

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master. Cllr Mrs R Freyne and Cllr N Price.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mrs J Layton (CDC), Cllr C Bennett (CDC), Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Election of Chairman - Until the Annual Council Meeting 2015**
RESOLUTION 9/14
Cllr Mrs C Sutton was unanimously elected Chairman.
Cllr Mrs Sutton signed her Acceptance of Office
2. **Election of Vice Chairman - To hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2015 – Julie**
RESOLUTION 10/14
Cllr Mrs J Tomblin was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman
3. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**
Cllr C Bennett (CDC)
4. **Declarations of Interest and Update Register of Members' Interests (as required)**
None
5. **Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 6 March 2014**
RESOLUTION 11/14
It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
None
7. **Village Affairs**
Traffic Speed Limit on A419 at Toll Bar and Cirencester Inner Ring-Road
Surveys show that traffic speeds at the junction are not exceeding the limit. Cllr Parsons had advised at the last meeting that he would take the matter up with Highways staff
Action: following re-organisation and he confirmed that he would.
Maintenance of Bridle Path BPR132
It was reported that since the last meeting the work has been carried out but it is not clear who did it.
Highways – prevention of traffic entering the Village from the A417 London Road
The Clerk confirmed that a meeting is being arranged with Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways to discuss access from the A417 and the possibility of installing "gates" on the verges at the village entrances.
Action:
8. **To Receive Questions from the Public**
None
9. **Playing Field – To Receive Update – Cllr R Canton**
Cllr Canton had nothing new to report about the Playing Field and confirmed that he would continue to keep an eye on it and report any concerns to the Council after his retirement from the Council.
10. **Village Hall**
Nothing to report
11. **Finance**
11.1 **Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation for Year Ending 31 March 2014**

Action: Noted. The Clerk was requested to check the term of the Public Works Loan.

11.2 Audit Return for Year Ending 31 March 2014

RESOLUTION 12/14

The internal auditor's report was noted. It was RESOLVED to approve the Accounting and Annual Governance Statements. The Audit Return was then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk / RFO

11.3 Bills for Payment

RESOLUTION 13/14

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve payment:

- J-Bookkeepers - Internal Auditor - £70.00
- Busy Fingers – Newsletter Printing - £61.58
- Bibury – Grasscutting - £117.60

11.4 Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 14/14

It was unanimously RESOLVED to pay this year's Insurance Premium with Zurich Municipal - 3 Year Agreement - £289.60 (an increase of £1.59 on last year).

11.5 Grant Request from Cobalt Unit Appeal

It was unanimously agreed to hold all grant / donation requests and consider all at the end of the financial year.

Action:

12. Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications

None

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

14/00839/FUL Tesco Stores Ltd

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.

Action: **Preston Parish Council objects to this application as this development on an already busy site. It will inevitably increase traffic on the nearby roundabout and surrounding roads which are already congested at busy times.**

14/00840/ADV Tesco Stores Ltd

Tesco, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP

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

Action: **Preston Parish Council objects to this application which will increase light pollution and create a nuisance to nearby properties.**

12.3 Planning Decisions Received

14/00960/FUL Wychwood, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5PR

Erection of replacement dwelling

Withdrawn 11 April 2014

12.4 Tree Works

14/01327/TCONR 90 Preston, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 5PR

Horse chestnut - fell

No objection from County

13. Website

Nothing to report.

14. Correspondence

Correspondence Information Sheets – March and April

Action: To Follow

Licence application for a premises licence for the sale by retail of alcohol - Giraffe Restaurant, Tesco Kingsmeadow, Cirencester

Noted

Invitation to CDC's Town & Parish Liaison meeting – 19 June 2014

Action: Cllr Mrs Chester Master and Cllr Mrs J Tomblin would attend.

Invitation to Cotswold Tree Wardens Event – 10 May 2014

Noted

CDC Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Local Green Spaces

Action: It was agreed that Councillors would consider and advise the Clerk by email.

15. Any Other Business

• **Report from Mrs D Warren (Attached)**

Noted. The Clerk was requested to ask Mrs Warren to provide Cllr Mrs Freyne with

Action: Newsletter distribution email addresses for Neighbourhood Watch.

• **Belectric Site in Willersey**

Action: The Clerk was requested to arrange a date to visit the site.

• **PC Weedon's Policing Report**

The Report was circulated.

• **Lorry Parked in Farm Yard**

The Clerk was requested to alert CDC Enforcement that a lorry is parked in the yard some nights and at weekends.

Action:

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 3 July 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm