the Hamlet category of the Best Kept Village competition. **MIN 25/26.45** It was **resolved** that Helen Witter of the Neighbourhood Watch Group should attend the award ceremony on the 13th October. County Cllr Jones also requested to attend and the Clerk will forward the request to the organiser.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members **noted** that the Government has set out its ambition to dissolve district councils and create a number of new unitary councils to deliver all local services through single authorities. Further information is available on this link <https://www.givemyview.com/lancashirelgr>

Members **noted** that the Chief Executive of Preston City Council, will be attending a Preston Area Committee meeting on **Weds 24th Sept at 7.00pm** to talk about the devolution of district council services associated with the local government review.

Members **noted** an invitation to attend an event on **Saturday 18th October** to mark the completion of the refurbishment of Whitechapel Village Hall.

Members **noted** that the Parish and Town Council Conference will be held on **Saturday 1st Nov** at County Hall, Preston at 9.30am.

UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

- a) The July Minutes state that where vehicles require legitimate access to use the road, LCC cannot apply a blanket weight restriction and even if signs were erected, there is no mechanism to enforce the weight limit, however, an email has been received stating that residents believe more should be done to restrict the number of HGVs in the village.

Members stated that whilst they understand the residents' concerns, the Parish Council also has a responsibility to support local businesses who provide goods and services which need to be accessed by larger vehicles and members debated whether the HGVs were 'passing through' or accessing legitimate businesses.

To deter vehicles from passing through, County Cllr Jones stated that LCC may be able to approach Sat Nav companies to request that they suggest alternative routes for HGVs.

MIN 25/26.45 It was **resolved** that the Clerk forward the matter to County Cllr Jones.

- b) It was stated that a road traffic sign advising that Bleasdale Road / Brock Bottom is unsuitable for lorries / buses is in a ditch and the other is hidden by trees. The Chevron sign on Carron Lane has also been damaged. The Clerk will report the issues on Love Clean Streets.

- c) Prior to the meeting, it was reported that the Goosnargh village end of Mill Lane has a sign stating that the road is unsuitable for HGVs due to the narrow bridge, however, as there isn't a sign at the Inglewhite road end, HGVs are getting stuck on the bridge. The matter has been referred to LCC Highways.

- d) LCC have circulated a proposal which revokes existing speed limits in the village. The Clerk queried the proposal and received a reply *stating this is simply a tidying up exercise and there will be no changes to the restrictions or their extent on site. Therefore, drivers will not be subject to any changes as a result of this proposal.*

A view was expressed that as 30mph zones are synonymous with bus routes and street lights, 30mph zones are no longer required, however as Whitechapel is not served by bus routes or street lights, the Clerk was requested to query the proposal again – adding a request for the marked streets to be reduced to 20mph.

- e) It was stated that flooding and blocked grids are still an issue in various locations across the Parish. Recently, when LCC operatives attended a blocked grid, they were not equipped with the correct tools to lift the cover. The crew did not return but the report was closed.

Members marked the location of several areas of concern on a map and requested that County Cllr Jones arrange an on-site meeting with officers and Members of the Council, so that the exact locations and problems are identified, recorded and addressed. City Cllr Thompson requested to be copied in to the correspondence.

- f) At the May and June meetings, concerns were raised regarding the entrance to Whitechapel Village Hall carpark and it was suggested that CIL could be used to finance the widening of the entrance - subject to plans and costings being brought to a future meeting MIN 25/26.36

Cllr Robinson presented **DRAFT** copies of an existing and proposed plan for discussion.

Members agreed that changes were needed as cars were much bigger now and the number of pupils attending the school has increased, as has the number of people attending the Village Hall and Bowling Club. It was felt that all users of the car park - including Trustees and Village Hall Committee members – should have an opportunity to see the plans and put forward any suggestions or comments before the matter is added to the October agenda.

MIN 25/26.46 It was **resolved** that the Clerk forward the plans to all Councillors so that they can forward them to organisation representatives who may wish to attend and discuss the matter at the October meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday **27th Oct 2025 at 7.30pm** in Whitechapel Village Hall.

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