

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## PUBLIC

2 PCSOs  
City Cllr Stephen Thompson  
Helen Witter - Neighbourhood Watch  
  
Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Andrew Butler and Parish Cllr Steve Pike.  
Apologies were also noted from City Cllr Daniel Guise

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MIN 25/26.76** Members **resolved** to approve the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 Parish Council Minutes.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

**MIN 25/26.77** Members **resolved** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

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

The PCSOs provided the local incident reports which included 6 anti-social behaviour, 4 thefts and 6 burglaries. As this was unusually high for the Goosnargh area, the Clerk requested a breakdown by location.

Incidents of people inhaling nitrous oxide have increased particularly at Beacon Fell so the police are monitoring the area. Empty cannisters need to be disposed of professionally and the public are encouraged to take them to a police station so that the location can be recorded.

Concerns were raised regarding bad driving in the rural area and 2 accidents were mentioned at Inglewhite Crossroads and Langley Lane. PCSO Quinn will try to get more details so that the Parish Council can continue to approach LCC for road improvements – as detailed on the agenda. In addition, PCSO Quinn will try to arrange for a marked police car to be visible in the layby at the crossroads in the evening.

The above reassured Helen (NHW) that safety at the crossroads was being investigated and it was noted that litter concerns were also on the agenda. An update was requested on the Speed Indicator Device and this is detailed under CIL items.

City Cllr S Thompson confirmed that the May City Council elections would now be going ahead.

As no further matters were raised the meeting was reconvened.

## LITTER ISSUES

Preston City Council is the authority responsible for litter removal and Members **noted** an email from them, advising that they would need to employ a traffic management company to collect litter on roads over 40mph. This costs approx. £2,500 per road, per closure – which the Parish Council does not have the funds to support.

Attention was drawn to the Keep Britain Tidy “Clean-up Campaign” where litter is collected – in safe areas - between the 13-29<sup>th</sup> March, however, Members were of the opinion that a ‘one off’ event wasn’t the solution.

Members expressed thanks to those who already collect litter on a regular basis but it was felt that if everyone ‘did their bit’ in collecting litter from their immediate surroundings, the situation would improve.

In addition to the above, Members recognised that some Parishes arrange to pay a local person to collect litter, mow grassed areas, maintain communal areas and plant bulbs / flowers to make the villages more attractive.

Although the Best Kept Village event is not taking place this year, Helen advised that several residents have expressed an interest in setting up a local group to improve the village.

The Clerk confirmed that this was the best way forward as the Council can provide the planters etc and the group can apply for grants for plants and do the maintenance / watering. If the Parish Council wishes to contract someone to maintain the areas on a more regular basis, the matter would need to be a formal agenda item as the appointed person would need a job specification with an agreed rate of pay which would need to be included in the budget / precept.

**MIN 25/26.78** It was **resolved** that the Clerk liaises with the new Clerk to ensure the funding and contract for a handyman is included on a future agenda.

### **INGLEWHITE CROSS ROADS – REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN**

Following a recent accident at the Inglewhite crossroads, the Parish Council has again written to LCC to request STOP and / or clearer Give Way signs and, as detailed under public participation, the Police are also going to look at the accident report to see if they can encourage LCC to improve the signage.

It was **noted** that any replies will be presented to the March meeting.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Jan 2026**

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

### **FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**MIN 25/26.79** Members **resolved** 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

### **CIL PROJECTS**

Members **noted** the following CIL updates

- **Speed Indicator Device (SPID)** – It was confirmed that the SPID captures data relating to speeding vehicles and, as motorists have been observed slowing down as they approach the SPID, Members believe the device to be effective.  
As it has been too wet to access the field on Inglewhite Road, the Jan Minutes confirm that a second device will be erected on Button Street. As the existing post is too low, Cllr Scambler is seeking permission from a land owner to locate it further down Button Street.
- **Heritage Trails** – Cllr Hayton and Cllr Singleton confirmed they are meeting to finalise the design of the sign to go on the village green.
- **Whitechapel Village Hall Phase 2** – Mr Witter advised by email that the committee are still in the process of developing plans and are not yet able formulate anything financial.
- **Village Hall access and parking** – Discussions have taken place with the Village Hall Committee and the plans have been updated. Quotes are now being sought for the work.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

Members had no objections to the above application or the following applications which were received after the agenda had been published.

**06/2026/0170** Retention of concrete hardstanding at New House Farm, Ford Lane.

**06/2026/0171** Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and replacement of first floor window to the rear at Fairfield, Goosnargh Lane,

**Swainson House Farm application** - Members were informed that the appeal against the refusal of 95 dwellings at Swainson House Farm **06/2025/0182** was dismissed.

### **LEGEND FIRES NORTH WEST STAGES RALLY - 2027**

The North West Stages car rally is being planned for Fri 19<sup>th</sup> & Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March 2027.

**MIN 25/26.80** Members were issued with a copy of the proposed route of the Nicky Nook stage, which runs through the Parish and **resolved** that they had no objections to the route.

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

Members **noted** 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 Parish Council stating that the diversion is incorrectly marked on the plans. The matter has been referred to LCC.

### **CLERK VACANCY**

Cllrs Scambler, Hayton and Butler interviewed applicants for the Clerk position and recommended that the Council appoint Natalie Griffiths. The vacancy was advertised on bands 18-23 depending on qualifications and experience.

Natalie is currently employed as Clerk to Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council and has indicated that she is keen to undertake training to further her knowledge.

**MIN 25/26.81** Members **resolved** to appoint Natalie on band 22, increasing to band 23 subject to completion of the CILCA qualification.

Members **noted** that the current Clerk has drawn up an induction programme which will commence **w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Both Clerks will work together to prepare the March agenda which will result in an overlap in hours whilst the replacement Clerk is trained.

**MIN 25/26.82** Members **resolved** that the additional cost can be funded from Reserves.

For clarity, both Clerks will attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> March meeting with the current Clerk presenting the 2025/26 end of year audit details. The current Clerk's employment will cease on the 27<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with the year end.

Natalie will take over as the new Parish Clerk at the 23<sup>rd</sup> March meeting after signing her Contract of Employment.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**END**