

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

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

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr Mrs S Cameron and Cllr G Edwards.

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 27 June 2017

RESOLUTION 26/17

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. Co-Opt to Fill the Vacancy

Action: It was reported that no-one has yet come forward to fill the vacancy and that further enquiries are being made.
ALL

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on 24 July 2017

Noted

Notes from the Landowners Meeting held on 20 July 2017

Noted

Verbal Update relating to the Public Consultation Event planned for 26 September 2017

Action: The Chairman requested that all Members should encourage neighbours, family and friends living in the Village to attend the consultation event.
ALL

7. County and District Councillor

Cllr Shaun Parsons reported that:

- Cherry Tree Lane traffic light junction is to be improved to prevent traffic backing up on to the dual carriageway (A417).
- Proposal for the Police Commissioner to take over responsibility for the Fire Service is unlikely to go forward.
- Cllr Mrs Chester-Master advised that there is Japanese Knot weed on Witpit Lane (over the bridge and on right). Cllr Parsons agreed to report it to the relevant department for treatment.

Proposed Chesterton Development

CDC is to make a decision on the proposed development on 26 September. If passed it will be built over a 14 – 15 year period starting nearest to the Town.

Highways proposed s106 projects include:

- Traffic Lights on the Tesco, Fire Station, Waitrose and Chesterton roundabouts.
- Chesterton Lane junction will be traffic light controlled.

- RAC entrance on the Kemble Road will have a new roundabout as will the entrance to the College Farm units.
- There will be a link road through the middle of the estate for buses and emergency vehicles only which will be controlled by camera.

8. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

9. Playing Field

Play Area Report

Cllr G Edwards was not available.

Maintenance and Removal of Redundant Stile and Old Slide

- The Chairman reported that the old slide had been removed by Cllr Edwards, Mr Tomblin and Ollie Tomblin. Cllr Edwards will be ordering a new rope ladder and is now in possession of a new piece of wood to carry out further repairs. Cllr Price confirmed that he is filling in the holes gradually as material becomes available.
- The Chairman reported that a regular football group is using the Playing Field on Tuesday evenings again. All agreed that it is better for the pitch to be used than not at all provided that no nuisance is being caused. It was noted that the clocks will soon be changing which will prevent evening use.

Regular Monthly Checks and Records

It was agreed that regular checks of the equipment should be carried out and records maintained. The Clerk was requested to discuss the implementation of a regime with Cllr Edwards.

**Action:
CB**

Maintenance of Trees and Hedges on Boundary

- Cllr Price advised that the Poplar trees on the boundary need some maintenance work as it is 3 years since it was last done but there is no urgency.
- Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that the fallen wall is to be addressed.

10. Village Hall

Report and Update from the Last Meeting

Cllr Mrs S Cameron was not available.

Mrs Sutton reported that it has been decided to drill holes in the kitchen cupboards for ventilation in the hopes that it will address the stale smell as no damp has been found in the outside walls.

The Quiz night has been postponed.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2017

Noted.

11. Village Affairs

Police

No crime report was available.

Members were informed that 2 young people had been seen in a small black car which had been parked in various locations around the Village for periods of time during the past few months. They had also been seen by several people, smoking in the Church porch. The Clerk was requested to report these incidents to the Police.

**Action:
CB**

Members were also informed that some big bales in a field belonging to Mr Harris had been set alight and that the Fire Service had attended.

Burglaries were also reported : Machinery stolen from Fortey Farm and copper Piping from Wychwood.

Drain at the Bottom of Kingshill Lane

It was noted that the drain had been dug out and it was hoped that the flooding problem has now been resolved. Unfortunately, the verge that had been restored by Gigaclear is again uneven and rutted and needs levelling and reseeding. The Clerk was requested to report this to Gloucestershire Highways.

**Action:
CB**

Defibrillator – To consider Location and Donation

Mrs Sutton advised that she has taken on the project to establish a defibrillator in the

Village and has secured a grant from CDC amounting to £500. To qualify for CDC grant the device must be ordered via the Ambulance Trust. Mrs Sutton has also secured loans of £500 from the Village Hall Committee and another £500 from Mrs Munro-Warwick both of which would be repaid from funds raised in the community. Two locations had been considered – the Village Hall and the redundant telephone kiosk. Both sites had been approved by the Ambulance Trust. Mrs Sutton explained that the Trust will give training to volunteers, the device must be checked once a week and once a month and recorded on-line. She confirmed that she has volunteers in place together with a local contact required by the Trust. The total cost would be £1,495 plus fitting and ongoing electricity supply.

