

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr and Mrs R Canton, Cllr S Parsons (CDC & GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Personal)

**2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**

**2.1 Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Price declared an interest in Item 10 Review of Winter Maintenance Work relating to Bibury Landscape carrying out tree pruning and verge tidying.

**2.2 Updates to Members Register of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**3.1** Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 September 2016

**RESOLUTION 31/16**

The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Highways – Lengthsman Works**

The Clerk confirmed that the list of required work has been submitted to Gloucestershire Highways.

**Del's Motorcycles 2 Stroke Day**

The Chairman advised that the fundraising day had been very successful and that £75 has been offered to the Council. These funds would be used towards grounds maintenance work at the entrance to Village Farm.

**Village Verges and Hedges**

The Clerk confirmed that the Diocese office had been contacted about the overgrown hedge and had been informed that this maintenance work is the responsibility of the tenant. The Clerk was requested to advise the Diocese office that Members felt it was unfair to expect the tenant to carry out remedial work as the hedge was already overgrown when they had moved in to the property.

**Action:**  
**CB**

5. **Village Design Statement**

Cllr Mrs Sutton reported that the document is being revised to include more detail as recommended by GRCC.

6. **Report from County and District Councillor – Cllr Shaun Parsons**

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP will hold another Flooding meeting and that Thames Water is putting together a case for grant funding for submission in 2020. GCC has a project to hold the water along the course of the River Churn rather than allowing the flow to be passed on.

7. **Questions and Comments from the Public**

Mr and Mrs Canton enquired if there is any news of the Solar Farm proposal and was advised that nothing further had been heard following the Government's withdrawal of subsidies. It was noted that the planning permission is allowed for 2 years. Mr and Mrs Canton also enquired about the Siddington Park Farm development and were informed that the site had changed hands but it was expected that work would begin shortly.

8. **Playing Field**

**Play Area Report**

Cllr G Edwards advised that the new equipment is well used. It was noted that a group of people are using a route over private land and cutting through to the footpath to access the Playing Field and also bringing a dog. It was agreed that Cllr Edwards would remove the redundant stile and the Clerk was requested to source and arrange installation of a sign stating that dogs are not allowed on the Playing Field. Councillors would monitor the situation.

**Action:**  
**GE, JT, RF**  
**& CB**

9. **Village Hall**

**Report and Update from the Last Meeting**

Cllr Mrs C Sutton reported that bookings have increased and now include several fitness classes. The Theatre event planned for later in the month is fully booked. The damp in the kitchen is still to be investigated.

**Broadband Installation**

The Clerk confirmed that the telephone line has now been installed and wifi is now available and currently achieving a good speed. A shelf has been installed in the kitchen for the router and the cables would be tidied with trunking. The Clerk was requested to advise residents via the Village Newsletter.

10. **Village Affairs**

**Highways - Toll Bar Central Reservation**

– Wild Flower Seed – Cultivation Licence

Chris has planted with some help. Nick to position posts to discourage Highways contractor to cut the grass and damage the plants.

### **Police – Crime Report**

Not available.

### **Schedule of Winter Maintenance Work**

Cllr Price confirmed that the ivy has been cut back on the trees and the verges tidied at the entrance to Village Farm. We are waiting for Gloucestershire Highways to confirm that they will carry out the work to raise the canopy of the trees on Kingshill Lane before further work can be considered by the Parish Council's contractor.

It was noted that the Village no longer has a Snow Plough Operator and the Clerk advised that Gloucestershire Highways does not have a plough which can be loaned. However, Cllr Price confirmed that he has a tractor and will clear the snow, if required.

**Action:**  
**NP**

### **CDC Consultation on Removal of Payphone RESOLUTION 32/16**

It was resolved that as the payphone had not been used at all during the past 12 months there is no point in maintaining it. However, Members agreed that the kiosk should be retained and that the Council should take ownership of it. The Clerk was requested make the necessary enquiries with BT and to seek a Village Volunteer to maintain the phone box via the Village Newsletter.

