

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2014

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs C Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Vice-Chairman) till 8.05, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master. Cllr Mrs R Freyne (till 8.05) and Cllr N Price and Cllr G Edwards

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Mrs J Layton (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk), Mr A Stone

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC) and Cllr Mrs S Cameron

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

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

2.2 **To Receive Updates to Members Register of Interests**

3. **To Co-Opt to Fill the Vacancy for Councillor**

**RESOLUTION 15/14**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Guy Edwards to fill the vacancy.

4. **Minutes**

4.1 **Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1 May 2014**

**RESOLUTION 16/14**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Terms of Public Works Loan**

The Clerk confirmed that these run to 2027 and 2028.

**CDC's Town and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting**

No-one was able to attend.

6. **To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Mrs J Layton advised that she had seen Surveyors at Preston Toll Bar and enquired why. As no-one had any information it was agreed to make enquiries of Gloucestershire Highways. There was nothing further to report.

7. **To Receive Questions from the Public**

Mr Stone's questions related to the email received from Gloucestershire Highways and were addressed under Item 10.

8. **Playing Field**

**Play Area Safety Report**

It was noted that nothing in the report is above Low and Medium risk and would be dealt with under general maintenance of the play area. The Clerk was requested to place the report on the website for residents to access. Cllr Edwards advised that the safety surface at either end of the slide needs replacing and the Clerk was requested to obtain quotes for bark.

**Action:**

Cllr Edwards also agreed to look into enhancing the play area within the annual budget

**Action:**

of £1,000 per annum.

9. **Village Hall**

9.1 **Report and Update from the Last Meeting**

Cllr Mrs C Sutton reported that Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company would be performing a WW1 commemoration play in October.

10. **Village Affairs**

**Gloucestershire Highways Response to Issues Raised at Meeting on 10 June**

The Clerk confirmed that the email response received from Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways had been reported in the Village Newsletter.

It was noted that:

- the expected re-modelling of the junction with Kingshill Lane will no longer take place as the s106 funding had been attached to a planning application on London Road. This development has now been replaced by a subsequent plan that carries no s106 funding for this work. Members expressed concern that this had been overlooked and Cllr Mrs Layton requested details of both applications so that she could make further enquiries.
- A request for a Vehicle Activated Sign is unlikely to comply with the criteria. In the circumstances, the Clerk was requested to enquire if the Parish Council could install camera signage without a camera.

**Action:**

It was agreed to:

- invite Gary Handley (GCC's Road Safety Officer) to come to the September meeting to explore possibilities
- ask about the possibility of installing a square sleeping policeman
- consider flower tubs at the entrance to the Village for next year.
- chase Richard Gray for a quotation for the proposed new Village sign.

**Action:**

- request that the flashing signs at the Toll Bar are actually working.

## 11. Finance

### 11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 June 2014 (Attached) RESOLUTION 17/14

The Clerk reported that there is currently £30,457.62 in the Bank. £12,000 of this is on high interest deposit until August 2014 leaving £18,457.62 available. £12,891 of this is allocated for expenditure this year. Another £5,735 of the Precept will be paid in October. It was agreed to wait until October when £24,000 will be available to invest and may attract a better interest rate.

### 11.2 Bills for Payment RESOLUTION 18/14

Playsafety Ltd – Play Area Safety Check	£ 78.00	
Busy Fingers – April Printing	£ 30.41	(Already paid by BACS)
Busy Fingers – May Printing	£ 31.93	(Already paid by BACS)
Bibury Landscaping - May & June Grasscutting	£294.00	
Clerk's Expenses	£ 5.29	

### 11.3 External Auditors Report and Completion of the Audit 2013-14

Not yet available.

### 11.4 To Consider Membership Renewal to Gloucestershire Rural Community Council RESOLUTION 19/14

It was RESOLVED to renew membership subscription of £25 for another year.

## 12. Planning

### 12.1 New Planning Applications

None

### 12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

None

### 12.3 Decision Notices Received

**14/01863/FUL Abbey Home Farm, Burford Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5HF**  
Proposed Accommodation Block (Class C2) together with associated ancillary development

**Permitted 6 June 2014**

**14/01606/OPANOT Preston Mill Barn, Swindon Road, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6ET**

Notification under Class J of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2013 for change of use and conversion of existing office (Class B1(a) to single dwelling (Class C3)

**Not Open for Consultation**

**14/02178/SCR Land East Of Witpit Lane, Preston, Gloucestershire**

Proposed solar park

**For Information Only**

**14/00840/ADV Tesco, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP**

Replacement and additional signage to petrol station, superstore and car parking area

**Permitted 14 May 2014**

**14/00839/FUL Tesco, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP**

External alterations to store including new cafe lobby entrance with outdoor seating, construction of retail pod in car park, alterations to car park layout and associated works and fencing.

**Permitted 21 May 2014**

**12.4 Planning Correspondence**

CDC's Local Plan – Statement of Community Involvement

[http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/sci\\_2014/s\\_c\\_i\\_2014](http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/sci_2014/s_c_i_2014)

Noted

CDC's Local Plan – Green Space Designation – Deadline extended to 18 July

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/communities/neighbourhood-planning/introduction-to-neighbourhood-and-community-led-plans/>

Noted

**13. Website**

It was reported that the Chairman and the Clerk had received many old photographs of the Village and Villagers which would be uploaded to the website. In the meantime, the Chairman would consult residents who would be able to provide names and

**Action:** places.

**14. Correspondence**

**List of Correspondence Received in May and June (Attached)**

Noted.

**Geoffrey Clifton-Brown – Neighbourhood Plans**

Noted

**GAPTC - Invitation to AGM – 16 July 2014**

Noted

**CDC Leaders Update**

Noted

**GCC – Invitation to Highways Information Evening – 21 July**

Noted

**CDC's Briefing Note – Traveller and Gypsy Sites**

Noted

**15. Any Other Business**

**Bridle Path**

The Chairman advised that the Bridle path at the top of the village (running along side the A419 to Harnhill) is overgrown again although the far end had been cut back. The Clerk was requested to approach Gloucestershire Highways and request a long-term plan for maintenance.

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Thursday, 4 September 2014 at 7 pm in the Village Hall**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm**