

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday 27th Oct 2025** at St James's Church, Church Lane, Whitechapel 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 Stephen Thompson
City Cllr Daniel Guise
Helen Witter – Neighbourhood Watch
2 residents - Horns Lane planning application
1 resident - flooding and traffic concerns

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Andrew Butler, County Cllr Maria Jones and local police officers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Singleton declared a personal interest in respect of [06/2025/1026](#) at Horns Lane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 25/26.47 Members **resolved** to approve the Sept Parish Council Minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

MIN 25/26.48 Members **resolved** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

The Clerk stated that whilst the police had sent their apologies to the meeting, they had sent a written report detailing incidents in the area. These included a burglary on West Lodge Road, 3 nuisance calls in Whittingham parish (St John's Drive, the Aldi store and Halfpenny Lane) 1 damage only road traffic collision at Whittingham Lane and 8 calls relating to suspicious activity – again, primarily in areas of Whittingham parish.

Helen stated that the City Council had attended a site meeting on the 8th Oct and had agreed that litter was an issue on Button Street and Carron Lane. The City Council will request road management twice a year so that litter can be collected safely. The road management may be in the form of a signed vehicle accompanying litter pickers or the use of temporary traffic lights. Preston City Council will advise further, once the traffic management measures are approved.

A local resident raised concerns regarding excess surface water at Carron Lane and Button Street. He advised that the problem on Button Street is due to a culvert under the road – not blocked gullies. This has been reported to LCC Love Clean Streets but the reports keep being closed with no action.

The Clerk requested copies of the photographs shown at the meeting as a site meeting is being arranged to look at flooding concerns. The effectiveness of Love Clean Streets and the inability to reactivate concerns will be discussed at the County Council conference on Sat 1st Nov.

Speed concerns were mentioned at Silk Mill Lane and Button Street and it was stated that more rumble strips and 30mph signs are needed. It was also stated that whilst the SPID is effective for traffic entering Inglewhite from Carron Lane, more needs to be done as traffic approaches Button Street from Whitechapel. Improved rumble strips, taller signs and additional 30mph signs were mentioned.

It was stated that the SPID is portable and can be moved to Button Street. Cllr Scambler and Cllr Hayton will also be erecting the 2nd SPID near Beech House, Inglewhite Road once the hedges have been cut back.

The Clerk also stated that at the September meeting, Members considered correspondence from LCC which advised that 30mph limits across Preston would be revoked. At the time, a view was expressed that as 30mph zones are synonymous with bus routes and street lights, 30mph zones are no longer required. As Inglewhite is not served by bus routes or street lights, the Clerk queried the matter with LCC and added a request for the roads to be reduced to 20mph.

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LCC have replied that instead of revoking the 30mph limit, they will introduce a new Speed Limit Order formalising the 30mph limit. However, they will not consider reducing the speed to 20mph as records provided by Lancashire constabulary do not identify a current road safety concern. A copy of the correspondence will be added to the Parish Council website.

The applicant for the Horns Lane planning application [06/2025/1026](#) stated that following the appeal decision dismissing new dwellings on Horns Lane, he wishes to start farming the land. LCC have stated that the current access is dangerous so he is proposing to move the access further down Horns Lane. In addition, he wishes to move the hedge further back from the road and fell 2 trees. He stated that regardless of the planning outcome, the trees will need to be felled as the arboricultural report states they are dangerous.

An objector stated that the existing gate was big enough especially as the land can only produce 2 round bales. He expressed a fear that all the trees would be felled and the removal of an established hedge will have a negative impact on the wildlife which includes nesting sparrowhawks. Concerns were also raised that the new access would go down to another field.

Cllr Guise advised that Preston City Council will be meeting on the 26th Nov to determine its response to local government reorganisation. One of the options being considered is a Unitary authority comprising Preston, Ribble Valley and Lancaster. The Government will make the final decision relating to all districts.

The meeting was reconvened and the applicant for the Horns Lane application left the meeting.

WALMSLEY BRIDGE LANE

Following concerns regarding the closure of Walmsley Bridge Lane, LCC have issued an informal consultation which proposes to close the road for motor vehicles but provides access for cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians. Although not present at the meeting, Cllr Butler had advised by email that he had spoken to some of the residents adjoining the lane who were happy for it to remain closed as they had got used to it.

MIN 25/26.49 As previous email exchanges indicated that it would cost too much to solve the subsidence issue and re-open the road, Members **resolved** to advise LCC that they had no objections to the proposal.

HALF YEAR BUDGET REPORT APR 2025 – SEPT 2025

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

The Clerk presented a report showing the approved budget for 2025/26, the agreed expenditure to date and the remaining budget available.

MIN 25/26.50 Members **resolved** to approve the report, noting previous decisions to use the Council's reserves to fund donations to VE day and the repair of the village clock.

OCTOBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

MIN 25/26.51 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Sept Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£313.72	BACs
Clerk Salary Oct	J Buttle	£310.17	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.60	BACs
Mileage (Jul - Sept)	J Buttle	£45.00	BACs
Home Allowance (Jul - Sept)	J Buttle	£97.50	BACs

ORDERING OF POPPY WREATHS

MIN 25/26.52 Members **resolved** to approve a £20 donation (under S137 of the Local Govt Act 1972) to the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath to be laid at St Mary's Church.

