

Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council

MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday the 12th February 2014 in St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Dodd, Ellison, Speakman, Thompson, McGrath, Brookes, Wright & Roskell (arrived after the meeting had commenced)

One member of the public was present

14/14 To receive Apologies

Cllr Soole

15/14 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th January 2014

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2014 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

16/14 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

17/14 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

A question was asked concerning the workload of the lengthsman particularly at this time of year. It was confirmed that currently he was edging many of the grass verges in the neighbourhood and that work sheets were distributed to all members who were therefore fully aware of what tasks were being undertaken.

It was mentioned that some footpaths across Ingol Golf Course were considered to be dangerous due to excessive overgrowth. It was confirmed that LCC were responsible for Public Rights of Way but that this only covered the actual path width and not any issues concerning overgrowth to the sides which remained the responsibility of the land owner. It was further mentioned that many of the paths across Ingol Golf Course only have Definitive Map Modification Orders on them and are not therefore at this stage Public Rights of Ways anyway.

Mention was made of a recent press article concerning the potential drainage works to Tanterton recreation ground. It was confirmed that Preston CC were facilitating the funding applications and any future works but that the Neighbourhood Council had already committed its support by way of setting aside a funding contribution towards the total cost.

The meeting was re-convened

18/14 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300083	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman	387.50
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It was resolved that the above mentioned payment should be approved

19/14 To consider whether a response should be made to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation details for which have already been advised to members by e-mail.

It was resolved that the following response should be made:

I&TNC recognise the quantity and quality of the work so far put into developing a Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Although I&T may not be at risk presently from flooding, localised pluvial flooding has been recorded in several areas of our ward, namely at the bottom of Tag Lane outside of what was Tulketh High School, down Cottam Lane from the canal bridge, Tanterton village green and the footpaths along the western side of Tanterton Hall Road. Concern is raised with the probability that pluvial flooding could occur south of the proposed North West Preston housing expansion due to the reduction of soak away land unless adequate SUDs are implemented into the proposed developments. It is therefore essential that the Flood Risk Management Strategy is implemented as a Supplementary Planning Guidance document. This strategy would then be consulted as part of the planning process to ensure that flood risk management issues are adequately considered and covered.

Concern is also raised with the probability that funding may be insufficient to cover the necessary infrastructure maintenance in the agricultural land to the North of Ingol ward, the current waterways including the streams and canal which run through our ward.

It is essential that funds are also available for local community awareness of flood risks and corrective actions to reduce foul sewer overload with rainwater runoff and future flood risk investments as a result of increased housing developments. It is imperative therefore, that Central Government make available the necessary funds and not restrict the grants available.

20/14 To consider whether a response is required to the Preston CC Cabinet Budget Proposals details of which have already been advised to members by e-mail.

It was resolved that this Council should raise its concerns with regard to the proposed withdrawal of funding for PSCOs since this might lead to a reduction in numbers and that LCC should be asked to find alternative savings.

21/14 To consider whether a response is required to the NW Masterplan Consultation details of which have already been advised to members by link to Preston CC website and for which a proposed response is enclosed.

It was resolved that the following response should be made:

Proposed Secondary School

A new secondary school is proposed to service this area. The site is relatively close to the existing Broughton site. It is understood that Broughton is at or nearing capacity, although this will need confirmation through a study into forecast pupil numbers. It is further understood that a viable unit size is some six hundred plus pupils. The proposed secondary school facility is at the end of the intended public transport corridors. However, there is an existing secondary school site, currently mothballed, at the heart of existing communities; the Tulketh High School site on Tag Lane on the Ingol and Cadley ward boundary. The Tulketh site lies on a well serviced public transport route which is to be enhanced under the Masterplan proposals. It lies at the heart of the Ingol, Tanterton, Cadley and Cottam communities. The site would readily service the proposed communities of North West Preston. As such it is more readily accessible to these communities than either Broughton or Fulwood Academy. The Tulketh site was closed relatively recently under the pretext of a falling demographic. Either the argument for a falling demographic is correct or there is a demonstrable need for an eight hundred pupil secondary school. If the latter then we would propose that the current Tulketh site should be resurrected as part of the development of North West Preston. This would have the benefit of providing a positive focus for our existing communities of Ingol, Tanterton, Cadley and Cottam. It would also save LCC some £11m on the construction of the new secondary school.

Proposed Leisure Facilities

The proposed major leisure facility is closely allied to the proposed secondary school site. It is important that the proposed leisure facility is able to be used as a true community facility; ie, it is allied to but not wholly accessed by or dependent on the secondary school. It is essential that it is able to operate as an independent facility that is able to be used by the school and is not subject to restricted access or opening times other than say during dedicated school usage. Typically, the relationship enjoyed by Fulwood Leisure Centre/ Academy and Fulwood High school on a co joined site is a good example.

A third swimming pool for Preston on the site would be a nice to have. Such a facility has been long talked about. It would give the flexibility to close one of the two existing pools during periods of intensive re refurbishment without radically affecting access to swimming. The question is how the additional running costs would be met in the current climate. This may well dictate the outcome, unfortunately.

