

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 24th Feb 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PUBLIC

City Cllr Stephen Thompson
2 Police Officers from the
Rural, Wildlife & Heritage Crime Task Force
H Witter - Neighbourhood Watch
Mrs Julie Buttle - Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Parish Cllr Steve Pike.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hayton declared a personal interest in 06/2025/0149 at New House, Bleasdale Road as he knows the applicant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24/25 MIN 77 It was **resolved** that the Jan 2025 Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

24/25 MIN 78 It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Helen Witter stated that litter was particularly bad at Carron Lane / Silk Mill Lane but the officer helping with litter issues at Preston City Council had moved to another position. City Cllr Stephen Thompson stated he would provide details of a new contact.

Further to the kerb issues at Inglewhite Green, LCC have now added reflector bollards set in concrete. Damage to the black and white post markers on Silk Mill Lane near the small bridge have also been reported to LCC Love Clean Streets under refence 4567159.

The CPR training at the Village Hall on Sat 1st March has been postponed.

City Cllr Stephen Thompson stated that the Animate Cinema complex has been opened.

A Youth Zone is being built in the City Centre. Enquiries are being made to ensure outreach workers extend the services to the rural areas.

The Harris Museum and Library is expected to re-open after Easter.

LCC will be holding County Councillor elections in May.

An officer from the Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Task Force team explained that whilst they were created 4 years ago, the last Police & Crime Commissioner expanded the number of officers in 2024. The Team works closely with the National Wildlife Unit and the Police Crime Council. They deal with matters such as theft of plant machinery/GPS units, fly tipping, wildlife crime, fraudulent hire of plant machinery, quad bike thefts etc. They also investigate issues affecting Heritage and Listed buildings and animal cruelty. Livestock worrying is an issue locally and the task force have access to the restorative justice scheme to help with payment of vet fees etc. The email address for the Team will be added to the Parish Council website.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 30th Jan 2025

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

Members **noted** that Mr Hickson had thanked the Council for the donation towards the repair of the Village Clock. Funds have not been released yet as the Council is waiting for confirmation of a community bank account number and sort code.

FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

24/25 MIN 79 Members **resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment

Clerk Feb Salary	J Buttle	£300.54	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.20	BACs
Village Hall hire	Whitechapel Recreational Hall	£200.00	BACs

Members **noted** that the Village Hall hire cost would increase from £20 to £25 from April 2025.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION (BKV)

Members noted that paperwork has been received for the 2025 Best Kept Village competition.

24/25 MIN 80 Members **resolved** to submit entries for Inglewhite and Whitechapel - noting that Goosnargh & Whittingham in Bloom will submit an entry for Goosnargh Village as last year.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - CIL MONIES

The Clerk informed Members that a CIL demand notice had been issued in respect of 3 dwellings at Ye Horns Inn on Horns Lane. 06/2021/0999. The Clerk is monitoring the payment which should be received in April 2025.

PAST & PRESENT HERITAGE WALKS

Further to MIN 55 confirming the cost of the fingerposts and MIN 72 regarding the success of the Champion Bowland Grant application, the Clerk contacted the Forest of Bowland of Access Officer who approved the fingerposts and recommended companies to supply the way markers.

24/25 MIN 81 Members **resolved** to purchase 50 way markers showing the shield logo - as illustrated on the walk leaflets - at a cost of £215.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – (SPID)

More positive feedback has been received regarding the SPID and it was confirmed that the pole for the device at Beech House / Inglewhite Road is progressing and will be installed when the weather improves.

24/25 MIN 82 It was **resolved** that Cllr Butler will provide Cllr Scambler with the download code and the Clerk will provide the speed reports from the emailed data.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

[06/2025/0064](#) Listed building consent for restoration at Ashes Farm, Church Lane, Whitechapel

[06/2025/0149](#) Air source heat pump to side of New House, Bleasdale Road

24/25 MIN 83 Members **resolved** that they had no objections to the above applications

[06/2025/0142](#) self-build dwelling, storage building and track on land south of Goosnargh Lane,

24/25 MIN 84 Members **resolved** to respond by stating that the dwelling was not visible from Goosnargh Lane and already benefitted from planning permission. It was noted that a new garage was proposed but providing a condition is attached stating that the garage is to be used for storage purposes only - based on the 'transfer of space' from 06/2024/0017, Members raised no objections to the application.

[06/2025/0184](#) Permission in principle for up to 4no. dwellings on land south of Goosnargh Lane,

24/25 MIN 85 Members **resolved** to object to the application as the site is in the open countryside and is not considered to be an infill plot.

Members **noted** the submission of [06/2025/0182](#) an outline application for 95no. dwellings on land east of former Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh Lane. The application has been submitted as the City Council currently does not have a 5 year supply of housing and will be presented to the March meeting

Members **noted** an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of a new access and relocation of a garage at Dam House Inglewhite Road [06/2021/1163](#)

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Members **noted** the Clerk completed the Bowland Character consultation. The questions were very vague and more information has been requested.

UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

The agenda included a copy of LCC's reply stating that no issues were identified during the inspection of gullies at Bourne Brow. Members stated that gullies were still blocked leading to flooding in the area. Photographs of the situation will be forwarded to the Clerk

24/25 MIN 86 It was **resolved** that the Clerk will send the photographs to LCC with a request that they reconsider their reply.

Members **noted** that LCC are still unable to advise when Walmsley Bridge Lane will re-open and Claughton Parish Council did not respond to correspondence asking if they were pursuing the matter from their side of the boundary.

Members **noted** that LCC have erected temporary barriers and raised an order to repair a collapsed road at Back Lane / Stoney Lane but the repair will be no earlier than April 2025.

It was suggested that a deep pot hole on Inglewhite Road is reported using Love Clean Streets

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th March 2025 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.