

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING of Goosnargh Parish Council was held on **Monday, 28th April 2025** at Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PUBLIC

H Witter - Neighbourhood Watch.
A Eccles - Resident
2 PCSOs

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Platt, Cllr Mark Robinson and Cllr John Singleton.

Due to a medical incident on the day of the meeting, the Clerk was unable to attend.
Mr Eccles took some notes which the Clerk has used to complete the Minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24/25 MIN 96 It was **resolved** that the 24th March Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

24/25 MIN 97 It was **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

The PCSOs reported that there had been 3 burglaries in Whittingham Parish (Churchgate, Halfpenny Lane and Cumeragh Lane) in addition to 3 road traffic collisions (Stags Head, Langley Lane and Cumeragh Lane). 4 nuisances and 4 thefts were also reported.

Those attending the meeting questioned an incident on the 30th March which resulted in a large police presence on Button Street and the police aircraft circling the area. The PCSOs will check to see if any further details can be released.

H Witter stated that litter issues in the areas covered by a 60mph speed limit were increasing again and she asked if this could be escalated through Preston City Council.

Cllr Hayton stated that the SPID pole at Beech House, Inglewhite Road will be installed shortly.

CIL REPORT 2024/25

As the Clerk was absent, the 2024/25 CIL Finance Report and the 2025/26 Business Plan will be presented to the May meeting.

Members **noted** the invitation to attend a service to rededicate St Francis Chapel following the completion of the restoration work and will endeavour to attend.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st March 2025

As the Clerk was absent, the bank statements and End of Year Finance Statement will be presented to the May meeting.

2025/26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

24/25 MIN 98 Members **resolved** to approve the following Invoices already paid

Finger posts (Past & Present)	B Platt	£104.28*	MIN 55
50 Waymarkers (Past & Present)	Metrosigns	£213.00	MIN 81
Village Clock donation	PCC of Goosnargh	£500.00	MIN 69

*MIN 55 stated that approx. 30 finger posts were required at a cost of £288. As the amount was substantially less than stated, the posts have been ordered and paid for.

The Clerk will now submit the invoices to Champion Bowland with a request to release the awarded grant.

24/25 MIN 99 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts owed from 2024/25

Jan – Mar 2025 Home use	J Buttle	£97.50	BACs
2024/25 Mileage 10 meetings	J Buttle	£18.00	BACs

24/25 MIN 100 Members **resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment

Clerk Salary April 2025	J Buttle	£300.74	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£75.00	BACs
Staples Ink Invoice £93.76	2/3 paid by Whittingham	£31.25	BACs

24/25 MIN 101 Members **resolved** that the Direct Debit payment to Easy Websites should continue throughout 2025/26.

DATA PROTECTION

Members noted that the fee for registering with the Information Commissioners Officer has increased to £52 – reduced by £5 if paid by Direct Debit.

24/25 MIN 102 Members **resolved** to pay £47 by Direct Debit.

LALC MEMBERSHIP 2025/26

As the Clerk was absent, LALC Membership was deferred to the May meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

24/25 MIN 103 Members **resolved** there were no objections to the following applications

[06/2025/0248](#) 1no. flue to front roof slope at Barn End, Button Street (listed building)

[06/2025/0306](#) 1no. holiday cottage and driveway east of Woodfold Farm, Crombleholme Fold,

[06/2025/0407](#) vary plans for 5 dwellings 06/2019/1297 Lower Lickhurst House, Bleasdale Rd

The Clerk was requested to contact planning to ensure the holiday cottage is in keeping with the local area.

Members **noted** that Gladmans have issued a consultation for 145 new homes off Churchgate. An application has not yet been received.

Members **noted** that despite numerous objections, the application for 95 dwellings at Swainson House Farm is recommended for approval.

NW RALLY

24/25 MIN 104 Members **resolved** to support the North West Stages car rally planned for March 2026 as it is well organised and brings tourism to the area.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members **noted** the reply from LCC Highways advising that the drainage at Bourne Brow appears to be in good order. Members disputed the reply stating there is still a flooding issue.

24/25 MIN 105 As the Parish Council's concerns are being dismissed, the Clerk will request that newly elected County Councillor, raise the issue on behalf of the Parish Council.

UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

Members reported that the road is subsiding at the bridge on Button Street as you enter Inglewhite Village. The Clerk will report the matter to LCC Highways.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MIN 76 confirms that as Monday 26th May is a Bank Holiday, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 19th May 2025** in Whitechapel Village Hall at **7.30pm**

END