Proposed District Centre

The Masterplan includes a proposal for a Local Centre on the route of the proposed EWLR between Sandy Lane and Tabley Lane. The nature and scope of this Local Centre needs to be well defined. There are already nearby Local Centres at Tanterton and Granton Walk, Ingol. Tanterton suffers from not being on the 'main drag', Tag Lane, through the area. Granton Walk is more successful; it includes a mix of retail outlets including a small Co-op store and a library. There was at one time a CLNT proposal for a Local Centre at Wychnor; this was never built. It might have provided a useful local facility. Similarly there was a CLNT

proposal for a District Centre on land at Cottam. It is understood that the site was earmarked for a large retail facility. The Cottam development was not fully completed and the District Centre never materialised. That District Centre has effectively moved to the nearby Cottam Brickcroft site. This site has outline permissions for a mixed development of a Tesco store, retail outlets, offices, apartments and a marina. However, under the current economic climate it is understood that the nature of this development is currently being re considered. The scope of the Tesco store is being reviewed as is the mix of retail, office and apartments. The Brickcroft development is considered by the Neighbourhood Council as fundamental to ensuring much needed employment prospects in the Ingol area. It is crucial to the success of the Brickcroft development and also to the proposed District Centre that the definition, scope and extent of both sites is better defined; particularly so as the Brickcroft site might yet be subject to a further Planning Application. Through this Masterplan consultation it is hoped that the Brickcroft proposals can be re invigorated through the direct intervention of PCC and LCC.

An extension to the Ingol Health Centre has been proposed for some time. Land has been acquired for the purpose. The existing facility is noted at being at capacity. The proposed development of North West Preston would provide the ideal opportunity to justify and fund this extension of the Health Centre.

Public Transport

The Neighbourhood Council welcomes the designation of Tag Lane as a priority bus corridor with the added emphasis on making it more attractive to walkers and cyclists. However, the provision of a priority bus service to the North West Preston development must not be at the expense of the existing services to Ingol and Tanterton. These serve areas of multiple deprivation and as such the bus services currently enjoyed are an asset to Ingol and Tanterton.

Cottam Railway Station

The location of the proposed railway station to serve Cottam and the development of North West Preston is shown on the Masterplan as being accessed from the PWDR. As such it is on the western limit of the proposed Preston urban area. We still consider that a better location would be that shown in the original CLNT plans for Cottam, on Tom Benson Way adjacent to the UCLAN sports arena. It would be accessible to the Guild Wheel and associated cycling routes; it would have direct access onto/off Tom Benson Way at an existing roundabout and as such it would be readily accessible by car to Ingol, Lea, Cottam and North West Preston; there is ample room for adequate car parking; it would be adjacent to the proposed Cottam district centre at Cottam Brickcroft and as such could be well served by a bus service, thus giving an integrated transport solution.

East-West Link Road (EWLR)

The link road deliberately connects with the proposed North to South Distributor Road (PWDR). The Distributor Road is proposed to run from a new junction at the M55 motorway at Swillbrook to Blackpool Road close to the Lea Gate; with a proposed extension across the River Ribble at some future date. The East-West Link Road winds its way through the various housing development sites. It serves these housing developments and the local service centre. Hence it deliberately provides a proposed ready access from these developments both to the motorway network and to the employment area. The current proposal as shown on the Masterplan drawing is for this Link Road to connect at its eastern end with Tom Benson Way/Lightfoot Lane at some point between Walkers Lane and Wychnor; to the west of the Lightfoot Lane crossing of the WCML. Lightfoot Lane/Eastway accesses the motorway network at the Broughton roundabout. As such it might prove attractive for the generated traffic to travel east to join the motorway at the Broughton roundabout junction. It is understood that this roundabout and the local network currently have restricted capacity. Works to improve capacity have recently been completed. Despite the traffic forecasting and modelling to date the Transport Assessment has yet to conclusively demonstrate that such solutions will prove the long term solution in practice. Traffic emanating from the proposed developments will further exacerbate the situation for all users. There is no demonstrable proposal at present to improve the WCML crossing nor the length of Lightfoot Lane/Eastway and connection to the Broughton roundabout. Some fifty per cent of traffic is shown as travelling to/from the Leeds/Manchester/Liverpool corridor and beyond using the M6/M61/M65/M66 motorways. Traffic forecasting seems to be based upon the relative flows on the new EWLR and Lightfoot Lane/Eastway being self-regulating to the extent that traffic will travel west to access the PWDR and hence the motorway network. As such, it would make far more sense to actively persuade traffic from the proposed developments to travel west to join the motorway network. The current traffic modelling assessments and proposals show that this should happen without any direct intervention. However, the traffic modelling to date itself is subject to significant anomalies in the east/west traffic distributions. This alternative should be investigated.

The proposed Construction Travel Plans (CTPs) should designate the proposed EWLR as the primary means of access for construction traffic to all developments throughout the whole of the construction phasing. Indeed, once a stable 'trace' of the EWLR has been constructed through the development then heavy construction traffic and materials deliveries for all development sites should be made to utilise it. This would obviate the need for construction vehicles, particularly materials deliveries, to access the development sites along what are unsuitable rural lanes.

22/14 To consider the formation of a small working group to consider what action might be appropriate by this Council with regard to the ongoing issue of dog fouling.

It was resolved that Cllrs McGrath, Anderson and Soole (subject to her agreement) should form a working group to look at potential actions and bring its recommendations/options to a future meeting of this Council for discussion.

23/14 To consider the enclosed report/proposals with regard to a garden/hanging basket competition.

It was resolved that the proposals outlined above should be approved apart from the suggestions with regard to 'back gardens' which should be removed from the report. It was further resolved that the existing working group should now put in place the approved recommendations.

It was noted that approaches had already been made with regard to sponsorship and that the Clerk was to write officially to both Dobbies and Barton Grange in this respect. It was further noted that if any minor changes were required to the proposals above; these might be done by the Clerk under his delegated authority so as to allow to project to proceed without any undue delay.

24/14 To consider donating tools to CPB details of which are set out in the enclosed documents. The tools were acquired by default at the formation of NC. They have not been used since as we have our own lengthsman who provides his own equipment.

It was resolved that the proposals set out in the report referred to above should be approved since the items were acquired by default in the first place and are not required by this Council.

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