

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on **Monday 23rd February 2026 at 7.30pm**
in Whitechapel Village Hall

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

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 (13).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are required to approve the attached Minutes of the 26th Jan 2026 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.

Members are requested to note that PS Wallis has moved to a new role. Her replacement is PS Harvey. The rest of the Neighbourhood Policing Team remains unchanged.

5. LITTER ISSUES

Litter concerns were again raised at the January Parish Council meeting and the Minutes confirm that Preston City Council is the authority responsible for its removal.

Members are requested to note the **attached** email from Preston City Council which confirms that whilst litter can be collected from 30mph roads, they are unable to collect litter from the four roads leading into the village - Silk Mill Lane, Carron Street, Button Street and Inglewhite Road – because they have a 60mph speed limit and the City Council can only implement traffic management on roads with limits less than 40mph.

The email also confirms that to collect litter safely from the 60mph routes, a professional traffic management company would need to be employed, costing approx. £2,500 per road.

The Parish Council has been copied in to an email to the City Councillors, stating that the City Council's response is unacceptable. The email also states that residents would like to see more involvement from the Parish Council regarding litter.

The Parish Council does not have the funds to pay for traffic management on the 60mph roads, however Members are requested to note that Keep Britain Tidy is organising a "Clean-up Campaign" from 13 - 29 March 2026 which Parish Councils can pledge to join.

Participating Councils will need to advertise a 'Community litter collection day' and in return, they will receive branded litter collection bags. The City Council will also need to be contacted to remove the collected litter from specified locations.

Members are requested to consider signing the Parish Council up to the Clean-up Campaign in areas with a 30mph speed limit, confirm a date when the event can take place, advertise it on the Noticeboards and website and work with residents to collect any litter.

6. INGLEWHITE CROSS ROADS – REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN

The Parish Council records confirm that the Parish Council has repeatedly requested STOP signs at Inglewhite Crossroads, however, LCC have consistently replied *we will only consider a STOP sign where sight lines are so restricted the junction becomes hazardous*. As LCC Highways do not believe this is the case at Inglewhite crossroads, requests for STOP signs have been consistently rejected.

Following a recent accident at the crossroads, the Clerk contacted the police to establish the cause of the accident in the hope it would change the above scenario. The police replied that injury related road traffic collisions are reported to LCC for assessment, however, if the collision was damage only, the police may not have any supporting information.

The Clerk has contacted LCC again to ask them to consider STOP signs or erect clearer Give Way signs at the Silk Mill Lane junction. The case record is CF13289.

Members are requested to consider LCC’s reply, if it is received prior to the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Jan 2026

The Chairman is required to verify that the monthly finance statement has been reconciled against the bank statements.

8. FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members are required to approve the following invoices for payment

Release of CIL – MIN 25/26.75	Bowling Club	£3,500.00	BACs
Clerk Feb Salary	J Buttle	£310.17	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.60	BACs

9. CIL PROJECTS

Members are requested to advise if there are any updates on the following CIL items discussed at the January meeting

- **Speed Indicators** – Cllr Scambler stated that it has been too wet to access the field to erect the second device on Inglewhite Road so Members suggested temporarily erecting it on a new pole on Button Street.
- **Heritage Trails** – Cllr Hayton, Cllr Butler and Cllr Singleton suggested a meeting to approve the wording and final design of the sign to go on the village green.
- **Whitechapel Village Hall Phase 2** – Mr Witter advised by email that he would provide an update on the quotes being sought for the floor and decorative surrounds.
- **Village Hall access and parking** – Cllr Butler stated that discussions have been held with the Village Hall Committee and feedback will be provided to the February meeting.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members are requested to comment on the following application

06/2026/0092 Change of use of holiday let to dwelling at Fairhurst Cottage, Fairhurst Lane,

11. LEGEND FIRES NORTH WEST STAGES RALLY - 2027

North West Stages car rally is in the early stages of planning an event for 2027. The scheduled dates are Fri 19th & Sat 20th March 2027, with the Goosnargh stage running on the Sat. Although the event is still some 14 months away, the public consultation process for the closed road stages needs to take place now. The **attached** map shows the proposed route of the Nicky Nook stage, which runs across roads in the Parish.

Members are requested to advise if they have any comments

12. UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

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

Members are requested to **note** the following items

- a temporary road closure on Mill Lane and Goosnargh Lane, Goosnargh daily from 09:30 until 15:30 from 02/03/26 until 03/03/26 to enable overhead structural works to take place.
- the Clerk has replied to an email detailing speeding concerns on Goosnargh Lane by explaining that traffic humps are proposed at Haymaker Way and Midchapel Road as part of the conditions attached to the planning application approvals.
- The owner of a property affected by the proposed diversion of a PROW at Goosnargh Oliverson School has contacted the Council stating that the diversion is incorrectly marked on the plans. The matter has been referred to LCC.

13. CLERK VACANCY

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1, Members of the public may be requested to leave the meeting at this point as the following item relates to the conditions and appointment of a replacement Clerk.

Members will be updated regarding the applicants who were selected for interview on the 16th Feb. **Members will be required to note the selection panel's comments and confirm the appointment, salary and start date of the successful applicant.**

It is anticipated that the current Clerk will arrange an induction schedule to transfer the Council's documents, procedures, log in details etc. The current Clerk will also prepare the 23rd March agenda and will present the 2025/26 end of year audit details to the meeting. Her employment will cease on the 27th March to coincide with the year end.

The replacement Clerk will officially sign a Contract of Employment at the 23rd March meeting before taking over as the replacement Clerk. For clarity, there may be some overlap in the hours worked whilst the replacement Clerk is trained up. This can be met from existing funds.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd March 2026 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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