

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr G Edwards, Cllr N Price and Cllr Mrs C Sutton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:) Cllr S Parsons (GCC and CDC) Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs Regine Freyne (Personal)

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

2.1 Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

2.2 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1 Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 5 November 2015

RESOLUTION 1/16

The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Newsletter Article – 30 mph Signs

The Clerk advised that this was not included in the article before Christmas but would be included in the next issue.

Action:

Footpath Arrow Signs

Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that she had sent list of arrow requirements to Mike Barton, PROW Officer but had received the wrong ones. She further advised that she is installing wooden fingerposts on PROW behind Church Farm.

5. Village Design Statement

Cllr Mrs Cameron advised that there is to be a meeting next Tuesday to collate the information from the questionnaires and that there had been a good return rate.

6. Report from County and District Councillor – Cllr Shaun Parsons

Cllr Parsons reported that the GCC Budget is likely to increase by 1.9% or 2% to cover older people services.

7. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

8. Playing Field

Play Area Report

Cllr G Edwards confirmed that a lock has been installed on the gate.

Play Area Refurbishment Update:

Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that confirmation of approval has been received from CDC and that the GCC application has been approved in principle but subject to their risk assessment of the Parish Council's finances. It was agreed that as soon as full approval has been obtained, the order with the supplier should be progressed as soon as possible to ensure installation before the Spring.

Action:

Football Goals and Artificial Turf

Cllr Edwards advised that he is investigating these items but was holding back until the budget and Precept for the coming year have been finalised.

Action:

9. Village Hall

Cllr Mrs C Sutton advised that there is nothing new to report.

10. Village Affairs

Highways

Toll Bar Central Reservation – Wild Flowers and VAS

It was noted that there are still no pedestrian signs and that the traffic is flowing too fast at the old Toll Bar site. The Clerk was requested to inform Gloucestershire Highways. It was also agreed that the Council would prefer to see planting on the central reservation and Cllr

Action: Parsons agreed to discuss this with Highways Officers.

Village Maintenance

Community Notice board at Village Hall

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had met with Mr and Mrs Mingins to discuss the noticeboard and had agreed that a 1m x 600mm oak notice board could be installed behind their wall. The Clerk was requested to liaise with Mr Kendrick in the hopes that it could be made and installed as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Council would make arrangements for the header to be finished with the words 'Preston Village Hall' and that

Action: material for a magnetic background would be investigated and sourced.

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2015

Noted. The Clerk confirmed that the budget is on track for the end of the year.

11.2 GAPTC – Notification of Membership Fees

Noted.

11.3 To Approve Bills for Payment

RESOLUTION 2/16

Busy Fingers - Newsletter Printing September	£ 25.34
Cotswold Sign Co – Playing Field Sign	£ 24.00
Cllr G Edwards – Playing Field Padlock	£ 29.98
Gloucestershire Highways – Gateway Signage	£1,675.00
Busy Fingers - Newsletter Printing December	£ 32.34
GAPTC – Training	£ 95.00

11.4 New Audit Arrangements from 1 April 2015

RESOLUTION 3/16

The information was noted and it was unanimously resolved not to opt out of the local arrangements.

11.5 Grass cutting & Grounds Maintenance Requirements

RESOLUTION 4/16

The Clerk had been requested to review the annual grass cutting requirement as various additions had been made during the year and the total cost was needed to enable the budget for the coming year to be finalised. It was generally agreed that the additional verge cutting was a great improvement to the appearance of the Village. The Clerk confirmed that £96 had been charged to Gloucestershire Highways.

11.6 Budget Planning for 2016 – 2017 and Precept Calculations

In view of the considerable change in the Tax Base, it was agreed to defer this matter to an additional meeting on Thursday, 14 January 2016 so that the figures could be checked.

Action:

12. Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications - None

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

License Application 15/01007/PRMA Beard and Sabre, Unit 2B, Norcote Workshops, Norcote, Cirencester GL7 5RH

New premises license application for sale of alcohol (Off License only) at premises where cider is brewed. Friday and Saturday only, between 0900 and 1700 hrs

No comments made

12.3 Decision Notices Received - None

12.4 Planning Correspondence and Issues

CDC Local Plan – Poulton Parish Council's Comments

It was agreed that Members would consider this and advise the Clerk of any actions by email.

Resident's Comments to Planning Applications

The Chairman recommended that all future planning application alerts should be forwarded to the Design Statement Group for comment and that closer consideration should be given to the materials used in any development in relation to the emerging Design Statement. This was unanimously agreed.

Action:

13. Website

Nothing to report.

14. Correspondence

CDC - Leaders Update - Noted

CDC - Winter Information - Noted

GCC – Budget Consultation <https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/council/budget201617/budget201617> - Noted

GCC – Lifestyle Services Consultation

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultthehealthylifestyle><<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultthehealthylifestyle> - Noted

GCC – Local Transport Plan Consultation

<http://qlostext.gloucestershire.gov.uUieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MId=7897&Ver=4> - Noted

GRCC – Cotswold Newsletter - Noted

CDC – Electoral Register Request - Noted

Tree Warden Meetings - Noted

WILD Newsletter Autumn / Winter 2015 - Noted

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Price advised that he would be unable to attend the next meeting and proffered his apologies.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 3 March 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm