

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs C Elson, Cllr A Miles (from 8:20), Cllr N Price and Cllr A Stone.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Webb (Driffield), Cllr L Spivey, Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence** Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master (Personal)

2. **Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**

2.1 **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 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2021**

RESOLUTION 29/21

Item 13 was amended to show that the bridleway is 'overgrown' rather than 'blocked'.

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

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Invitation to Visit Hunters Care Home

The Clerk advised that the invitation has been accepted and that a date is awaited. However, it is understood that the Home is dealing with a COVID outbreak and it was agreed that it would be more sensible to postpone until the spring.

Ash Die Back Replanting

The Clerk confirmed that all suggested sites are being considered and will be confirmed in due course.

Queen's Jubilee (Big Jubilee Lunch) – 5 June 2022

The Clerk confirmed that an invitation to take part has been sent to the PCC and the Village Hall Committee. Mrs Chester-Master wishes to represent the PCC, but no reply has been received from the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the Council's Trustee representatives would raise the matter at the next Hall Committee meeting on Monday and the Chairman would hold a coffee morning in New Year to progress.

Action:
JT & SC

Transport to School and Footway for Kingshill Lane - Cllr Lisa Spivey (GCC)

Action:
LS

Cllr Spivey advised that she has requested a re-assessment of the current situation. With more children in Village there needs to be a sensible way forward.

Tree Works on Playing Field - Cllr N Price

Action:
NP

Cllr Price's quotation of £140.00 was agreed and he was instructed to proceed with the work.

County and District Councillors

Cllr Mike Evemy (CDC)

- Cllr Evemy's Report has previously been circulated.
- CDC is supporting 20 is Plenty Initiative and is lobbying GCC. Concern was expressed about the ability to police the change but as it is not legally enforceable the intention is to try to change drivers' attitude.
- New Officer at CDC working to help improve communications.

Cllr Lisa Spivey (GCC)

- CDC is working with GCC to improve cycling and walking opportunities within a 7-mile radius of Cirencester to include nearby villages. This could include the lack of a safe route on Kingshill Lane working with Siddington and Beeches Ward
- Flooding – meeting with Vernon Smith and also multi-meeting with the MP. Work is being carried out up stream, but drainage ditches need to be cleared at the

right time of year.

5. Police – PCSO Beverley Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellows

Action: PCSO Rowe introduced herself and her colleague. Whilst there was nothing current to report she agreed to try to get to future Council meetings, as required.
CB

6. Questions and Comments from the Public

Mr Webb raised concern about the overgrown condition of the Bridleway 13 that runs alongside the A417. He advised that despite having cut it back himself 2 years ago, it is now almost impassable. Cllr Spivey confirmed that the hedge is the responsibility of National Highways and that she is due to walk the Bridleway with GCC's PROW Officer on 16 November. She also agreed to put Mr Webb in contact with CDC's Officer for pedestrian and cycle routes.
Action:
LS

7. Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin

The Chairman advised that the Village Fete has been very well supported and had made a lot of money for the Church which was extremely welcome after it was closed by the COVID pandemic. She and Cllr Cameron had organised a thank you gift for Mrs Chester-Master as she has done so much for Village and always gave the use of her garden for the fete.
Cllr Tomblin suggested that the Council might like to consider the provision of a marque for the Village for use at the fete and other events. The Freynes had lent theirs in the past but it was agreed that there could be a problem with storage and maintenance.

8. Playing Field

Report – Cllr Mrs Elson. Nothing to report
Action: **Update re Lease**
CB The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response from Trustees.

9. Village Hall

Report from Trustees

- Quiz night was cancelled. Coffee Morning back to 1st Friday in the month. £120 was raised for Macmillan at the October Coffee morning.
- Christmas Drinks to be organised for Friday 17 December.
- Heating moving in the direction of electric. It is hoped that more information will be available at the next committee meeting.
- Cllr Stone has been looking at the damp issue in the toilet area with Mr Jones. He suspects that it could be due to condensation as there is no through ventilation or insulation.
- Bank account is very healthy and in excess of £30,000. It was agreed that the Chairman would raise the matter of the Committee making a donation to the Council to help support repayment of the Public Works Loan.

10. Village Affairs

Update From Gridserve - Cirencester Solar Farm

Cllr Stone reported that all is going well despite some supply issues as many of the components are being sourced abroad but the inverters are expected to arrive from India at the end of this month. The heavy work has now been completed and it is expected that the site will be finished around the end of May 2022. The Witpit Lane road closure is likely to be retained until sometime in January 2022.

Community Speed Watch

It was acknowledged that while Witpit Lane is closed, speeding not such an issue. However, it was agreed to support a speed watch group and to recruit volunteers for training now so that they can begin as soon as the Lane is open again. Ideally a minimum of 3 people would be needed, and an advert should be included in the next Village Newsletter. It was noted that each Village group are able to retain their own camera which would assist with flexibility and that the data is downloaded onto a computer.
Action:
CB

Plant a Tree for the Queen's Jubilee

- Action:** Trees will be available from December onwards and it was agreed to seek GCC Highways permission to planted on the wide verge at the entrance to Village or in the corner of the Playing Field.
CB
- 11. CDC Community Governance Review
RESOLUTION 30/21**
Members were asked to consider if any changes to the Parish boundary are needed and to advise the Clerk to feed into CDC's review which will begin in January 2022
- 12. Finance**
- 12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 October 2021
RESOLUTION 31/21**
It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.
- 12.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule
RESOLUTION 32/21**
There were no bills for payment
- 12.3 Draft Budget 2022 – 2023**
The draft budget was noted. Members were asked to consider this for finalisation at the next meeting.
- 13. Planning**
- 13.1 New Planning Applications**
- 21/03825/FUL Beechnut Cottage Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**
Erection of garage/garden store and associated works
RESOLUTION 33/21
No Objections
- 21/04018/TCONR Village Farmhouse 78 Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**
Lawson Cypress Tree – Fell
RESOLUTION 34/21
No Objections
- 21/03906/FUL Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**
Replace existing wooden casement single glazed windows with double glazed, wooden casement windows
RESOLUTION 35/21
No Objections
- 21/03907/LBC Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**
Replace existing wooden casement single glazed windows with double glazed, wooden casement windows
RESOLUTION 36/21
No Objections
- 13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**
- 21/02702/OUT The Old Pump House South Cerney Road Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**
Outline application for the erection of two storey dwelling house with all matters reserved except access.
Still Awaiting Decision.
- 21/02393/FUL Land Adjacent To Preston Mill South Cerney Road Cirencester Siddington GL7 6ET**
Height of boundary walls increased to 2.0m, erection of side and rear extensions, glass balustrade added to flat roof, black metal flue added, front door changed, garage alterations to include addition of external stair, addition of first floor door, addition of dormer windows, addition of garage doors and addition of windows on West elevation
Still Awaiting Decision
- 21/01532/FUL Norcote Grange Norcote Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RJ** Change of use of former stables to tourist accommodation together with associated ancillary works including creation of new access from private drive

Still Awaiting Decision

13.3 Decision Notices Received

21/03317/FUL. 20 Kingsway Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5XA

One and two storey rear extensions - Permitted 18 October 2021

20/04301/FUL Wychwood Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Erection of Garage - Permitted 23 September 2021

13.4 Planning Correspondence

20/04301/FUL Wychwood Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR - Email from Cllr M Evemy.

Cllr Stone raised concerns that the application description is not reflected in the Decision Notice and, in fact, the materials used do not comply with previous applications or the Cotswold Design Code. Cllr Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Development and Licensing has offered to arrange an online meeting with the Senior Planner to discuss the issues surrounding the applications for this site and we are in the process of arranging a date.

Farmyard Adjacent to Witpit Lane – Noise and Traffic Nuisance

A resident has raised concern about businesses being run from the farmyard at the top of the Village without the appropriate planning permission. The Clerk has made enquiries with CDC but, in the meantime, Cllr Cameron has asked Mr Huck if he can arrange for the skip to be moved which would reduce the noise nuisance to nearby properties.

Action:
CB

14. Correspondence

CDC Budget Consultation <http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/budget> 19 Nov

Noted

GCC – Minerals & Waste Policy Consultation

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/waste-local-plan-for-gloucestershire-duty-to-co-operate-scoping-paper-consultation>

Noted

CDC – Request for feedback on the SHELAA as part of the upcoming consultation on the Local Plan Partial Update. <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/evidence-base-and-monitoring/>

Noted. Members were encouraged to look at the SHELAA and pass any comments to the Clerk.

15. Any Other Business - None

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 13 January 2022

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 21.00