

GOOSNARGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on **Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm**
in Whitechapel Village Hall

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Localism Act provides that a Councillor may not participate in any discussion or vote on a matter, where they have a disclosable, pecuniary interest (DPI). As setting the Precept may result in a DPI, Members **living in the Parish** are advised to complete a dispensation form before setting the Precept. As a dispensation can be granted for up to 4 years, the Clerk will advise if Members are covered by previously approved dispensations.

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interests in respect of matters contained in the agenda - noting that there may be statutory restrictions on the right to participate and vote on that matter – see Standing Order 2023 (13).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are required to approve the attached Minutes of the 24th Nov 2025 meeting.

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. CLERK'S RETIREMENT

Due to a combination of professional and personal reasons, the Clerk has decided to retire. Para 20.1 of the Clerk's Employment Contract states the Clerk is obliged to give the Council **one month's** notice in writing.

In practice, this may be too short a timescale for the Council to appoint a successor so - as a gesture of goodwill and assuming personal circumstances allow – the Clerk is offering to continue in post until the new Clerk is appointed, however, this cannot be extended beyond the 27th April meeting.

Whittingham will also be advertising for a replacement Parish Clerk - and whilst the same person may consider applying for both roles - Goosnargh needs to start their own recruitment process.

Members are requested to approve the attached advert and job description.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st – 31st Dec 2025

Members are required to note the following invoices already paid in December

Clerk Dec Salary	J Buttle	£310.37	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.40	BACs

The Chairman is required to verify that the monthly finance statement has been reconciled against the bank statements.

7. REVIEW OF 3rd QUARTER ACCOUNTS 2025 / 2026

Members are requested to consider progress against budgeted items following the completion of the 3rd Quarter April – December 2025.

8. JANUARY ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members are required to approve the following invoices for payment

Clerk Jan Salary	J Buttle	£310.17	BACs
PAYE	HMRC	£77.60	BACs
Oct – Dec mileage	J Buttle	£45.00	BACs
Oct – Dec home expenses	J Buttle	£97.50	BACs

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2026/27 PRECEPT

At the November meeting, Members approved a draft budget of **£8,981** for 2026/27 – subject to Nurture confirming the details of the grounds maintenance contract. Nurture have confirmed that the 2026/27 cost will be £1,940 + VAT payable over 7 months.

Members are requested to confirm the above amount and that the Clerk should sign the 2026/27 Service Level Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Members are required to approve the final version of the budget and set the 2026/27 Precept using the information on the attached spreadsheet.

10. CIL PROJECTS

Members are requested to advise if there are any updates on the following CIL items

- **Speed Indicators** – download of data / movement of the device to Button Street and the erection of the second device on Inglewhite Road
- **Heritage Trails** – mounting of the heritage trail sign board in a ‘cheese press’ surround to go on the village green
- **Whitechapel Village Hall Phase 2** – quotes needed for the floor and decorative surrounds
- **Village Hall parking** – feedback from the Village Hall Committee on the car park access and parking plans.

WHITECHAPEL BOWLING GREEN

As mentioned at the November meeting, Whitechapel Bowling Club have submitted a CIL request to repair the edges of the bowling green.

Members are requested to consider the attached request for £3,500.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members were informed of the following summarised application received in December.

06/2025/1194 Extension to existing Ironworks, formation of access and associated landscaping at Eccles Moss Iron Works, Bleasdale Road, Preston.

A member of the public contacted the Clerk expressing concerns regarding the timing of the application and inadequate site notices. They were advised to contact the City Council.

There no objections received from Members.

Members are requested to comment on the following applications

06/2025/1302 Erection of outbuilding, following removal of existing building at White Lee Cottage, Bleasdale Road,

06/2025/1305 two single storey extensions to rear, new garage & alterations to access at Fell View, Goosnargh Lane, Preston

06/2026/0003 removal of the energy efficient condition in relation to 06/23024/1177 at Butlers Farmhouse Cheeses, Button Street, Preston

A resident has informed the Parish Council of enforcement notice (E/2017/00107) for The Field, Walmsley Bridge Lane, Whitechapel, has not been adhered to as the site is allegedly being used for a livery business with approximately 10 horses and a resultant increase in traffic. The concern has been forwarded to Preston City Council.

12. UPDATE ON EXISTING ISSUES / MATTERS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS

This item provides Members with an opportunity to raise any new concerns to be actioned by the Clerk or to be added to the next Agenda.

At the November meeting Members requested that the Clerk contact Maya Ellis MP regarding the temporary closure of wards at Longridge Community Hospital. An acknowledgement was received stating that Ms Ellis MP was in contact with the NHS Estate Department. The Clerk has requested a further update.

At the November meeting Members expressed concern that Cornerstone had a planning application refused for a mobile phone mast at Beacon Fell. The Clerk was requested to contact Cornerstone to see if they have any plans to resubmit the application or upgrade other masts. They advised that they have no plans to resubmit the application as it was going to be funded by a special Government project - which has since been withdrawn. Any network concerns should be reported to existing network providers.

Members are requested to note the following

Between the 21st Jan and the 18th Feb, LCC will be issuing residents with a formal consultation regarding the proposed permanent closure of Walmsley Bridge Lane.

Members considered an informal consultation and raised no objections under MIN 25/26.49

Road closures - temporary road closure on

- Loud Bridge Road, Goosnargh on 16/02/26 until 20/02/26 to enable water chamber repair works to take place.
- Langley Lane, Inglewhite on 13/03/26 to enable overhead structure works to take place.
- Ashley Lane, Goosnargh on 16/03/26 until 17/03/26 to enable telecom pole maintenance works to take place.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd February 2026 in Whitechapel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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