

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs C Elson, Cllr N Price, Cllr A Stone, Cllr Mrs H Lynas, and Cllr A Miles

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr K Tomblin and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLUTION 9/23

Cllr Julie Tomblin was unanimously elected as Chair to serve until the Annual Council Meeting 2024

2. Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLUTION 10/23

Cllr Sue Cameron was unanimously elected as Vice Chair to serve until the Annual Council Meeting 2024

3. Councillor's Portfolios

Cllr J Tomblin (Chairman). - Village Hall and Playing Field

Cllr S Cameron. - Village Hall

Cllr N Price. - Village Maintenance and Finance

Cllr A Miles - Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr A Stone. - Planning and Highways and to assist with Village Hall projects, as required

4. Apologies and Reasons for Absence. - Cllr L Spivey (GCC)

5. Declarations of Interest Members completed Declarations of Interest.

6. Co-Option to Fill the Vacancy

RESOLUTION 12/23.

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Helen Lynas to fill the Vacancy and it was agreed that Footpaths would be her Portfolio area.

Cllr C Elson advised her intention to move away from the Village and she resigned from the Council. Members thanked Mrs Elson for her contribution to the Village and the Parish Council and wished her well for the future.

7. Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 2 March 2022

RESOLUTION 13/23

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

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Horse Aware signs on Witpit Lane It was agreed to refer this to Cllr Spivey.

Village Litter Pick - Feedback

The Chairman confirmed that this had been well supported. The weather was dry, and a fair bit of rubbish was collected but not as much as in previous years.

Coronation Lunchtime Street. Party – Feedback

The event had been a great success and well supported. People came forward to help set up and generally got involved; there was a similar number of people as at Jubilee celebrations. It was confirmed that the costs are to be shared with the Village Hall Committee.

Action: CB

Action: JT

Recognition of Volunteers - Deferred to the next meeting

9. Village Affairs – Nothing to report

10. **Questions from the Public.** - None
11. **Playing Field**
Report from Cllr Mrs Elson
Cllr Elson had nothing to report except occasionally having to pick up rubbish.
Annual Safety Report
The Report was noted with nothing raised as requiring urgent attention.
12. **Village Hall**
To Receive Minutes, Chairman's Report and Annual Accounts from the Annual General Meeting held on 3 April 2023 and Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2023
Noted.
To Receive Verbal Update from Trustees
Despite the repair to the roof, a puddle has reappeared in Ladies Loo. The Committee is still looking at re-decorating when the decorator has recovered from illness as well as installing a booking system. Coffee Mornings are being held on the 2nd Friday of month and there is Eurovision evening this coming weekend.
13. **Finance**
 - 13.1 **Audit Return for Year Ending 31 March 2023 (as attached)**
Annual Internal Audit Report
RESOLUTION 14/23
The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and adopted.
Annual Governance Statement
RESOLUTION 15/23
The Annual Governance Report was received, adopted, and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk / RFO.
Annual Accounting Statements
RESOLUTION 16/23
The Annual Accounting Statement was received, adopted, and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk / RFO.
 - 13.2 **Budget and Bank Reconciliation up to 30 April 2023**
RESOLUTION 17/23
The Report was received and adopted as attached.
 - 13.3 **Bills for Payment as detailed on the attached Schedule**
RESOLUTION 18/23
It was resolved to pay the Bills as detailed on the attached schedule.
 - 13.4 **Financial & General Risk Assessment**
RESOLUTION 19/23
The Report was received and adopted as attached.
 - 13.5 **Renewal of GAPTC Membership**
RESOLUTION 20/23
It was resolved to renew the Membership.
 - 13.6 **Annual Insurance Renewal**
RESOLUTION 21/23
It was resolved to renew the 5-year Insurance agreement offered by Zurich Insurance.
14. **Planning**
 - 14.1 **New Planning Applications**
23/00892/FUL. Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR
Relocate and increase size of pool and associated landscaping. New details.
No objections.
 - 14.2 **Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**
23/01119/FUL. The Forge 87 Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR
Erection of single storey side extension to replace existing lean-to.
No Objections
23/00771/FUL. Blackthorns Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Erection of single-storey rear extension, detached three bay garage and associated works.

The Parish Council has no objections to this in principle but is concerned about the size and height of the proposed building in relation to its proximity to the two adjacent properties, The Spinney and Greystones, both of which will be overlooked. The Parish Council requests that a reduction in the height should be considered.

Action: ME

Cllr Every agreed to contact the Planning Officer to discuss tomorrow.

C/23/00409/PRMA Abbey Home Farm Stow Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5HA
New Premises Licence

No objections but the Parish Council is concerned about possible traffic congestion and safety at the entrance/exit off the B4425.

14.3 Planning Decisions Received

23/01094/COMPLY. **Straw Barn Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Compliance with Condition 4 (Bat/bird nesting) of permission 22/03490/FUL - Change of use from agriculture to storage use with ancillary office accommodation (retrospective)

Permitted 17 April 2023

23/00642/LBC. **Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Relocate and increase size of pool, raise height of dry-stone surrounding wall and associated landscaping.

Withdrawn

14.4 Planning Correspondence - None

15. Correspondence

Consultation on Review of County Divisions. <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire-0>

Noted.

16. Any Other Business - None

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday, 6 July 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.49