

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2016

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr S Parsons (GCC and CDC) Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**  
Cllr G Edwards (Personal)
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 from Previous Meetings**
  - 3.1 Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12 May 2016  
**RESOLUTION 20/16**  
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
**Repair to old slide and replacement of rope ladder**  
**Action: CB** As Cllr Edwards was not available, the Clerk agreed to check with him
- 5 **Village Design Statement**  
**Action: CB** The Clerk advised that Mr Stone had contacted her to advise that the work has been completed but he is having some problems with the final document. The Clerk is arranging to contact him.
6. **Report from County and District Councillor – Cllr Shaun Parsons**  
Nothing specific to report. The impact of Brexit is unknown, however, funding may not now be available for A419 Missing Link should the economy take a downturn.
7. **Questions and Comments from the Public** - None.
8. **Playing Field**  
Play Area Report – Cllr G Edwards – not available.  
It was noted that a group of Footballers have been using the pitch on a regular basis on Saturday mornings. Concern was raised that balls are being kicked into nearby gardens together with wear and tear on the field. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Freyne would attempt to meet with the footballers to find out who they are and their intentions.  
**Action: JB & RF**
9. **Village Hall - Cllr Mrs C Sutton**  
The Tea Urn was sourced in time for Picnic and the Safari Supper was very good and made a good profit.
10. **Village Affairs**  
**Action: SP** **Highways - Toll Bar Central Reservation** – Wild Flowers  
Gloucestershire Highways has no objection in principle pending a formal Cultivation Licence application. Cllr Parsons agreed to consult his daughter on the best method and species to be used.

### **Highways – Lengthsman Works**

**Action: ALL** Cllr Parsons advised that he has been allocated another week of work for his Division later in the year. It was agreed to develop a list of requirements in the Parish during the next few weeks. It was noted that the surface of Cherry Tree Lane is in a particularly poor condition and needs complete resurfacing.

Cllr Parsons enquired how the new roundabout at Siddington Park Farm has affected the traffic flow and it was generally considered to have made an improvement although traffic from the Swindon direction sometimes does not slow down enough to allow traffic to continue round the roundabout.

It was noted that the roundabout at the junction with Tesco is particularly difficult to use due to the lay out and traffic volume. Cllr Parsons suggested that if the development at Chesterton goes ahead all of the roundabouts on the ring road will need to be reviewed.

**Police – Crime Report** - Not available

### **Action: CB Community Noticeboard – Update**

The Clerk advised that Mr Kendrick has the header board and magnetic backing.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations** – Feedback from Saturday, 11 June 2016

It was agreed that there had been a good turnout and that everyone had enjoyed the evening.

It was noted that for future events on the Playing Field arrangements need to be made to cut the Field well head of time.

### **Footpaths**

It was noted that Footpath 10 needs to be mowed and that the Field behind Village Farm has been planted with barley making Footpath 7 too narrow to be used. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Huck and request that the paths are maintained and to bear the width of Footpath 7 in mind when sowing the next crop.

### **Action: CB**

### **Flagpole**

**Action: RF & CB** A request has been received to install a flagpole in the Village. Cllr Mrs Freyne agreed to investigate the cost and the Clerk would investigate planning regulations.

### **Maintenance of Trees**

Cllr Price drew attention to the trees in the Village that need maintenance: on Kingshill Lane near to the dual carriageway opposite the Village Hall

It was agreed that Cllr Price would produce schedule of work for pruning during the winter and removing the ivy. This would be considered at the next meeting.

### **Action: NP**

## **11.**

### **Finance**

**11.1** Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 June 2016

### **RESOLUTION 21/16**

It was resolved to approve the report as attached.

**11.2** Bills for Payment : Attached Schedule

### **RESOLUTION 22/16**

It was resolved to pay the bills as detailed on the attached schedule.

**11.3** New Staff Salary Scales and Back Payment to 1 April 2016

### **RESOLUTION 23/16**

The Clerk advised the Financial implications resulting in an 11p increase in the hourly rate totaling £50 annually. It was resolved to approved the increase and to review the Clerk's Scale Point and Salary at the next meeting. The Clerk would circulate the relevant information.

### **Action: CB**

## **12.**

### **Planning**

**12.1** New Planning Applications

### **16/02629/SCOPE Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire**

Request for EIA Scoping Opinion - construction of up to 400 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure

Validated 27 June 2016

The meeting with the developer Robert Hitchins was noted although no plans are yet available.

Cllr Parsons confirmed that CDC's housing allocation is 8,400 houses over 20 years and that all of these are now allocated. He suggested that there is already sufficient

development this side of Cirencester and that this is still a good argument against this new proposal as well as the detrimental impact on the adjacent listed buildings. Cllr Parsons agreed to advise further information on which the Council could base a response.

**Action: SP**

**12.2** Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

**16/01188/FUL Ampney Knowle Farm Ampney Knowle Barnsley Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5ED**

Change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Replacement of agricultural buildings with new building to include loose boxes/foaling boxes, tack room, rug rooms, feed room and hay/fodder storage. Horse walker, 60m x 40m outdoor menage

**16/02360/OUT Land To The South Of Love Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire**

Outline application for the erection of up to 88 dwellings, new vehicular access off Park Way, erection of a new purpose built school hall and provision of a solar parl (resubmission)

**12.3** Decision Notices Received - None

**12.4** Planning Correspondence and Issues

**Community Infrastructure Levy:** Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule:

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/news/june-2016/consultation-begins-on-more-efficient-infrastructure-charges/>

Respond by 8 August 2016

**Local Plan Submission Draft Reg.19 (June 2016) :**

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/news/june-2016/local-plan-final-round-of-consultation-begins/>

Respond by 8 August 2016

Cllr Mrs Freyne confirmed that she has read through the document and raised the following points:

- Allocated Housing target has been exceeded
- Requirement for Green spaces to improve quality of life (NPPF 28 green spaces)
- Importance of retaining the intrinsic character of the area (Village)
- Development in Preston will result in additional pressure on Cirencester and its infrastructure and ultimately join Preston to the Town.

**Action: RF & CB**

Cllrs Mrs Freyne agreed to send her comments to the Clerk to enable a response to be made.

**16/00897/SCR Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire**

Proposed development of up to 500 dwellings, associated infrastructure and landscaping, with vehicular access from Kingshill Lane

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**Correspondence**

**Conservation Volunteers** -Noted

**Cotswold Tree Wardens Conference – 9 July 2016** - Noted

**GAPTC AGM – 16 July 2016** - Noted

**Cotswold Conservation Board – Parish Member** - Noted

**14.**

**Any Other Business**

**Dogs on Leads**

It was reported that there have been further complaints about dog owners not keeping their dogs on a lead and allowing them to enter and roam gardens. The Clerk was requested to include this in the Council's Newsletter article.

**Vote of Thanks**

Cllr Mrs Chester Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Tomblin for all of her work towards making the Picnic such a successful event. This was supported by all Members.

**15.**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 1 September 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12 pm**