**Action:**  
**CB**

### **Gigaclear Installations**

It was noted that a lot of complaints had been received from residents due to the mess and damage to the verges created by Gigaclear's contractor. It was agreed to monitor the work and clear up to ensure that the verges and footways are re-instated correctly.

**Action: All**

## **11. Finance**

### **11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 October 2016 (Attached) RESOLUTION 33/16**

It was unanimously resolved to accept the report as attached.

### **11.2 Bills for Payment : Attached Schedule RESOLUTION 34/16**

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

### **11.3 External Auditors Report – Year End Accounts 2015 / 2016 RESOLUTION 35/16**

It was unanimously resolved to accept the report as attached.

### **11.4 To Begin Budget Planning for 2017 – 18**

A draft budget was discussed and it was agreed to finalise this and the Precept request at the January meeting in time to be notified to CDC. Members were asked to bring any future projects for consideration to the next meeting and Cllr Edwards suggested a Projector and Screen for the Village Hall.

## **12. Planning**

### **12.1 New Planning Applications**

#### **16/04102/FUL Cotswold Water Park Hotel Spine Road East South Cerney Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5FP**

Extension of existing spa area to provide children's pool and improved facilities, new

activity centre building, conversion of sales office to creche and extension to existing parking area to provide for displaced parking

Response 3 November 2016

No objections

**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

Response 8 November 2016

**16/04080/FUL 1 Norcote Cottages London Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH**

Demolition of existing single-storey rear/side extension and the erection of a part single storey/part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension, detached workshop building and the relocation of the vehicular access on to a classified road with associated vehicle turntable

Response 10 November 2016

No objections

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

**16/03432/FUL Siddington Park Farm South Cerney Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**

Proposed 2.4m fence to entrance of development site with vehicle and pedestrian access.

**No Objections**

**16/03940/TPO Land West Of Cirencester Road/A419 Cirencester Gloucestershire**

Works are required to 3Nr Tilia cordata, identified as numbers 3, 5 & 6 on the Tree Constraints Plan - 120608-Siddington-TCP-Rev D-AM by Tree Research

-Tree 3 requires removal of the Epicormic growth to a height upto 3m

-Tree 5 requires removal of the Epicormic growth to a height upto 2.5m

-Tree 6 requires removal of the Epicormic growth to a height upto 2.5m

The works are required to facilitate a health check of each of the trees with a specific view to confirming the presence of Kretzschmaria deusta which had been noted by a previous survey by Civic Trees, and to enable better access for a visual inspection by the LPA arboricultural officer.

**No Objections**

**12.3 Decision Notices Received - None**

**12.4 Planning Correspondence and Issues**

**Robert Hitchins Proposed Development on Kingshill Lane – Notes from Residents' Meeting on 22 September 2016 (Attached)**

These were noted.

CDC's Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule and Invitation to Consultation Event – 10 November 2016

**Action: JT & RF** The Chairman agreed to attend the consultation event on 10 November and Cllr Mrs Freyne agreed to attend the drop in event on 15 November.

**13. Correspondence**

**GAPTC – Training Courses – November and December**

Noted

**GCC Consultation on Draft Minerals Local Plan**

Noted

**GRCC AGM – 10 November 2016**

Noted

**Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation**

Noted

**GCC – Proposed Changes to Bus Services 881 and 852**

It was agreed to support Mr Canton's request that the service to Gloucester should be maintained as it provides access to the hospital.

**GCC – Proposed On-Street Parking Order 2016**

Noted

**Cllr Mark Harris – Straw Poll – Housing in Preston**

Noted

**Launch of Road Safety Community Hub**

Noted

**Stroud Town Council – Fracking in Gloucestershire**

Noted

**14. Any Other Business**

None

**15. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 12 January 2017 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm**