

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mick Scambler – Chairman
Cllr Andrew Butler
Cllr Rob Hayton
Cllr Steve Pike

PUBLIC

City Cllr Daniel Guise
2 members of the public

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Bill Platt, Mark Robinson, John Singleton, Helen Witter (Neighbourhood Watch) and local Police officers. Apologies were also received from City Cllr Stephen Thompson after the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 25/26.58 Members **resolved** to approve the October Parish Council Minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

MIN 25/26.59 Members **resolved** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

The Clerk stated that whilst the police had sent their apologies, they had emailed a report detailing incidents in the area. There were 0 burglaries, 0 robberies, 6 nuisance calls, 3 suspicious circumstances and 2 thefts – all of which were in Whittingham Parish. There were also 3 damage only traffic collisions at Eaves Green, Langley Lane and Short Lane. The report also confirmed that the police team will be expanding with a new PCSO joining in the New Year.

Cllr Guise confirmed that Preston City Council have stated that the Button Street name plate will be installed shortly. Cllr Guise also commented on the Swainson House Farm planning appeal. His comments are detailed under the agenda item.

Cllr Pike advised that road signs on Loud Bridge road had been knocked down. The Clerk will report the matter to LCC Highways.

30MPH MODIFICATION ORDER

MIN 25/26.60 Members **resolved** to acknowledge the Speed Limit Modification Order which enables the police to enforce the 30mph speed limit in Inglewhite village. Members were reminded that the request for a 20mph limit was rejected by LCC because records provided by Lancashire Constabulary do not identify a current road safety concern.

LCC HIGHWAYS / SURFACE WATER CONCERNS

The Clerk advised that LCC have changed their reporting procedures and there is no longer an option to email Highway District Lead with 'non-routine' Parish Council concerns. Instead, all issues need to be reported through a new My Services account. The Clerk re-activated all the outstanding highway issues and the following status reports were received

- 1) **CF6878 - Culvert at Button Street** – LCC state *the road was inspected on the 12th Oct 2025. There is a partial, small collapse but otherwise, the culvert and road are holding with no imminent risk of a collapse (reinforced concrete slabs over stone walling). The road depression is not actionable.*

Status - Monitor the culvert and carry out a patch repair to minimise noise and vibration.

- 2) **CF6881 - Surface Water and damaged chevron at Carron Street (5051226)**

Status – Surface water still under investigation. The chevron has been assessed and work has been programmed.

- 3) **CF7593 - Blocked Grid Crombleholme Road** – The Clerk reported that LCC crews attended in response to Love Clean Streets report 5016415 but as they couldn't lift the grid, they left the site with no work actioned, resulting in the report being closed.

Status - LCC will revisit the site.

In addition, the Clerk advised of updates on the Love Clean Streets reports, discussed at the October meeting

- Ref **5093325** - Obscured 30mph signs on **Button Street** and a request for the signs to be mounted on longer poles
Status – assessed by an Inspector. Work has been programmed.
- Ref **5093268** – faded rumble strips on **Silk Mill Lane**
Status – assessed by an inspector. No work actioned but LCC will continue to monitor.
- Ref **5132434** – **White Lee Lane** unsuitable for buses sign needs replacing
Status – to be assessed
- Ref **696727** – 'unsuitable for HGVs' sign needs replacing at Mill Lane / Inglewhite Road
Status – order raised for a new sign.

Members **noted** that County Cllr Jones has arranged a meeting to discuss ongoing matters – including the Sept action to request that Sat Nav companies direct HGVs away from Inglewhite (MIN 25/26.45a)

MIN 25/26.61 Members **resolved** that they still wish to meet officers on site to discuss surface water concerns including the flooding at Bourne Brow - especially as Walmsley Bridge Lane will not be re-opened.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Oct 2025

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

ACCOUNTS

MIN 25/26.62 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment.

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
Oct Grounds maintenance	Nurture Landscapes	£313.72	BACs
Nov salary	Mrs J Buttle	£310.17	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.60	BACs
Ink Cartridge (1/2 cost)	J Buttle	£44.97	BACs

CONSIDERATION OF 2026/27 BUDGET ITEMS

The Clerk presented an analysis of the 2025/26 budget.

Members noted that the end of year expenditure will exceed the budget due to the Council's decisions to fund some projects from the reserves.

MIN 25/26.63 Members considered the budget requirements for 2026/27 noting the proposed fee increases, and, subject to confirmation of the maintenance costs for Inglewhite green, Members **resolved** to set the budget at £8,981.

A final version of the budget will be brought to the January meeting where Members will be required to set the 2026/27 Precept.

A) CIL FINANCE

At the October meeting, Members noted a CIL receipt of £20,358.08 which related to development at Swainson House Farm, Ye Horns Inn and the Barn at Throstles Nest Farm.

The Clerk queried the amount as development at Ye Horns Inn was expected to incur a Parish Council CIL contribution of £17,646.45. The City Council have replied that the amount is being paid in instalments - with the final amount not due until Dec 2029.

