

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, 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

Cllr G Edwards (Personal)

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 2 November 2017

RESOLUTION 01/18

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. To Co-Opt to Fill the Vacancy

The Chairman advised that a candidate has been found and this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on 14 December 2017

The Chairman confirmed that the process is going well and on schedule.

Verbal Update

Action: It was noted that responses to the survey had not been as successful as expected and that residents should be reminded to complete survey at the forthcoming Soup Saturday.
ALL

7. To Receive Report from County and District Councillor

Cllr Shaun Parsons reported:

- The Local Plan scrutiny is progressing well and has reached at stage at which it can now be considered as a material consideration in planning applications even before it is fully approved.
- Chesterton development will be considered at the full Council meeting on 16 January.
- Siddington Park Farm revised application has now been approved. It was noted that as it is not a domestic residential development that the number of car parking spaces is considered to be adequate. It is hoped that the developer will fund work on the hedgerow at the roundabout.
- Possible Wildwood development – will make enquiries with Planning.
- Meeting at Cheltenham Racecourse on 1 Feb at 3pm to consider what the County will look like in 2050. It is being organised by the University of Gloucestershire as a non-political event.
- £150m additional funding will be available for road surfacing. It was noted that A417 between Ampney Crucis and Cirencester and some sections on the A429 Fosseyway need attention.

8. **To Receive Questions and Comments from the Public** - None
9. **Reports:**
Chairman – Nothing further to report
Clerk
GAPTC Training & Networking Event – 6 December 2017 – Notes attached.
 It was also agreed that the Clerk should attend Parish Mapping Training on 24 January 2018.
Action: CB
10. **Playing Field**
Action: GE **Play Area Report**
 Deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Price confirmed that the boundaries are in good order and that he has arranged for the holes on the field to be filled with soil.
Action: GE **Regular Monthly Checks and Records**
 Cllr Edwards had advised that this is in hand and he will report on this to the next meeting.
11. **Village Hall**
Report and Update
 Cllr Mrs S Cameron advised that there is a Soup Saturday this coming weekend.
Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting on 14 December 2017 (Attached)
 Noted
12. **Village Affairs**
RAF – Changes to the Airspace Arrangements Around Brize Norton
<https://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton/flyinginfo/bznacp.cfm>
 Noted
Neighbourhood Watch – Change in Messaging System
 The Chairman confirmed that she has registered for new system and will register the Village in due course. In view of recent burglaries, she raised the issue of the importance of outside lights, inside lights on timers and shed alarms. She further advised that many devices are available at cost price from Cirencester Police Station.
Solar Farm – Emails from Rockfire Capital
 Cllr Mrs Freyne reported on the telephone conversation with Rockfire Capital and subsequent emails. She said that her contact was very polite and accommodating and had advised that they are waiting for approval for connection to the grid and will then contact us again.
 The Chairman advised that she had received an email from Chris Huck expressing concern about communications with Rockfire. It was agreed that there must have been a misunderstanding as the Council needs to be kept in the loop regarding the development to be able to provide a reporting structure for the Village. Belectric had been keen to have a dialogue with the Village and provide a Liaison Officer during the proposed development and now the Council wished to ensure that this is carried out.
Village Spring Clean – Saturday, 17 March 2018
 It was agreed that this should be advertised in the Village Newsletter and for everyone to meet at bottom of Church Farm drive at 10 am.
13. **Finance**
- 13.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 December 2017 (Attached)**
RESOLUTION 02/18
 It was resolved to adopt the schedule as attached
- 13.2 **Bills for Payment (Attached)**
RESOLUTION 03/18
 It was resolved to Pay the Bills as detailed on the schedule.
- 13.3 **Budget for 2018 – 2019 (Attached)**
RESOLUTION 04/18
 It was resolved to adopt the budget as attached.
- 13.4 **Precept Request for 2018 – 2019**
RESOLUTION 05/18
 It was resolved to request an increase of 5% giving a Precept of £11,189 plus Support Grant of £192.

13.5 NALC - Changes to Data Protection

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the change to regulations coming into force in May 2018. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the use of Mailchimp, set up Councillors email addresses and to discuss the changes with Mrs Warren who holds the Village email list.

Action: CB

13.6 GAPTC - Local Government Finance Settlement

It was noted that Parish and Town Councils will not be required to hold referenda about changes to Precepts.

13.7 GAPTC – Change in Audit Arrangements and External Auditors for 2017 – 2018 Finance Year

It was noted that Councils with a turnover below £25,000 will no longer be required to carry out an external audit.

**13.8 Payment to Clerk for Work on Neighbourhood Development Plan (Attached)
RESOLUTION 06/18**

It was resolved to pay the Clerk for work carried out on the Neighbourhood Development Plan over and above hours already paid by the Parish Council. It was agreed to re-allocate funds in the General Contingency fund accordingly.

14. Planning

14.1 New Planning Applications - None

14.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

14.3 Decision Notices Received - None

14.4 Planning Correspondence:

Email from Robert Davies John West Ltd re development of Wildmoor Residential Caravan Park and Plan

Fyi : <http://www.grcc.org.uk/community-projects-and-services-/wild-project>

It was agreed to request a meeting on site to discuss the proposals during the week commencing Monday 5 February 2018

Action: CB

15. Correspondence

GAPTC – Call for Nominations for Palace Garden Party

It was agreed to nominate Mrs Dot Warren.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Price gave his apologies for the next meeting.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 1 March 2018 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:34 pm