Members expressed concern that responsibility for upkeep would revert to the Council should volunteers move away or no longer wish to assist and Mrs Sutton replied that all maintenance costs would be covered for 8 years, the expected life of the unit.

Members unanimously agreed that:

- whilst the kiosk is not central to the whole of the Village, it would be an excellent use of the kiosk which had become an identifiable landmark.
- The Council should support the project by matching CDC's funding of £500.

Action:
CB

However, in consideration of those Members not present, it was proposed to email the whole Council requesting support for the project with a £500 donation.

Redundant BT Telephone Kiosk – to Consider Adoption

In view of the information given in the previous item regarding the Defibrillator, it was unanimously proposed to support the adoption of the Kiosk after first consulting by email all Members not present at this meeting.

It was acknowledged that the kiosk would require maintenance and painting periodically and that if a volunteer didn't come forward then the Council may have to pay for this. It was also noted that the tree overhanging the kiosk needs cutting back and the landowner should be asked to do this.

Action:
CB

Mrs Sutton offered to clean the Kiosk.

Highways – Winter Maintenance

It was noted that the Village still has no Snow Plough Operator.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman reported that Mr Mortimore had stepped down as Organiser due to ill health. As an interim solution, the Chairman had agreed to receive the alerts with Mrs Warren circulating them to the Village by email. The Chairman also intends to arrange a coffee morning for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers to discuss way forward.

Action:
JT

It was with great sadness that the Village has since heard about Mr Mortimore's death.

Gigaclear Remedials - Update

The most recent update email from Mr Stone was noted that the remedial work has still not been completed by Gigaclear.

CDC – Emergency Planning

Deferred.

Hedge Opposite the Rectory

It was unanimously agreed to completely remove the hedge opposite the Rectory leaving the fence to mark the boundary. The Chairman would seek Mr and Mrs Canton's approval before the work is carried out as they have been maintaining the verge.

Action:
JT

Planting on A417

Mrs Sutton advised that she has yellow rattle seeds for sowing on the central reservation and asked if the but grass needs to be cut beforehand. It was thought that Gloucestershire Highways would be cutting in the near future.

White Van

Members asked how much longer the white van would remain parked in the lay-by on Kingshill Lane and instructed the Clerk to make enquiries with the Police. It was noted that one of the dogs living in the van had been found dead on side of road.

Action:
CB

Abandoned vehicles

It was noted that a burnt out car has been removed from the field gateway on Kingshill Lane but has been replaced by another abandoned vehicle. The Clerk

Action:

CB instructed to report it to the relevant authority.

12. Finance

**12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 August 2017
RESOLUTION 27/17**

It was resolved to adopt the schedule as attached.

**12.2 Bills for Payment : Attached Schedule
RESOLUTION 28/17**

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

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications

17/02988/FUL 1 Norcote Cottages London Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH
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 (Revision of 16/04080/FUL)

No objections

**17/00076/OUT Land At Siddington Park Farm South Cerney Cirencester
Gloucestershire GL7 6ET**

Part Outline/part detailed full application for planning permission for a revised scheme for the Continuing Care Retirement Community permitted under Application Ref 11/05716/OUT (Use Class C2) and under application Ref 15/02532/OUT (Use Class C2), comprising the extension of earlier site, construction of a central facilities building providing community care services together with provision of 171 Assisted Living Units/Close Care Units together with landscaped grounds, internal highways, parking and associated works

It was noted that:

The proposed 171 units will be serviced by only 114 car parking spaces and concern was expressed that this is not enough and that drivers will park elsewhere.

RESOLUTION 28/17

It was unanimously resolved to register an Objection due to lack of parking, no access to public transport, traffic levels on the South Cerney Road and the dangers to pedestrians crossing the A417.

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda - None

14. Chairman's Report - None

15. Correspondence

Citizens Advice Bureau – AGM and Annual Review - Noted

CDC Press Release – Local Plan Independent Examination - Noted

GAPTC – Community Infrastructure Levy - Noted

GAPTC – Retrospective Planning Applications - Noted.

16. Any Other Business

It was noted that the conifer hedge outside the house on the corner of Kingsway has now grown higher than the permitted height and the Clerk was instructed to alert Gloucestershire Highways.

**Action:
CB**

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 2 November 2017 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm