



MINUTES of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Monday the 2nd September 2024 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Butler, Abram, Brown, Casterton, Coward, Jewell, Lambert, O'Donnell,
Parker, Rayfield, Smith and Whitham

There were 4 members of the public present which included representatives of Westinghouse who had been invited to give a short presentation on the Springfields Nuclear Site.

50/24 To receive apologies

Cllr Gibson

51/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st July 2024 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

52/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

53/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Representatives from Westinghouse were present to provide a short presentation on their current and future business activity at the Springfields site. Springfields. A licensed nuclear site is a major local employer with a workforce up to 1000 employees and has been a safe nuclear site since the 1940's covering 83 Hectares of land which has space to extend. It is however in the process of change and will after 2026 transform its business from its current production of AGR Fuel to Conversion Services, New Fuel and Advanced Fuel Development with a targeted 2030 completion date. It currently runs and will continue to run apprenticeship training with 23 having been taken on this year with just short of 100 currently employed in total. Further recruitment will take place toward the end of this year. Springfields works with a number of local Organisations and Universities, are keen to be involved in the Community and as a local charity reached in 2023 the milestone of £1.44M in donations which included Defibrulators, Equipment for the children's ward at Royal Preston Hospital and First aid kits to Lancom Junior Football Club to name but a few.

A resident present mentioned that the Christmas Event organised by local resident was unfortunately not taking place this year and that some equipment on the various playgrounds was coming to the end of its lifespan.

It was further mentioned that additional litter bins were being provided by Woodplumpton Parish Council in its area and a bridge in need of repair was being replaced. He also indicated that Woodplumpton Parish Council, which includes Catforth were approaching PCC with regard to a Governance Review aimed at splitting their Parish into separate entities.

54/24 To approve the following payments:

19/06/2024	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	17	660.00
19/06/2024	BG FENCING LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	18	168.40
19/06/2024	NEWGATE NURSERIES HANGING BASKEYS AND PLANTING	19	838.44
19/06/2024	COTTAM CA ROOM HIRE	20	35.00
19/06/2024	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	21	294.00
19/06/2024	GGG LENGTHSMAN TEAM	22	2412.00
19/06/2024	G THOMPSON LENGTHSMAN TEAM	23	600.00
19/06/2024	A T CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	24	675.00
19/06/2024	HMRC 1ST QTR	25	2193.73
19/06/2024	W V MCENNERNEY - WHITTLE 1ST QTR SALARY	26	2880.18
30/06/2024	BANK CHARGES	27	18.00
15/07/2024	A T CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	28	900.00
15/07/2024	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	29	720.00
15/07/2024	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	30	690.00
15/07/2024	GGG LENGTHSMAN TEAM	31	2304.00
15/07/2024	G THOMPSON LENGTHSMAN TEAM	32	540.00

It was resolved that the payments listed above should be approved

55/24 To consider and approve the Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2024

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2024 should be approved.

56/24 To consider the enclosed quotations for cleaning the various statues in the Cottam area.

It was resolved that the quotation from Stoneoak Ltd should be accepted at a total cost of £3030 plus Vat subject to permission being obtained from Preston City Council

57/24 To consider the enclosed report regarding benches and decide if this Council wishes to go ahead with the proposals being put forward at an estimated cost of £2500 to be taken from CIL funds

It was resolved that the report should be accepted and approved, and the works carried out within an approved budget of £2500 subject to permission from PCC with regard to the replacement of three benches.

58/24 To discuss and consider whether it remains appropriate to continue sending representation to the Larches, Savick and Lea Pact meetings

It was resolved that in was not now appropriate to send a formal representative to the Pact meetings referred to above. It was noted that any resident of the area may attend in a personal capacity.

59/24 To consider and decide whether this Council wishes to plant a laurel hedge on Jubilee Park in order to mask the unsightly fence on the south side of the recreation ground at an estimated cost of £1500 to be taken from the already agreed budget of £10185 (CIL) which was originally meant to build a new separate fence which cannot be undertaken due to failure to obtain necessary permissions from PCC who have however agreed to the planting of the proposed hedge. The remaining budget to be reallocated back to general CIL funds.

It was resolved that the proposal as set out above should be approved.

60/24 To consider increasing the present budget allocated to the provision of a trim trail on Jubilee Park Recreation Ground from £24K to £39K (The reason for this significant increase is that no allowances were made in the original equipment and installation costs for the need for drainage. Preston City Council are in a position to go out to tender on this project but will not do so unless they have commitment to funding to include the drainage requirements. See enclosed revised drawing.

It was resolved that the requested increase in budget should be approved.

61/24 To consider increasing the budget for tree replacement in Cottam for £20145 to £21535. The proposed tree replacement project had been estimated by PCC at the lower figure and budget provision made. The contract was placed to tender by PCC in accordance with their protocols and the lower of the three quotations obtained is now proposed at a total cost of £21535.00 net of Vat.

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