

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2016

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin, (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr G Edwards, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr N Price, Cllr Mrs C Sutton, Mrs and Mrs A Warren, Mr and Mrs R Canton, Mr A Lindsay, Mr A Stone, Mr W Mortimore and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Parsons (GCC and CDC), Mrs A Smith, Mrs T Munro-Warwick and Mr I Jones

**2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2015**

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

**Matters Arising**

None

**3. Annual Report of Preston Parish Council - Attached**

Cllr Mrs Tomblin gave an overview of the work of the Council during the past year and explained how its Members had taken on specific portfolio areas. She thanked Members and the Clerk for their work during the year.

Cllr Mrs Chester Master gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman for her work on behalf of the Village and the Parish Council.

**4. Finance Report**

The report was given at attached.

**5. Annual Reports from County and District Councillors**

Not Available

**6. Village Affairs**

**Community Design Statement (Draft Attached) – Mr Alan Stone**

Mr Stone gave an overview of the work of the group and circulated a copy of the draft document. He highlighted several improvement areas.

**Neighbourhood Watch – Mr Bill Mortimer**

Mr Mortimer explained that he was hoping to extend the Scheme to Village patrols but has not been successful. Crime figures in the Village have reduced and general Neighbourhood Watch information is included in the Newsletter and circulated to everyone.

**Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mrs Chris Sutton**

Mrs Sutton explained that the Committee has 8 Members and new chair – Therese Munro-Warwick. Recent work includes: redecoration of some of the walls, installations of blinds, the guttering has been fixed and timer has been placed on the kitchen extractor fan. Boxes for new wine glasses have been sourced and new tables will be purchased shortly. The Hall is cleaned once per month.

Anne Mingins continues to take the bookings which include: Art group, yoga, Parish Council, WI, elections and private parties.

The Committee has arranged various social events such as: Soup Saturdays and the Harvest supper / tea. Installation of a Defibrillator is being investigated and a Safari supper fund raising event will be held on Friday, 24 June. The Parish Council is planning to install broadband

**Village Newsletter (Report Attached) – Dot Warren**

Mrs Warren advised that Village Hall bookings are to be included in Newsletter and that she is looking to increase email circulation. She also expressed concern that she has been editing the Newsletter for 26 years and is looking for volunteers to help her.

**Police Report (Attached)**

The Chairman thanked everyone involved in supporting the Village through local Groups.

**7. Comments from the Public**

**Mr Alan Stone - Development off Kingshill Lane**

Mr Stone asked if the Council had any information regarding the press announcement relating to the development of 500 houses off Kingshill Lane and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries about this and the Over 50's Village which it is proposed to replace the the Care Home.

**8. Any Other Business**

None

**The Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm**