

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master and Cllr G Edwards,

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

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**
Cllr N Price (Personal), Cllr Mrs C Sutton (Personal) and Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal)
2. **Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**
 - 2.1 **To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None
 - 2.2 **To Receive Updates to Members Register of Interests**
None
3. **Minutes from Previous Meetings**
 - 3.1 **Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Thursday, 7 and 14 January 2016**
RESOLUTION 5/16
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
None
5. **Village Design Statement – Update**
Cllr Mrs Cameron reported that all of the questionnaires have been collated and that the Group are putting together a display to be placed in the Village Hall.
6. **Report from County and District Councillor – Cllr Shaun Parsons**
 - Budgets at GCC and CDC have been finalised.
 - Pleased that Preston is using GCC's Active Together Fund to replace play equipment
 - Highways – Roads in a terrible condition but will receive additional £2.5 m from national government and trialing new techniques for repairs.
 - Lost £34m in budget cuts.
 - Parts of the A429 Lechlade road will be re-surfaced in next 6 months
 - CDC is funding improvements to the broadband service
 - Unitary with West Oxfordshire Proposal - Main office is likely to be in Witney. Gloucestershire devolution will still go ahead.
 - Chesterton development is also likely to go ahead and is in the local Plan.
 - Additional sewerage works will be carried out in connection with the Bloor Homes development at Siddington.

Thames Water is being more co-operative over drainage issues.
7. **Questions and Comments from the Public**
None
8. **Playing Field**
Play Area Report
Cllr G Edwards reported that the old equipment needs some repair work including the roof on the tower. It was agreed that the Chairman's husband and son would help.
Action: GE
Play Area Refurbishment Update
The Clerk confirmed that both the GCC and CDC grants have been approved and the order placed. The equipment is to be installed during the week commencing 21 March. It was agreed to combine a launch event with the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations

with a Bring and Share Picnic on the Playing Field from 3pm on Saturday, 11 June. The Clerk was requested to include this in the Newsletter article and to request use of the tea tent from Cllr Mrs Freyne. It was further agreed to investigate commemorative memorabilia to be give to the children.

Action: CB

9. **Village Hall - Report and Update from the Last Meeting – Cllr Mrs S Cameron**
Nothing to report

10. **Village Affairs**

Highways - Toll Bar Central Reservation – Wild Flowers and VAS

It was agreed to remind Cllr Parsons regarding the response from Gloucestershire Highways.

Action: CB

Police – Crime Report

Action: CB

Noted. It was agreed to request regular reports for meetings.

Community Noticeboard – Update

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Kendrick who is progressing the noticeboard except for the header and magnetic backing that the Council would resolve.

Action: CB

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – Saturday, 11 June 2016

RESOLUTION 6/16

See Item 8 relating to the new Play Area launch.

Spring Clean Arrangements

It was agreed to book CDC's litter picking equipment for Tuesday, 15 March and to meet at 2pm at the signpost to Foxleaze. As this wouldn't be included in the Newsletter, it was agreed to ask Mrs Warren to send an email to everyone.

Action: CB

Annual Village Meeting – Thursday, 12 May

It was agreed not to have a speaker and that it would precede the Annual Parish Council meeting.

11. **Finance**

11.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 29 February 2016**

Noted and approved.

11.2 **Bills for Payment**

RESOLUTION 7/16

It was resolved to pay the following bills:

- GAPTC Membership Renewal £81.53

11.3 **New Audit Arrangements from 1 April 2015**

RESOLUTION 8/16

It was resolved not to opt out of the arrangements whereby Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd will appoint the external auditor and that from 31 March 2017 there would be no requirement for Councils, with a turnover below £25,000, to submit an Audit Return.

It was further resolved to appoint J Bookkeepers to carry out the Council's internal audit of this year's accounts.

Action: CB

12. **Planning**

12.1 **New Planning Applications**

16/00054/OUT Land At Chesterton Farm Cranhams Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6JP

Outline application (with all matters except Access reserved for subsequent consideration) for a mixed use development comprising demolition of existing buildings (as detailed on the submitted demolition plan) and the erection of up to 2,350 residential dwellings (including up to 100 units of student accommodation and 60 homes for the elderly), 9.1 hectares of employment land (B1, B2 and B8 uses), a primary school, a neighbourhood centre including A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 uses as well as community facilities (including a health care facility D1), public open space, allotments, playing fields, pedestrian and cycle links (access points onto Tetbury Road, Somerford Road and Cranhams Lane) landscaping and associated supporting infrastructure to include vehicle access points from Tetbury Road, Spratsgate Lane, Wilkinson Road and Somerford Road

RESOLUTION 9/16

It was resolved to object to the development highlighting: the strain on the surrounding infrastructure such as Secondary Schools, parking, health services, sewerage and drainage and to make contact with Save Our Cirencester informing them of the Council's support.

Action: CB

15/05165/OUT Land To The South Of Love Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire

Outline application for the erection of up to 88 dwellings, to include vehicular access off Park Way; new pedestrian and cycle links to the wider area; improvements to Siddington School, including improved access facilities and the erection of a new purpose built school hall; a solar park; ecological enhancements; strategic landscaping; and associated infrastructure

RESOLUTION 10/16

It was resolved to object to this application and to support Siddington Parish Council's comments.

Action: CB

16/00506/FUL Norcote Grange Norcote Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

Conversion of two dwellings to a single dwelling with annexe to include internal and external alterations (Retrospective)

Members had no objection to the proposal but did object to the application being made retrospectively.

Action: CB

16/00507/LBC Norcote Grange Norcote Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

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Members had no objection to the proposal but did object to the application being made retrospectively.

Action: CB

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

16/00353/FUL Norcote Workshop London Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

Temporary change of use of unit 2B for the manufacture and sale of cider until 30th September 2016 (Retrospective)

Noted

15/05588/FUL The Rectory Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works

Noted

12.3 Decision Notices Received - None

12.4 Planning Correspondence and Issues - None

13.

Correspondence

CDC – Environmental Services Allocation

It was agreed to request Litter picking in Kingshill Lane as it is too dangerous for volunteers to carry out and also to request and street signs cleaning.

Action: CB

GRCC – Parish Network Event

Noted

CDC – Funding for Broadband

Noted

CDC – Council Tax Freeze

Noted

14.

Any Other Business

Highways

It was noted that the roundabout sign at Siddington Park Farm has been knocked down and that there is still no pedestrian sign at the old toll bar. The Clerk was requested to notify Gloucestershire Highways.

Action: CB

Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Chester-Master advised that new signs are being installed on Church Farm.

15.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 12 May 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm