

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY 2015

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:) Cllr S Parsons (GCC), Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk), Mr and Mrs R Canton, Mr J Lynn, Mr and Mrs A Warren, Mr A Stone, Mrs S Gulliford, Mr A Lindsay, Mrs J Beadle, Mr and Mrs H Spivey, Mrs A Smith, Mr I Jones, Mr A White and Mr C Huck

1.	Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr G Edwards (Personal) and Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal), Cllr Mrs J Layton (CDC), Cllr C Bennett.
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
3.1	Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19 November 2014 The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman
4.	Village Design Statement RESOLUTION 1/15 The majority of members of the public present were interested in the Village Design Statement. The Chairman explained the purpose of such a Statement and asked for support from the Village to bring together a core group who would drive it. She further explained that, following advice, it would be preferable for the Village to carry out the research and consultation and suggested employing a planning professional to write up the final document including references to Planning Policy that would give it more weight. Questions were raised about the benefits of the carrying out a Statement and whether it needed to be adopted by CDC and included in the Local Plan at its inception. It was agreed that the latter needed to be clarified. There was concern about the possible costs and it was agreed that quotes from other planning professionals should be sought. The Chairman described some of the areas of research that would be required and confirmed that volunteers have come forward to cover photographs and maps. Further volunteers from the meeting were: Alan Stone, Ian Jones, Dot Warren, John Lynn and Howard Spivey. Karen Thornton had also indicated that she wished to be involved. It was noted that research into the history of village had been carried out in the 1970's. Action: The Clerk was requested to include links to other Village Design Statements on the website and to advertise this via the Village Newsletter.
5.	Matters Arising from the Minutes
	Hedge Opposite the Rectory Cllr Price confirmed that this has now been cut
6.	Reports from County and District Councillors District Councillors were not available.
7.	Questions and Comments from the Public Belectric Solar Farm The Chairman confirmed that no further information has been received. Traffic Speed

	<p>The Chairman confirmed that a meeting is to take place with Highways on Monday to discuss remodelling of the junction with Kingshill Lane and the provision of gates and new Village signs to make drivers more aware that they are entering a Village.</p> <p>STOP Sign at Village Farm exit RESOLUTION 2/15</p> <p>Mr Huck advised that his father's permission would be required to install a STOP sign and white lining at the exit to Village Farm but he did not foresee a problem. The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Council would cover the cost and agreed to pursue the matter with Mr D Huck.</p> <p>Action:</p>
8.	Playing Field
	<p>Play Area Report – Cllr G Edwards Not available</p>
Action:	Play Area Refurbishment Update The Clerk confirmed that grant applications are in hand
9.	<p>Village Hall - Report and Update from the Last Meeting Cllr Mrs C Sutton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM on 4 February • Jumble Sale on 14 March • Soup Saturday coming up • Nothing to report about redecoration
10.	Village Affairs
Action:	Traffic Speed – Entrance Gates – To Receive Update Planned meeting on Monday with Highways Officer and Road Safety Auditor.
Action:	Community Noticeboard - To Receive Update Members were advised of one quotation and it was confirmed that others are awaited.
Action:	<p>Councillors' Responsibilities The following were confirmed: Cllr Mrs Chester-Master – Footpaths and Bridleways Cllr Edwards – Playing Field Cllr Mrs Sutton and Cllr Mrs Cameron - Design Statement and Village Hall Cllr Price - Village Maintenance Cllr Mrs Tomblin - Planning Cllr Mrs Freyne was not present but would be asked if she would take on Highways and Speeding.</p>
11.	Finance
11.1	Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2014 Noted
11.2	<p>Bills for Payment RESOLUTION 3/15 Busy Fingers – Newsletter and Flyer Printing £82.46</p>
11.3	<p>Adoption of Pay Scales for 2014 – 2016 and Recommended Non-Consolidated Payment RESOLUTION 4/15 It was resolved to adopt the recommended pay scales and non-consolidated payment.</p>
11.4	GAPTC's Recommendations for Planning Budget 2015 – 2016 Noted.
11.5	<p>PWLB Repayment Figures RESOLUTION 5/15 The current figures (attached) were noted and it was resolved not to use available funds to repay the loan as it would not be a prudent use of reserves in view of the current interest rates.</p>
11.6	<p>Budget Planning for 2015 – 2016 and Precept Request RESOLUTION 6/15 The Budget was agreed as attached. It was noted that the number of properties within the Parish boundary would reduce with the boundary change from 1 April 2015. In view of the current level of reserves, it was resolved to maintain the tax burden on individual properties at same level as currently which will reduce the Precept to £12,906 plus</p>

	<p>support grant £572 totalling £13,478. With a tax base of 153.9, this means that the Band D Council Tax will remain at £83.86</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to progress the following projects in the next financial year:</p> <p>STOP sign and white lining on the road at Village Farm exit subject to discussion with Mr D. Huck)</p> <p>Action: Replacement of way marking signs on parish footpaths</p> <p>It was also agreed to offer to contribute 50% of the cost of remodelling the junction with Kingshill Lane following upcoming discussion with Highways Officer on Monday 12 January.</p>
12.	Planning
12.1	New Planning Applications
	<p>14/04516/OUT Land At Preston Mill Barn, Swindon Road, Preston, CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire, GL7 6ET</p> <p>Erection of up to 6 dwellings together with associated ancillary development</p> <p>RESOLUTION 7/15</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <p>Concern about traffic coming out onto South Cerney Road</p> <p>Site unsuitable for housing between the A419 and South Cerney Road</p> <p>No safe walking route to Siddington</p> <p>Improvements needed for pedestrian and cyclists accessing the Toll Bar particularly for pupils en route to Kingshill Secondary and Watermoor Primary Schools</p> <p>Better visibility is needed from the road and the site.</p> <p>It is a very dark corner.</p> <p>It was resolved to make the following response:</p> <p>The Parish Council has no specific objections to this application but would like to make the following comments and request:</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>The Parish Council feels that the close proximity of the site to the very busy A419 makes it unsuitable for domestic dwellings in view of traffic noise. The access on to the South Cerney Road is dangerous as it is between a bend in the road and the junction with the South Cerney Road that connects to Siddington.</p> <p>Request for s106 Agreement:</p> <p>There has long been concern about the lack of a safe pedestrian and cycle route on this part of the South Cerney Road. There is a dangerous bend and the hedgerow and overhanging trees make the road very dark cutting off natural light. There is also no footway and the road is too narrow to create one. The road carries a considerable amount of local traffic travelling between South Cerney / Siddington areas to Cirencester and Kingshill Lane and to Kingshill School. This will increase with the development of the new Primary School at Kingshill.</p> <p>If the development goes ahead it would present a perfect opportunity to create a safe pedestrian and cycle route along the boundary of the site (on the western / Siddington / South Cerney side) to connect with the footway and cycle route alongside the A419; a better access to the site could be created with the removal of part of the hedge and by thinning out overhanging trees would give more natural light making the road safer for all users. This would be of benefit not only to the residents of Siddington, South Cerney and Preston but also to the wider community of the area. In addition the safe footway and cycle route could be continued with the development at Siddington Park Farm.</p>
	<p>14/05184/REM Land West Of Siddington Road And South Of North Hill Road Cirencester Gloucestershire</p> <p>Reserved Matters for the erection of up to 55 residential dwellings, new access to highway, public open space and ancillary development (pursuant to Outline permission granted under ref. 11/01774/OUT)</p> <p>Noted.</p>
12.2	Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting
	<p>14/05136/FUL Preston Field Barn Cottages Abbey Home Farm Fosseyway Preston CIRENCESTER Gloucestershire GL7 5HA</p> <p>Replacement of existing semi-detached cottages together with associated ancillary development</p>

	No Objections
12.3	Decision Notices Received None
12.4	Planning Correspondence None
13.	Website - To Receive Update Nothing to report.
14.	Correspondence
	CDC Local Plan Consultation Noted
	CDC Polling Station Review Noted
	CDC Leaders Update – December 2014 Noted
	CDC presentation to Parish and Town Councils Noted
	CDC Master Composting Course Noted
15.	Any Other Business
Action:	Litter Pick – Saturday, 21 March – meet at 10 am at the entrance to Church Farm The Clerk was requested to arrange collection of the equipment.
Action:	Snow Plough Operator The Chairman advised that Chris Huck has resigned as plough operator and the Clerk was requested to enquire if Gloucestershire Highways can provide a plough if another operator with a tractor could be found.
Action:	Nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party It was agreed to nominate the Chairman.
Action:	Lorries Lorries are parking at unsociable hours and the Clerk was requested to advise Cllr Mrs Cameron of the the relevant Environmental Health Officer at CDC.
Action:	Footpath Signs The Sign near to the dog waste bin has fallen and the Clerk was requested to notify Gloucestershire Highways and to ask PROW for yellow arrow signs that the Parish could install.
16.	Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm