

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2017

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

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

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence - None

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 Meeting held on 7 September 2017

RESOLUTION 29/17

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **Abandoned car** in the Layby is still there and the Clerk was requested to alert the Police
- **White Van in the Layby** has been removed.
- **Planting / Sowing** on the central reservation of the A419 has been carried out by Mrs Sutton.

5. Co-Opt to Fill the Vacancy

No one has yet come forward.

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on 14 September and the draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2017 and Vision

Noted

Verbal Update

The Chairman reported that the Vision was adopted at the last meeting and the Policies are being developed. All members of the Steering Group have taken the various aspects to research and this information will feed into the final Plan. Progress will be reported at next meeting but the work is going well and on schedule.

7. County and District Councillor

Cllr Shaun Parsons reported:

- Gigaclear issues are now resolved
- Japanese Knotweed in the Churn is a problem and attending a meeting tomorrow
- Village Farm House planning application - wall is being lowered
- Local Plan is currently being reviewed by Inspector
- Chesterton – approved subject to connecting east / west road. The next full CD Council meeting is on 20 December.
- Siddington Park Farm planning application - planners are nearing their report.
- It was brought to Cllr Parsons' attention that the whips planted in the hedgerow opposite the roundabout have been cut removing the screening of traffic lights.
- Hunters Equestrian planning application – No objection from the Parish

Council.

8. **Questions and Comments from the Public** - None

9. **Playing Field
Play Area Report**

Cllr G Edwards advised:

- Slide has been removed, beam and rope ladder have been replaced.
- A large branch has come down over the fence and has been removed.
- Concern that dog mess is more frequent
- A caravan was parked in the parking area but has now been removed but replaced by a small van

Action: CB Regular Monthly Checks and Records

The Clerk reported that she will provide Cllr Edwards with checklists.

Maintenance of Trees and Hedges on Boundary

Action: NP Cllr Price advised that hole filling is on-going and that he will arrange for his contractor to cut back the hedge at the top end of the field.

10. **Village Hall**

To Receive Report and Update from the Last Meeting

Cllr Mrs S Cameron confirmed that the recent Soup Saturday was well attended and proceeds will go towards the defibrillator fund. There is a Quiz night tomorrow.

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting on 27 October 2017 - Noted

Action: PC Cllr Mrs Chester-Master advised that she will arrange for the Community noticeboard at the Village Hall to be rubbed down and retreated.

11. **Village Affairs**

Police – <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/the-cotswolds/cirencester-rural-south/> The Clerk was requested to include this in the Council article for the Village Newsletter.

Adoption of Redundant BT Telephone Kiosk and Defibrillator Update from the Clerk

The Clerk reported that the contract and payment has been submitted to BT. The defibrillator has been delivered and invoiced and financed by £500 from the Village Hall Committee, £500 from CDC grant and £500 from the Parish Council. Mrs Sutton has team for managing the defibrillator and an electrician (Del's motorcycles) who has offered to install the device free of charge.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Mrs Tomblin confirmed that she will continue as the Village contact to receive alerts while Mrs Warren will circulate them by email. Cllr Mrs Tomblin advised that she is holding a coffee morning for NW co-ordinators to discuss how to manage the Scheme in the Village.

Action: JT

Gigaclear Remedials - Update Email from Mr A Stone

Alan Stone had confirmed that the verges have been checked and now in an acceptable condition.

Solar Farm

Action: RF & JT Cllr Mrs Freyne reported that she has arranged a meeting with Rockfire Capital for 8 November and that Cllr Mrs Tomblin will accompany her.

Cirencester TC Cycle Route Meeting

The Clerk advised that she had attended the meeting to look at improvements to the Cirencester system to raise awareness of the lack of suitable routes from outlying Parishes into the Town.

12. **Finance**

12.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 October 2017
RESOLUTION 30/17**

It was resolved to adopt the schedule as attached

12.2 **To Approve Bills for Payment : Attached Schedule
RESOLUTION 31/17**

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

12.3 **To Note the External Auditor's Opinion for Accounts 2016-17**

RESOLUTION 32/17

It was unanimously resolved to accept the report as attached.

12.4 Preparation for Budget 2018 – 2019

Members considered the draft budget and the implications of increasing the Precept by 5% but the final decision was deferred to the January meeting.

12.5 6-month Finance Check

Cllr Price carried out the 6-month check of the finance records and reported that all is in order.

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications

17/03929/FUL Hunters Equestrian Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT

Proposed riding arena

No Objections

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence

Response to the Council's Comments on 17/00076/OUT Siddington Park Farm

Noted

Email from Alan Stone re 15/05588/FUL The Rectory

Noted. The Chairman reported that the 30-mph repeater sign was removed by the contractor but had received assurance that it would be replaced. This has now been done. The development is expected to take about 9 months.

Solar Farm 15/01923/FUL – Email re Planning Conditions

Noted

14. Chairman's Report - Nothing to report

15. Correspondence

GRCC AGM – 9 November 2017 - Noted

CDC – Rough Sleepers Survey

There are no known rough sleepers in the Parish although the white van comes and goes.

CDC – Invitation to Town and Parish Liaison Meetings

The Chairman would endeavour to attend.

GRCC – Community Connections Scheme - Noted.

GAPTC – Councillor Disqualification - Noted.

16. Any Other Business - None

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:36 pm