



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

Monday the 20th January 2020 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Parker, R Fleming, Lambert, Brizland, C Abram, Coward, N Abram, Ashcroft,
Helvin, Bowyer and Butler

There were seven members of the public present.

01/20 To receive Apologies

Cllr C Fleming who also sent in his letter of resignation.

02/20 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd December 2019 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd December 2019 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

03/20 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

04/20 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Chief Inspector Steve Sansbury and Inspector Pat Worden were in attendance to talk to Members and respond to questions concerning local neighbourhood policing.

It was explained that police numbers had fallen over recent years which had put a strain on available resources, the police no longer made routine visits to areas unless there was an identified and reported problem which is why residents did not necessarily see them as perhaps had been the case in the past. It was mentioned that last year numbers had increased following an increased police precept. It was mentioned that there had been a recent survey of residents from the Police Commissioner which was presumably a further attempt to increase precept so that more officers could be put on the streets. This could not be confirmed but it was stated that the increase last year had resulted in a Neighbourhood Policing Task Force which had been very successful.

Concern was expressed that residents did not have contact numbers for general concerns and did not know who their local team were. Steve agreed to supply a detailed list to the Clerk which could be issued so as to improve communication. Specific incidents should be reported either through 999 or 101 but more general, non-specific concerns should be routed to the local team.

Steve made no apologies in that he needed to direct his people to the areas in most need and had to prioritise incidents according to the risk they presented to the public. A recent survey had highlighted that Lea and Cottam was one of the safest areas in Preston in which to live, whereas some other areas had severe issues that needed attention (some examples were provided). Significant high-level crime in Preston would always be given priority.

It was also noted that Preston were currently 11 PSCOs short but that recruitment was taking place. It was suggested that the local team should get to know local people who could be the eyes and ears on the ground to help report incidents. Reporting was essential since this often provided a pattern or regularity in one area which could then be responded to.

Concern was expressed that the police web site was not fit for purpose – action is being taken and the police are extending their social media coverage so that they are in touch with what is happening on the ground. It was noted that ‘Specials’ are still used but there are fewer of these nowadays. The police also have a drone which can be used to track offenders. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are also in place in many areas.

It was reiterated that improved communication between residents and the police was important. The contact list will be provided and can be distributed, 999 and 101 should be used for specifics whilst general concerns should be directed to the local neighbourhood team using the contact list.

The police left the meeting.

A resident thanked the Clerk for arranging for some enhancement works to be undertaken in the Dodney Drive area.

It was noted that a planning application for a retail store next to the Community centre had been submitted and would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Community Centre are holding a Charity Cheese and Wine evening on the 14th March 2020

The meeting was reconvened

05/20 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Online	GGS	Lengthsman Wks 29-32	2276.50
Online	SAR Services	Assistant Lengthsman November	510.00
Online	DBS Services	Assistant Lengthsman November	600.00
Online	W Cadwallader	Assistant Lengthsman November	400.00
Online	Newgate Nurseries	Bulbs for Blackpool Road Area	42.00
Online	Viking Direct	Stationery	92.36
Online	Vision ICT	Web Hosting and Domain Renewal	306.00
Online	W Mcennerney-Whittle	3 rd Qtr Sal and Expenses	3026.23
Online	HMRC	3 rd Qtr Tax and NI due	969.71
Online	B G Fencing	Materials Blackpool Road Area	343.38
Online	Unity Trust	Bank charges to December 2019	18.00

It was resolved that the payments detailed above should be approved

06/20 To approve that Cllr Abram should act as a liaison between this Council and the NW Distributor contractors as required from time to time.

It was resolved that Cllr Abram should be appointed as described above

07/20 To consider the Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation and decide whether any representation should be made in respect of the site submissions so far received for this Parish a copy of which have already been circulated to Members.

It was resolved that the following comments should be made

19P174 – PR1 8PQ relates to the Park and Ride Hartington Road whilst the map identifies a piece of land on the far side of the Motor Park, Riversway which is allocated in the existing Local Plan as a future potential Park and Ride site. The latter site is in the Flood Plain and would be inappropriate for future housing as suggested.

19P066 / 19P067 – Any approval for housing would have adverse impact on local residential amenity as access might only be through an existing development, it would remove a significant area of Green Infrastructure and might impinge on the Nature Conservation Corridor in that area.

19P096 – This site is allocated in the existing LDF for a retail establishment and has outline permission so is not agricultural land and should be removed from the potential allocation for housing

19P031 – This land is in the area of the new North West Distributer Road so needs to be carefully considered. In any case it also if allocated removes a significant area of open countryside as currently defined in the local Plan

19P097 – This land is provided for a Primary School which would need to be allocated elsewhere should the site be carried forward

19P130 – This land area is within an existing Local Plan allocation and shows a recreational green to be part of the proposal for housing – the masterplan relating to the current allocation shows this recreational area as Green Space which appears to be in conflict with both the existing and proposed site allocation being put forward.

19P230 – This site is shown as vacant but is currently in use as a Service Station which is a well-used local facility and should therefore be removed and not taken forward.

19P040 / 19P201 – These sites are Open Countryside / Agricultural and if approved would have a significant adverse effect to the openness and amenity value of the area.

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