

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Stone, Miss S Godsall (GAPTC), PCSO Mike Owens and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal), Cllr G Edwards (Personal) and Cllr S Parsons

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

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

Cllr Mrs Tomblin declared an interest relating to the letter received from Mrs D Warren.

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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2016

RESOLUTION 24/16

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 – Attached

RESOLUTION 25/16

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alan Stone and thanked him and the Design Statement team for all of the work they had put in to produce the document and especially for getting it ready so quickly. Mr Stone confirmed that the main message from the survey emphasised that residents wish to keep Preston Village separate from Cirencester. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Statement and include it on the Village website as part of the public consultation process.

The Clerk was requested to forward the document to GRCC for comments and advice and to supply an informal copy to CDC Planners pending confirmation of the final version once comments from GRCC have been received. It was also agreed to seek advice on how to have the document adopted and enforceable by Planners.

Action:
CB

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

Not available

7. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

8. Playing Field

Play Area Report – Cllr G Edwards

The Clerk confirmed that Sovereign had carried out repairs to the roof of The Thumper in July and that Cllr Edwards will be carrying out work on the old slide.

Action:
PCM Cllr Price advised that the Poplars on the Playing Field need cutting back as they were last done 3 years ago and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master agreed to investigate.

9. Village Hall

Report and Update from the Last Meeting

Cllr Mrs C Sutton reported that the last meeting had been held on 16 July when hire fees were reviewed. Forthcoming bookings include:

2 sessions of Pilates each week, a Safari Supper, Quiz, Theatre performance of The Fearless Navigator by Spaniel in the Works, Christmas event on 23 December and a wine / pub night early in 2017. It was agreed that the Hall is very popular and well used by residents.

2 new tables have been purchased and the damp problem is in hand. Unfortunately, no-one has come forward to lead a campaign to provide a Defibrillator.

Update re Broadband Installation

Village Hall committee has decided to proceed with broadband and not wait for Gigaclear to be available in the Village. In the meantime, use of the Wi-Fi can be assessed. The Clerk confirmed that Broadband has been ordered through PlusNet and we are waiting for a date from BT to install the telephone line.

Action:
CB

Update re Community Noticeboard

It was noted that the notice board has been installed and is now in use. Members requested that Mr Kendrick be thanked for the exceptional workmanship and asked what treatment will be needed for the wood in the future. The Clerk was requested to purchase more magnets.

Action:
CB

10. Village Affairs

Highways - Toll Bar Central Reservation – Wild Flower Seed

It was agreed that an area of 3 metres either side of the path (using the lights as marker on one side and drain cover on the other and within the crash barriers) should be sowed with common wildflowers such as cowslips and oxeye daisies etc.

The Clerk was requested to complete the Cultivation application and to ask Gloucestershire Highways to carry out one more cut of the grass at the end of the summer but not thereafter. The weeds may need to be cleared before sowing and Cllr Price would check the site and arrange for the seed to be sown in the Spring.

Action:
CB & NP

Highways – Lengthsman Works – Develop a List of Work Required

Suggested work –

- Patching road surface at the top of the Village (where the road forks in front of the farm yard)
- Hedge cutting on the left at the top of the Village (from the Old Farmhouse round to the footpath)
- Clean sign posts
- Cut back vegetation around speed limit signs

Action:
CB

It was agreed to submit this list to Gloucestershire Highways and Cllr Parsons.

Police – Crime Report

PCSO Mike Owen advised that there has been a rise in the crime figures during the last 3 months but both Tesco and Kings Meadow are included in the Preston Policing area.

Only 1 crime was theft from Village Farm.

Concern was expressed regarding someone in the Village purporting to be a Mori Poll canvasser and whether they were genuine. The advice was to call the non-emergency number if anyone had concerns.

Action:
CB

The Clerk was requested to inform the Police of the change in the Parish boundary.

Schedule of Winter Maintenance Work (Attached)

RESOLUTION 26/16

Cllr Price presented a list of work and costs. It was noted that the trees on Kingshill Lane are owned by Highways and that they should be asked to cut the lower branches raising the canopy and then the Council would consider whether to carry out the remainder of the work. It was further noted that the verge has not been cut and trees not maintained at the entrance to Village Farm.

It was unanimously resolved to instruct Bibury Landscaping to carry out the proposed work on trees numbered 23 – 35 and to review the remainder of the work at the next meeting.

It was noted that the hedge and verge have not been cut in front of the Rectory and the Clerk was requested to contact the Diocese about this and the change in the Parish boundary. The Clerk was also requested to include an item in the Village Newsletter asking residents to maintain the verge in front of their properties.

Action:
CB & NP

Installation of Flag Pole

RESOLUTION 27/16

Following a proposal put to the last meeting, Members were advised that a basic flagpole is likely to cost in the region of £100 plus extras, installation and a flag. However, it was unanimously resolved not to install a flagpole in the Village.

Dell's Motorcycles 2 Stroke Day – 10 September

Dell's Motorcycles had advised that a fundraising event would be held on 10 September and had offered to donate the proceeds to the Council. The Clerk was requested to make contact thanking them for the offer and suggesting that the funds could be put towards tidying the entrance to Village Farm with a further request that motorcyclist be considerate of residents when riding through the Village.

Action:
CB

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 August 2016 (Attached)

RESOLUTION 28/16

Members unanimously resolved to approve the report as attached. The Clerk was requested to check whether the tea urn had been invoiced to the Village Hall and Cllr Price agreed to carry out an informal check of the records at next meeting.

11.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule

RESOLUTION 29/16

It was unanimously resolved to pay the Bills detailed on the Schedule.

12. Planning

12.1 New Planning Applications

16/02860/OUT The Old Pump House South Cerney Road Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET

Outline application for planning permission for the demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of up to 18 Assisted Living Units (Use Class C2), landscaped grounds, internal highways, car parking and associated works forming an extension to the adjacent Continuing Care Retirement Community
8 September 2016

Members were referred to an email from Cllr Parsons advising that this is a new application which will extend the site at Siddington Park Farm.

RESOLUTION 30/16

It was unanimously resolved to Object on the following grounds:
Lack of adequate parking; whole site is too big; there is a drainage and flooding issue on the site; traffic exiting on to South Cerney Road will exacerbate an already dangerous situation where there is no footpath; there is no public transport accessible by foot.

Action: CB

12.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

None

12.3 Decision Notices Received - None

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

Environmental Statement Required.

Noted

12.4 Planning Correspondence and Issues

Update on Siddington Park Farm

An email had been received from Mike Napper, Snr Planner, CDC confirming that the site had changed hands and that the current owner will be proceeding with the development.

Public Consultation Events on 8 & 9 September 2016 relating to Proposed Development off Kingshill Lane (16/02629/SCOPE)

Public Consultation event in Preston Village Hall on Friday, 9 September 3 – 7 pm.

Members are invited to attend at 2.30 pm and the Chairman urged everyone to attend.

12.5 Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda

None

13. Correspondence

CDC's Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation – attached - Noted

GCC Review of Sexual Health Services www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/sexualhealth

Noted

GRCC Community Emergency Plan Toolkit <http://www.grcc.org.uk/emergency-planning/community-emergency-planning-toolkit>

The Clerk was requested to Check that the Village contacts are current.

CAB AGM – 10 September 2016 at 5pm at Watermoor Primary School, Kingshill Lane

Noted

GAPTC – Devolution Letter – Request for Comments

Noted.

GAPTC – Forthcoming Training Events

Noted

Letter regarding Untidy Building work

The Chairman declared an interest as the site is adjacent to her home.

It was agreed that the Council has no power over this issue.

14. Any Other Business

None

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 3 November 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12 pm