

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

**A MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## PUBLIC

City Cllr Daniel Guise  
City Cllr Stephen Thompson  
3 PCSOs

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Butler

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robinson declared a personal interest in planning application 06/2025/0549. Whilst the application was explained to Members, Cllr Pike declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the development may affect his property. He took no further part in the discussion.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**25/26 MIN 23** Members **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and **noted** the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which will be approved in May 2026.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was adjourned for public participation.

Further to the concern expressed at the May meeting regarding the lack of a 5-year housing supply, City Cllr Thompson stated that the supply had been restored.

He also mentioned that City Cllr Sakensa was completing a review of police cover and he suggested that the parishes contact Cllr Saksena to ask if police support to parishes will be included in his report.

City Cllr Guise explained that as his work commitments had changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, he would generally be available to attend Goosnargh Parish Council meetings.

He also referred to the 5-year housing supply situation and added that the Swainson House Farm application was now recommended for refusal. Members stated that the planning system encouraged over development which would ruin local villages, with concerns about traffic increases often ignored by Highways. Cllr Guise stated that as he was a Member of the Planning Committee, he couldn't comment on the specifics of the application.

The Clerk informed Goosnargh Members that Whittingham Parish Councillors had attended the April Planning Committee meeting and were following up concerns regarding the legitimacy of the decision to defer the Swainson House Farm application for a site visit. It is understood, that once Members vote against the officer recommendation, they should provide reasons for doing so. Instead, Members proposed the deferment. Furthermore, it is understood that when the application is returned to Committee, 'all options are back on the table' which means the vote against the officer's recommendation may not be upheld – which would be contrary to the City Council's Constitution.

Cllr Guise stated that he was aware of Whittingham's concerns but advised that *the anomaly was not in the decision-making process but in the way the Committee got there*. He went on to explain how and when the vote for the site meeting was proposed and considered.

The Clerk stated that as the procedures were going to be discussed with planning officers, it would be inadvisable to speculate on the rights and wrongs of the matter until the meeting took place.

3 PCSO's who cover the Preston area, attended the meeting and gave a summary of the crime figures including a road traffic collision at an estate in Longridge. Members asked about a crash at the Green Man which had knocked over a sign post and a crash outside Aldi heading towards Longridge, where the air ambulance was called. It was stated that as the figures relate to damage only, more serious crashes may be on a different reporting system.

The police were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was reconvened.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st May 2025

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

### 2025/26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

**25/26 MIN 24** Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk Salary June 2025	J Buttle	£300.54	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.20	BACs

### GRANT REQUEST

Members considered a written request from St James' Church for funding to replace 5 marquees which are also used by the community. The agenda confirmed that CIL can only be used for infrastructure improvements, so any donation would be an unbudgeted expense to be deducted from the Council's reserves. The Clerk confirmed that although the Council has approved unbudgeted expenses of £500 towards the Village Clock and £300 towards the VE day event, there is sufficient in the reserves to fund a donation.

Members noted that it would cost £2,983 to replace all 5 marquees and a view was expressed that a system should be in place to replace the tents year by year rather than all at once. It was calculated that if 5 tents cost £2,983, 3 tents would cost £1,789.80.

**25/26 MIN 25** Members **resolved** to fund a donation of £1,500 which will be released once a headed quote / invoice is received. The Clerk will confirm the relevant statute prior to payment.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members had **no objections** to [06/2025/0547](#) for a new water treatment plant at St Francis R C Primary School, Horns Lane or the following applications at Cliftons Farm, Silk Mill Lane

[06/2025/0630](#) ring type storage tank for dirty water and effluent and

[06/2025/0638](#) 2no. buildings for livestock housing Phase 1 of a 2 Phase Plan

[06/2025/0644](#) Concrete hardstanding and retaining walls. Phase 2 of a Phase 2 Plan

[06/2025/0634](#) Erection of 2no. holiday lodges at Otters Den, Crombleholme Fold,

**25/26 MIN 26** Members **resolved** that the Clerk query the viability of adding 2 more lodges as building work had not started on existing permissions. In addition, there was some concern that an application had been submitted to request permanent residency because the holiday lodges were no longer viable and Members would not wish the site to become fully residential.

[06/2025/0549](#) agricultural buildings to 6no. dwellings at Isles Field Barn, Syke House Lane,

The Clerk explained that the application had been submitted as a 'prior notification' to establish if the proposal met the criteria for class Q permitted development. If the application meets the criteria, a full planning application is not required. It was noted that whilst the application is for 6 dwellings, 2 of the barns already have permission, so the total number of dwellings will be 8, however 10 dwellings or 1000m can be approved under Class Q.

Members noted that the volume of the internal and garden areas are itemised in the application and will be checked by planning officers, however it was stated that some of the barns are stone with wooden portal frames.

**25/26 MIN 27** Members **resolved** that the Clerk query if the buildings are structurally capable of conversion as this is a Class Q requirement.

[06/2025/0647](#) 125no. dwellings with public open space (including children's play areas on land off Churchgate, Goosnargh.

Members noted that the application had been submitted following a community consultation in April. As a result of the consultation, the number of dwellings has been reduced from 145 to 125 with the reduction providing additional open space for a play area. The Transport Assessment refers to 20mph limit on Churchgate and states there will not be a detrimental impact.

**25/26 MIN 28** Members **resolved** to object to the application as the City Council has a 5-year supply of housing land and the location is contrary to the hierarchy of development detailed in the Core Strategy and Policy EN1 of the Local Plan.

#### **LALC MEMBERSHIP – AREA COMMITTEE**

Members **noted** the invitation to attend a Preston Area Committee meeting to discuss Local Government Devolution and Reorganisation.

#### **NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Members **noted** that the team organising the North-West Stages rally for 2026 have decided to cancel the event for various reasons which were not stated.

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

The May Minutes referenced a concern relating to vehicles entering the Whitechapel Village Hall car park. As no feedback has been received, it was suggested that the problem could be resolved if the entrance was widened.

Cllr Robinson offered to contact Mr Stevens at Lancashire County Council to ask if widening was an option and if any consents were required. As the matter was not an agenda item, the Clerk stated the reply could be added to the July agenda for Members to consider if they wished to progress the matter as a CIL expense.

Cllr Singleton explained that as the land was in the private ownership of the Village Hall Trustees, they would also need to be involved in any discussion. On enquiring who the Trustees were, it was revealed that 2 Parish Councillors are Trustees.

The Clerk advised that this should be declared on their Member Interest forms and when the matter is discussed, they need to consider any conflict between their role as a Councillor and their role as a Trustee. It was questioned why the interest should be declared.

**25/26 MIN 29** it was **resolved** that the Clerk would clarify the situation at the July meeting.

Further to the April meeting, Members advised that LCC had done a good job repairing the collapsed road at Stoney Lane / Back Lane. The Clerk was requested to chase up the repairs to the damaged sign opposite the Green Man.

It was reported that signs advertising a caravan site and fishery, were causing a distraction to motorists at the Horns Inn junction. The Clerk will report the matter on Love Clean Streets so that LCC can advise if the signs need to be moved away from the junction.

The Clerk was requested to check the website link to the Heritage walks as not all the information is visible.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025** in Whitechapel Village Hall at **7.30pm**.