

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr N Price and Cllr A Stone.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence.** - Cllr A Stone (Personal)
2. **Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**
 - 2.1 **To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda** - None
 - 2.2 **To Receive 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 9 January 2020
RESOLUTION 09/20
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

First Aid Course
There was no further information to report and the Clerk confirmed that options are being investigated.

Action: CB

Planting to Replace Trees Affected by Ash Die Back
The Clerk advised that further information is still awaited from AONB.
5. **Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Mike Evemy

 - Waste Service change is progressing and appears to be going well. It will begin on 18 March in Preston.
 - Garden Waste service – a communication will be going out at the end of month explaining that collections will be fortnightly with a charge of £35 this year. The service actually costs £45 per household. Public consultation approved moving away from subsidy and, therefore, the charge will increase to £40 next year and £45 the following year.
 - Suggested that people could use bags to supplement the fortnightly bin service.
 - Council budget passed last week.
 - Council Tax will increase by £5 per Band D
 - Car park charges will also increase.
 - The Annual budget has increased to include funding for Noise monitoring and air pollution and improved LED lighting in Council offices and car parks.
 - Community Welfare grants will increase and there will be a final round of the Community Activity grant.
 - Fly tipping – new signs to be located on laybys / gateways on Witpit Lane.

Cllr Shaun Parsons – Not available.
6. **Questions and Comments from the Public.** - None
7. **Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin**

Flooding on Old Cirencester Road - Needs road brush once current flood has abated. It is the only pedestrian access to the Town and Tesco and is well used.
8. **Playing Field – Update.** - Nothing to report.

9. **Village Hall - Update**
Action: JT AGM is planned for 27 March and the Chairman agreed to attend.
A Coffee Morning is due to be held tomorrow.
10. **Village Affairs**
Annual Village Clean Up – 21 March 2020
Arrangements are in hand and volunteers will be issued with voucher to exchange for Soup Saturday. The value of vouchers used would be re-charged to the Parish Council.
Annual Tree Survey
Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that the necessary work to the trees overhanging road had been carried out.
RESOLUTION 10/20
Action: NP Cllr Price's quote of £125 to tidy the various trees in the Village was accepted.
Flooding of Old Cirencester Road
Raised with Cllr Evemy who would contact Gloucestershire Highways.
Blocked Drain Opposite Wychwood
Action: CB Needs attention. The Clerk was requested to raise with Gloucestershire Highways.
11. **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
Regulation 14 Consultation
Members were advised that the Consultation period had opened and would run until 5 April. It was suggested that a summary of the Policies would be helpful to residents in completing the online survey and the Clerk was requested to prepare a leaflet for circulation.
Action: CB
Publicity Events - Village Hall Coffee Mornings – 6 March and 3 April 2020
It was agreed that Councillors would endeavour to attend the Coffee Mornings to encourage residents to complete the online survey.
12. **Finance**
- 12.1 **To Receive Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 29 February 2020**
RESOLUTION 11/20
It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.
- 12.2 **To Approve Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**
RESOLUTION 12/20
It was resolved to pay the bills as detailed on the attached schedule.
- 12.3 **Grounds Maintenance Contract Quotations**
As these were not available, it was agreed to circulate by email and decisions relayed to the Clerk.
- 12.4 **Contribution to Cost of Works on Churchyard Lime Trees**
Cllr Mrs Chester-Master advised that the trees are in need of pollarding as a safety measure and that a large branch of one had fallen into the grounds of a neighbouring property. One quote for the work had been obtained of £6,500 but other quotes were also being sought. Councillors recommended suitable contractors and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master agreed to report back to the Council following the next Parochial Church Council meeting.
- Action: SCM**
- 12.5 **Quotation for Tree Tidy Work**
See Item 10 – Annual Tree Survey.
- 12.6 **Annual Donations**
RESOLUTION 13/20
It was agreed to donate £100 from the Donations budget to the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Action: CB**
13. **Planning**
- 13.1 **New Planning Applications**
20/00041/FUL. Norcote House Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH
Demolition of existing single storey extension; replacement single-storey extension and infill; insertion of new dormer window

No Objections

20/00042/LBC Norcote House Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

Demolition of existing single storey extension; replacement single-storey extension and infill; insertion of new dormer window; internal alterations including removal of internal walls

No Objections

20/00787/FUL 3 Preston Leigh Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6GE

Additional of a third bay to existing detached double garage, including the addition of a window with cast stone head and cill

No Objections

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence - None

14. Correspondence

Changes to Public Works Loan Board. - Noted

Cotswold Rural Housing Summit – 6 April 2020. - Noted

CDC – Planning Training

The Chairman agreed to attend on Monday 16 March 2020.

15. Any Other Business

Traffic Speed

It was suggested that posts installed on verges would prevent vehicles from being parked and damaging the surface. However, it was noted that the verges are owned by Gloucestershire Highways and not the owner of the property. In addition, posts on verges prevent vehicles being pulled in on to the verge to allow passing traffic where the road is particularly narrow.

Solar Farm

It was noted that there had been an article in the press recently stating that Rockfire Capital had raised funding to progress solar developments. It was further noted that Warrington County Council has pulled out of the partnership to develop the site off Witpit Lane.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Annual Parish Council Meeting and **Annual Parish Meeting** to be held on Thursday, 14 May 2020 at 6.30 and 7 pm in the Village Hall (Date changed from 7 May due to the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections).

There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8:05