

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mick Scambler (Chairman)
Cllr Rob Hayton
Cllr Mark Robinson
Cllr Andrew Butler
Cllr Steve Pike

PUBLIC

Mrs Helen Whitter
Mr & Mrs Davis
City Cllr Maria Jones

Mrs Beverley Helme – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Bill Platt and Cllr John Singleton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MIN 25/26.93 Councillor Hayton declared an interest in planning application 06/2026/0292 as a resident/homeowner. Councillor Hayton did not participate in the discussion or vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 25/26.94 Members **resolved** to approve the 23rd March Mins 2026 Parish Council Minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

MIN 25/26.95 Members **resolved** to adjourn for public participation.

Police reported there has been an increase of car theft and anti-social behaviour. The rural task force team are particularly concerned about young boys on e-bike's wearing balaclavas. The Police have issued a prevention order to prevent or deter further issues.

Mrs Whitter met with a number of residents to discuss conditions of roads, pot holes, grass verges and large wagons. Mrs Whitter was concerned that the pot holes have been marked but within a week the marks faded or disappeared. Cllr Jones explained that the roads are scanned digitally so they know exactly where the pot holes are for repair even after all road markings fade.

Cllr Jones raised an urgent concern about road safety issues around St Francis Catholic Primary School. Two key issues need urgent attention. First, gritting the road outside the school during winter is vital, as it sits at the top of a hill and school closures have been necessary to keep children safe and avoid accidents.

Second, the speed limit past the school is 60mph and a suggestion to reduce to 20mph and with no footpaths outside the school speed is a great concern.

Cllr Jones asked if the council could write to Lancashire County Council as a matter of urgency to raise the concerns discussed.

CIL REPORT 2026/27

MIN 25/26.96 Members resolved to approve ongoing projects with estimated costs already considered by the Council. The new cheese press was discussed and it was suggested that the Parish Council Notice Board could be relocated at the same time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st March 2026

MIN 25/26.97 Councillor Scambler verified and resolved that the monthly finance statement has been reconciled against the bank statements and approved the End of Year Finance Statement so that the accounts can be passed to the Internal Auditor.

APRIL ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MIN 25/26.98 The Councillors resolved to approve the following invoices for payment.

Clerks Salary April 2026	B Helme	£553.22	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£0	BACs

a) Members are requested to approve monthly Direct Debit payments to Easy Websites throughout 2026/27.

NATWEST CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

MIN 25/26.99 Members approved the update of address on the Natwest Bank account to the new clerk's address.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

06/2026/0152 Two storey extension to front and first floor extension to side at Waddecar Scout Camp, Snape Raike Lane, Preston PR3 2EU.

06/2026/0404 Single storey rear extension, roof dormers and porch at 1 Oak Tree Farm, Inglewhite Road, Preston PR3 2EB.

06/2026/0292 Siting of 1no. holiday unit and associated works, Land east of Eccles Moss Ironworks.

MIN 25/26.100 Members resolved to make **NO OBJECTIONS** on the planning applications received.

PROPOSED FOOTPATH DIVERSIONS

Lancashire County Council has received an application to divert parts of the network of public rights of way, in the vicinity of **The Cross Keys Inn, Church Lane, Whitechapel Preston PR3 2EP, grid reference SD 355931 441183.**

Lancashire County Council has received an application to divert parts of the network of public rights of way, in the vicinity of **Park Head Farm, Carron Lane, Preston, PR3 2LN, grid reference SD 354127 439416.**

MIN 25/26.101 Members resolved to make **NO OBJECTIONS** on the footpath diversions.

GOOSNARGH AND WHITTINGHAM WHITSUNTIDE FESTIVAL

MIN 25/26.102 Members resolved to approve the donation of £100 towards the cost of The Public Liability.

UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES/MATTERS OF CONCERNS TO MEMBERS

MIN 25/26.103 Members discussed and resolved; the clerk is to write to LCC urgently to raise all concerns of road safety outside St Francis Catholic Primary School. Cllr Jones had raised concerns that the clerk hadn't added St Francis Catholic Primary School road safety concerns as an agenda item. It was explained by the clerk that she was unable to add items for the agenda once the agenda had been published. The clerk had forwarded Cllr Jones email to council members to inform them of the urgent safety issues prior to the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th May 2026 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm following the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

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