

# GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

**A MEETING** of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Andrew Butler – Chairman  
Cllr Rob Hayton  
Cllr Bill Platt  
Cllr Mick Scambler  
Cllr John Singleton  
Mrs Julie Buttle (Parish Clerk)

## **PUBLIC**

City Cllr Stephen Thompson  
Helen Witter (NHW)

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Mark Robinson and Cllr Steve Pike.  
County Cllr Sue Whittam also sent her apologies.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **APPROVAL OF 23<sup>rd</sup> OCT 2023 MINUTES**

**23/24 MIN 40** It was **resolved** that the Oct Minutes be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS**

**23/24 MIN 41** It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

City Cllr Steve Thompson informed those present that the temporary traffic lights had been turned off on the A6 and the contractors have been instructed to stop their works as large tailbacks had been caused allegedly because they were not following the approved procedures.

Cllr Thompson also informed those present that the planning application for a holiday village at the former golf club had been approved. Those present acknowledged that there would be difficulties whilst the site was being constructed however the additional tourism would be of benefit to the local pubs and businesses. Any specific traffic problems will need to be addressed once the site is open to visitors.

It was noted that the City Council held an emergency meeting to discuss the situation in Gaza.

Helen from Neighbourhood Watch stated that she had still not received information relating to the local crime figures. The Clerk confirmed that the PCSO had been emailed to supply the information in October.

Thanks were expressed for the works done to renovate the Stone Cross at Inglewhite green.

In response to a question regarding the proposed site visit to discuss the SPID pole locations with LCC and residents, (MIN 23/24.36) the Clerk stated that LCC had replied that they will only conduct a site visit once the locations have been submitted by the Parish Council. LCC will then conduct a desk top check to confirm the site suitability with a site visit being carried out if necessary. As the views on possible locations were varied, it was agreed that Cllr Platt would plot the discussed locations on google maps which the Clerk will circulate to Members for comments, prior to sending the locations through to LCC.

The Clerk also read out an email from LCC stating that whilst they had noted the Parish Council's comments about the rumble strips on Button Street, discussions were still ongoing, however, LCC will arrange for the SLOW marking to be refreshed.

An update was requested on the CIL heritage project and it was confirmed that this would be covered under the agenda item.

As there were no further questions the meeting was reconvened.

## EXPANSION OF BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Members considered LCC's consultation on the proposed expansion of Broughton Primary School. They acknowledged that a lot of new houses had been built in the Broughton area and stated that additional school places will be needed. The Clerk was asked to question if the car park is big enough for the additional pupils without causing congestion on James Towers' Way.

## COMPLETION OF 2022/23 AUDIT

Members noted that the external audit had been completed. The auditors have accepted the explanations regarding non-compliance during 2022/23 and have approved the proposed procedures being introduced to tighten up procedures. They have also confirmed that Proper Practices were followed with regards to the final completion of the 2022/23 accounts.

**23/24 MIN 42** Members **resolved** to approve the 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' which will be published on the website along with the Certified AGAR.

**23/24 MIN 43** Members **resolved** to approve payment of the £300 invoice which is based on the authority's income and expenditure bands.

## ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Following the conclusion of the audit, the Clerk presented model Financial Regulations and advised that they should be adopted as soon as possible.

**23/24 MIN 44** Members **resolved** to adopt the model version of the Financial Regulations.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023

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

## INFLATIONARY PAY INCREASE

The Clerk is employed on the National Joint Council terms and conditions for Local Government staff. The NJC have announced an increase to the pay scales stating that it is to be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

**23/24 MIN 45** As the increase relates to a contractual agreement, Members **noted** the change.

## ACCOUNTS

**23/24 MIN 46** Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
November Poppy Donation	Royal British Legion	£20.00	CQ 635
Hire of Whitechapel Village Hall	Whitechapel Recreation Hall	£220.00	BACs
Oct Invoice	Nurture Landscapes	£273.67	BACs
Oct – Dec salary + backpay	Mrs J Buttle & HMRC	£1,213.71	BACS

Members **noted** that the monthly **direct debit** to Easy websites will increase from £27.60 to £30.36 in Jan 2024. The increase has been factored into the budget.

## CONSIDERATION OF 2024/25 BUDGET ITEMS

At the October meeting, Members identified new budget items. The Clerk produced a draft budget to reflect the points identified along with any increases to existing and proposed costs.

**23/24 MIN 47** As a result of the changes presented, Members **resolved** to agree a **draft** budget of **£9,708** – which is subject to Nurture confirming the duration of the grounds maintenance contract at Inglewhite. The final budget will be presented to the January meeting where Members will be required to set the 2024/25 Precept.

## CIL PAST AND PRESENT

A link to the CIL Past and Present website was circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Singleton presented the leaflets and composite boards which have been designed in accordance with the information presented to Council in April 2022 and January 2023. The decision to fund the project was ratified in May 2023 under MIN 23/24.08.

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Members noted that the 'primary' boards would need to slide into a surround or be mounted onto a stone plinth. It was questioned whether the boards would need to be covered by perspex or glass to prevent wear and tear by the elements or vandalism. It was also noted that several individual boards need erecting along the individual trails. Helen Witter volunteered to get suggestions from local residents and get some feedback on the leaflets. It was also questioned if there would be an official launch or a display of the boards in the Village Hall.

**23/24 MIN 48** Members **resolved** that Jess White be invited to the January meeting to discuss the mounting of the boards and a possible launch of the information.

**23/24 MIN 49** Members **resolved** to approve payment of the invoice for £3,737 + VAT which will be financed from CIL receipts.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Members had no objections to the minor alterations relating to the following applications

[06/2023/1171](#) for 40no. dwellings and [06/2023/1188](#) for 26no. dwellings at Swainson House Farm, Goosnargh Lane, Preston, PR3 2JU

With regards to [06/2023/1176](#) for the conversion of an existing construction access track into a new vehicular access with wall and gates at Fairhurst Bungalow on Button Street Members stated that the existing access was suitable and the new access would be too close to the bend with Fairhurst Lane. Members also stated that construction vehicles were causing visibility problems in the area. The Clerk will send the comments to planning.

The Clerk also referred to application [06/2023/1263](#) for private domestic stables and a paddock at Willows Barn, Syke House Lane. As the application is for private use and as the development is in the countryside, Members raised no objections to the proposal.

### **MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS**

Members noted that the chevrons had been repaired on Carron Lane but standing water was still an issue. As LCC's reply states that they are dealing with a backlog of issues the Clerk was requested to escalate the concerns to the Cabinet Member for Highways and County Cllr Sue Whittam.

It was also stated that United Utilities had been using vacuum tankers to unblock the road grids at the junction of Stoney Lane and Loud Bridge Road, however the road is still flooding. The matter has been reported to LCC but concerns were expressed that the situation will get worse in the icy weather. The Clerk will check LCC's report it website for an update.

Flooding was also noted on Langley Lane. It was confirmed that this has been reported on the Love Clean Steets app.

It was stated that there have been no volunteers for speed gun training. The Clerk was requested to ask the PCSO to provide an update to the January meeting regarding whether the device has been used in Goosnargh.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024** in Whitechapel Village Hall.

**END**