

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2019

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin, Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr Mrs S Chester-Master, Cllr Alan Stone, Cllr Mrs N Jones, Mr K Tomblin, Mrs A Swain, Mr & Mrs R Canton, Mrs E Cooper

Also in Attendance: Dr A Pellegram, Cllr S Parsons (GCC), Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Parish Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Mr and Mrs A Warren

**2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on 5 July 2018**

It was agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

None

**3. Finance Report**

The report was given and adopted as attached.

**4. Annual Report of Preston Parish Council - Attached**

**5. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**Dr Andrea Pellegram** explained that the Planning Authority had advised that evidence for the Green Gap needs to be developed and strengthened. The Parish Council had, therefore, instructed a local Landscape Architect to carry out this work and it is hoped that a Draft report will be available by the end of the summer.

**6. Solutions for A417 Missing Link**

Cllr Mike Evemy explained that he had only recently been elected and still getting to grips with his new responsibilities. He then advised that Gloucestershire Highways will be consulting during the summer to address the 'Missing Link' and has also acknowledged issue of noise from the concrete surface section. There is concern that an increase in traffic will create an increase in noise and he emphasised that it is important that as many individuals as possible make representation.

Cllr Stone stated that one of the problems is the way in which noise is measured as it does not take into account the frequency of the noise.

**7. Annual Reports for County & District Councillors**

**Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC)**

- Congratulated Cllr Evemy on being elected to the District Council and advised:
- Local Plan has been adopted which should help Preston until 2031 to maintain its separation from Cirencester.
- Waste service is changing in November when food and green waste will be collected separately. The green bin (garden waste) will be collected fortnightly and kitchen waste collected weekly. However, with the election of a new Council, this may change.
- GCC represents the largest element of local Council tax (45%) but has a huge pressure to provide social services for old and young costing in the region of £100m. There has been a 39 % increase in the number of children in care since 2014 and the number of older people in the County has increased by 28 % since 2007.
- GCC is budgeting £150m for road surfacing.
- Some patching work followed by re-surfacing will be carried out on the A417 Cirencester to Fairford road.
- There is concern about length of some of the slip roads on the A417 dual carriageway are too short and may require remedial work.

- The Police Service is entering a bid to take over the Fire Service.
- Javelin Park waste incinerator to become operational.

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## **8. Comments and Questions from the public**

**Q1** Cllr Stone asked why some major potholes weren't filled when Watermoor Road was re-surfaced, and Cllr Parsons agreed to investigate.

**Q2** Cllr Stone asked if the poles on the central reservation at the Toll Bar could have a reflective pane and Cllr Parsons agreed to make enquiries.

## **9. Any Other Business**

None.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking all Members of the Parish Council and the NDP Steering Group for their work.

**The Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm**