

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on **Monday, 28th Oct 2024 at 7.30pm**
in Whitechapel Village Hall

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are required to approve the Sept Parish Council Minutes - attached

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public wishing to raise matters in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders should raise them here. The length of the adjournment is at the Chairman's discretion.

NOTE: Matters requiring a Council decision must be included as a specific Agenda item. For more details, please contact the Clerk.

- The Police, County and City Councillors are routinely invited to every meeting.

5. BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS

Inglewhite was declared runner up in the Hamlet category of the Best Kept Village competition and St James' Whitechapel was Highly Commended in the Places of Worship category.

A copy of the judges' comments is attached for information.

Members are requested to consider the feedback and advise if any additional work or finances are required to improve areas before next year's submission.

6. CIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Preston City Council have confirmed the October CIL amount is £1,303.80 for development at Ye Horns Inn. Development at Swainson House Farm has not commenced yet.

Attached is the CIL Master Log - **Appendix A** - showing the itemised Income and Expenditure to date since CIL was introduced in 2015. This log is for information only.

Appendix B shows the CIL balance at the start of 2024/25 along with the income and expenditure incurred this financial year. It also includes a list of projects - detailed below - which Members have indicated they wish to support.

Members are requested to consider the current status of all of the projects prior to determining if any of the projects should be updated.

1) PAST & PRESENT PROJECT (MIN 23/24.73)

The main sign board is with Cllr Singleton. The location on the Village Green has been agreed. Repairs to the PROW's have been sent to LCC and several have been actioned.

Members are requested to check the walks to agree the locations of the individual sign boards and assess if more repairs are required. Once this has been done, the signboards can be erected, the leaflets can be issued and the website can be advertised so that residents can complete the walks.

2) SPIDS (MIN 23/24.74)

Following the September meeting, an order has been placed for LCC to supply and erect the pole at Inglewhite Green. The pole must be installed by LCC and the quoted cost is £399. It should be erected by the 13th November. **Cllr Barker is requested to provide an update on how and when the dog leg pole will be constructed and erected on Inglewhite Road.**

Once the poles are up, the SPIDs can be ordered and erected. The best option at the moment is the Elan City Twin pack deal which costs £3,999 + VAT for 2 SPIDS, 2 solar panels and 4 batteries. The device is capable of bi-directional traffic collection data.

Members are requested to approve the quote of £399 for the supply and erection of the pole and approve the purchase of the solar twin pack at a cost of £4,798.80.

Delivery may be extra, but the costs should remain within the £5,000 allocated.

LCC will not erect the device on Bilsborrow Road as the device needs to be accessed from the farmers field but they will erect the device on Inglewhite Green at a cost of £179.

Members are requested to confirm if they want LCC to erect the device, noting that a full risk assessment will be necessary if Members undertake the task themselves.

3) WHITECHAPEL VILLAGE HALL – (MIN 23/24.76)

At the March meeting, Members may recall that Whitechapel Village Hall wished to submit an application to the Lancashire Environment Fund for improvements - namely solar panels, car park lighting and an electric vehicle charging point. The LEF grant would not cover the full cost and the grant condition stipulates the 20% shortfall must come from a third party.

If the whole project was submitted, the shortfall was likely to be £12,846.24. Members expressed regret that the Parish Council could not fund all of the shortfall and the Committee stated they would submit a bid for the solar panels which would result in a shortfall of £6,000.

MIN 76 confirms that the Parish Council was prepared to allocate £6,000 to fund the LEF shortfall.

Unfortunately, as explained in the attached email, the LEF grant bid was unsuccessful so if the Committee wish to proceed with the option to install solar panels, they will need to finance the full amount totalling £28,374.

As the request no longer relates to the funding of a LEF shortfall, Members are requested to reconsider MIN 76 and determine how much CIL to allocate to the project - noting the attached report and Committee Minutes which state that it is estimated that the system will pay for itself in 2 years.

4) ST FRANCIS CHAPEL (MIN 24/25.20)

At the June meeting, Members considered a request to help with the restoration of St Francis Chapel - known locally as Hills Chapel - on Horns Lane. The Parish Council indicated that they would like to offer assistance however, due to the projects above, any donation would be dependent on the Council receiving additional CIL monies.

Unfortunately, development at Swainson House Farm has not commenced and the increase in CIL is negligible. A report on the restoration costs has been requested and will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Members are requested to consider if any of the existing CIL funds can be allocated to the restoration - noting that the next CIL payment will not be until April 2025.

5) WHITECHAPEL DEFIB DEVICE

At the September meeting it was stated that the Village Hall were holding a fund-raising event to raise funds to repair the defib device. Members requested that the matter be added to the October meeting so that the costs could be considered as a CIL expense. The Clerk has been advised that the repairs cost £665.00 - less the money raised from the event – leaving a shortfall of £352.31

Members are requested to consider making a donation from the existing CIL funds.

7. HALF YEARLY BUDGET ANALYSIS APR 24 – SEPT 24

The Clerk will present a report to show the approved budget for 2024/25, the agreed expenditure to date and the remaining budget available.

Members will be required to compare the current expenditure against the budget - noting any excesses or projects not yet actioned.

8. ORDERING OF POPPY WREATHS

A donation is usually made to the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath to be laid at St Mary’s Church on Remembrance Sunday.

Members are required to confirm a £20.00 donation under S137 of the Local Govt Act 1972 and the Chairman is requested to confirm his attendance.

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2025/26 BUDGET ITEMS

The November meeting will focus on the 2025/26 budget requirements.

Information has been received regarding an option to purchase poppies to go on lamp posts in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. Although too late for this Remembrance Sunday, Members are requested to consider if this is something they would like to include in the budget for next year. It will cost £3 per lamp post poppy.

Members are requested to confirm any other new budget items so that cost estimates can be brought to the November meeting.

10. OCTOBER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS

The Chairman is required to confirm that the bank statements and accounts have been reconciled.

Members are required to approve the following accounts for payment

Sept Grounds Maintenance	Nurture	£288.00	BACs
Clerk Salary Oct	J Buttle	£289.01	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£72.20	BACs
Mileage (Jul - Sept)	J Buttle	£54.00	BACs
Home Allowance (Jul - Sept)	J Buttle	£97.50	BACs

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members are requested to comment on the following summarised planning application

[06/2024/0974](#) 4no. holiday units with landscaping works at the Cross Keys Inn, Church Lane

12. POLLING STATION REVIEW

Preston City Council is conducting a review of polling stations. Goosnargh is located in Preston Rural North and is split into 2 wards. RN1 covers Whitechapel Ward and the polling station is at St James Church in Whitechapel. RN2 covers St Marys Ward and the polling station is Goosnargh Village Hall which is in Preston Rural North. As Goosnargh Village Hall is well known to electors, no changes are proposed.

Members are requested to consider if any other locations should be considered.

13. PARISH MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

This item gives Members an opportunity to raise new matters or receive an update on any ongoing concerns not on the agenda.

An NHS outreach van will be in Broughton to deliver health checks for residents aged 40 – 74. Dates, times and further information has been added to the Parish Council’s website.

To comply with audit regulations, the Clerk’s email address has been updated to the website email address which is clerk@goosnarghparishcouncil.org.uk

Please note the old goosnarghparish@gmail address will no longer be used.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 25th Nov 2024 at 7.30pm in Whitechapel Village Hall.

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