MIN 25/26.53 As payment needs to be cheque, Members **resolved** to sign a cheque for £50 with £30 to be reimbursed electronically from Whittingham Parish Council.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS

Members noted that Inglewhite was a runner up in the Hamlet category of the Best Kept Village competition with Inglewhite Church and the Parish Notice board highly commended.

The judges' reports had referred to a damaged street name plate at Button Street and the need to provide more biodiversity through bug hotels. A concern regarding some insecure scaffolding at Whitechapel will be passed on to the Church.

Helen Witter stated that as the winners – Great Eccleston – had several planters and flower arrangements, she would form a Best Kept Village Group to improve next year's entries.

MIN 25/26.54 It was **resolved** that Goosnargh Scouts will be approached to make some bug hotels and the Button Street nameplate repair will be chased up by the Clerk and Cllr Guise.

CONSIDERATION OF 2026/27 BUDGET ITEMS

Members **noted** that as the November meeting will include the 2026/27 budget, suggestions for new items of expenditure should be emailed to the Clerk.

CIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Preston City Council have confirmed the October CIL amount as £20,358.08 which includes development at Swainson House Farm, Ye Horns Inn and the Barn at Throstles Nest Farm.

Members **noted** the CIL Master Log which shows itemised income and expenditure since CIL was introduced in 2015. Members were reminded that CIL must be spent or allocated to a specific project within a 5-year period. Members considered the projects itemised on the CIL Business plan.

1) PAST & PRESENT PROJECT – Heritage trails

The project has been ongoing since March 2024 - MIN 23/24.73. Public Right of Way (PROW) repairs have been carried out and way markers and fingerposts have been added to the walks, which are 'live' on the parish website. The next stage is to design and erect the sign board on Inglewhite village green. £13,000 has been set aside to complete the project – MIN 25/26.17b.

Members discussed mounting the main sign board in a 'cheese press surround' which can be planted with flowers, in the location already agreed on the village green.

MIN 25/26.55 It was **resolved** that Cllr Hayton will draw the design - including dimensions - to be circulated to Members. The Clerk will forward the design to Helen Witter so that it can be discussed with local residents. LCC Highways and the Planning department will also be approached to ensure that no additional consents are required.

2) WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL – Phase 2

Works to the toilets have been completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place on the 18th October. The committee are now discussing phase 2 which may include taking the stage out, improving the floor and redecorating.

The project was added to the CIL Business Plan under MIN 25/26.17c, but as the village hall committee are still discussing the alterations, the amount of CIL required is not yet known.

3) WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Following concerns regarding the entrance to Whitechapel Village Hall carpark, it was suggested that CIL could be used to finance the widening of the entrance – MIN 25/26.36.

DRAFT copies of an existing and proposed plan were circulated to Members so that these could be discussed with interested parties prior to the October meeting.

MIN 25/26.56 it was **resolved** that the plans were the Council's preferred option and it was noted that Cllr Robinson and Cllr Butler would be attending a meeting of the Village Hall Committee to discuss the plans further.

It was further **resolved** that the Parish Council should use CIL to contribute to the improvements, however as discussions are in the early stages, and as other organisations may contribute to the works, the amount of CIL required is not yet known.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members considered replies to the following summarised planning application

[06/2025/1026](#) New access and relocation of hedgerow at Harrison's Farm, Horns Lane.

Members noted the discussion and the concerns raised during public participation.

The Clerk confirmed that 2 trees have been identified for felling. An ash - due to ash die back – and a sycamore - due to basal decay causing a risk of harm to third parties using the adjacent highway.

Members stated that Horns Lane wasn't the busiest of roads and as such, use of the existing access was not a concern especially as it is only required once or twice a year. However, a new access and the removal of the hedgerow would affect the rural nature of Horns Lane and there was a fear the new access would be used to access fields to the rear of the plot of land.

MIN 25/26.57 Members **resolved** to object to the application by referencing the planning inspector's comments when dismissing the housing appeal and agreeing that the loss of the hedgerow will have a negative impact to the rural nature of Horns Lane.

[06/2025/1042](#) concreting of current hard standing at New House Farm, Ford Lane.

Members had no objections to the proposal.

[06/2025/1084](#) Extension of car park at Inglewhite Congregational Church, Silk Mill Lane.

Members had no objections to the proposal adding that the extra carparking spaces would remove parked cars from the road.

PARISH MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

Members **noted** the Clerk is still sorting out a site meeting to discuss the flooding issues raised at the Sept meeting.

Members **noted** a community engagement event in Goosnargh Village Hall on the 6th Nov between 14.00 – 16.00 and 18.00 – 20.00 to consider a proposal to open the new primary school as an academy.

The Clerk was requested to establish why Syke House Lane will be closed on the 6th Nov.

In response a question, the Clerk confirmed that Parish Council meetings are usually held on the 4th Monday of the month with the dates confirmed at the May Annual Parish Council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 24th Nov 2025 at 7.30pm in Whitechapel Village Hall.

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