The Clerk informed Members that as some District Councils do not claim CIL from developers, it is unclear whether CIL will continue to be administered by the new Unitary Councils - which won't be established until April 2028. City Cllr Daniel Guise acknowledged the uncertainty for the future, but felt existing CIL agreements would be honoured.

MIN 25/26.64 It was **resolved** that Cllr Guise check the validity of future payments with the City Council.

B) CIL PROJECTS

Members **noted** the following updates

- **Speed Indicators** - movement of the device to Button Street and the erection of the 2nd SPID device is still in progress.
- **Heritage Trails** – the 'cheese press surround' to mount the heritage trail sign board on the village green is being designed.
- **Village Hall parking** – the Village Hall Committee are yet to discuss the car park access and parking plans.

The Clerk informed Members of a provisional CIL request to repair the edges of Whitechapel bowling green which will be added to the January agenda.

PLANNING MATTERS

LOCAL PLAN HEARING

Members **noted** that the Hearing into the draft Local Plan will commence in December and issues such as the 5-year supply will be debated, at which point, the Inspector may request that the Local Plan is modified to include additional sites for development – as occurred in 2014 when the 2012 Local Plan was modified to include the development of NW Preston.

SWAINSON HOUSE FARM APPEAL

Members noted that an appeal **APP/6001158** has been lodged against the refusal of 95 dwellings on land east of former Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh Lane **06/2025/0182**.

In addition to disputing the 5-year housing supply figures, the appellant is claiming that recent development (north and south of Goosnargh Lane) has resulted in a significant change to the character and appearance of the area. The appellant refers to an appeal in Broughton which was allowed because the Inspector stated *that whilst the proposal would conflict with the adopted spatial strategy – it would not be inconsistent with its objectives*.

Cllr Guise explained that the agent stated the development would 'round off the village' when the point was debated at planning committee, however, Committee Members disagreed and stated that whilst the village feel can be retained with a small amount of development, joining up the green spaces to round off the village will affect the rural village feel

The Clerk stated that although the application was refused at planning committee, the appellant has provided an email confirming that planning officers were going to approve it - despite the 5-year supply being established – which could sway the Inspector that, officers were of the opinion that the development would not be inconsistent with the policy objectives - as in the Broughton appeal.

MIN 25/26.65 Taking all of the above into account, Members **resolved** not to submit further comments because whilst they remain opposed to the application, the decision appears to rest on the Inspector's personal judgement regarding whether or not the development is consistent with the Policies objectives.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

06/2025/1134 Outbuilding and decking (Part retrospective) to rear of 46, Chingle Hall Crescent.

Members were shown the photographs submitted with the application and noted that the applicant has built the outbuilding on decking which spans the water course at the end of his garden. Irrespective of whether the outbuilding complies with planning policies, concerns were expressed that the watercourse should not be running through residential gardens and Members request that the City Council re-examines the flood risk assessment submitted with the initial application for residential development.

Notwithstanding the above findings, it is noted from the flood risk assessment statement submitted with this application, that the brook has burst its banks on 10 occasions in the last 3 years and Members are aware that the brook also floods the access to Goosnargh Oliverson school.

In this application, it can be seen that the brook can be accessed to remove debris from under the decking, however concerns are expressed that similar applications will have the effect of 'enclosing' the brook which will impede the removal of any debris and cause blockages.

The above point is pertinent to **06/2025/1187** which also seeks approval to landscape the garden and build a composite decked area over the brook.

MIN 25/26.66 With above in mind, Members **resolved** to request that the City Council uses this opportunity to work with Seddons and other agencies, to consider the flow of the water course and resolve the drainage issues in the area.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

- a) Notification has been received that Brabiner Lane will be closed on 15/01/26 until 16/01/26 to enable pole installation works to take place. Other planned roadworks can be accessed on [LCC's Roadwork Bulletin](#).
- b) Lancashire County Council have launched their [Winter Campaign](#) From low-cost festive family fun and Warm Spaces to road safety and self-care, it brings together everything LCC offers to help residents stay safe, well and supported this winter.
- c) Members referred to recent press articles which announced the temporary closure of wards at Longridge Community Hospital due to fire safety concerns. It was noted that Maya Ellis MP is campaigning to get the wards re-opened and the Clerk was requested to contact her to add the Parish Council's support to the campaign.
- d) In 2023, a planning application was submitted for a 40m telecommunication mast at Beacon Fell. The application stated that the mast had to be *taller than the surrounding trees as the transmission dishes need to have a clear line of sight (LOS) to other masts in the area*. Members opposed the application and questioned why the 'other masts' can't be improved or upgraded to provide improved coverage. A reply was not received and the application was refused in Feb 2024.

Given that the rural area still suffers from poor coverage – with residents unable to contact the emergency services - the Clerk was requested to contact the applicant to see if they have plans to resubmit the application or upgrade other masts as previously suggested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th January 2026 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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