

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 JANUARY 2023

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs C Elson, Cllr N Price (until 7.30 pm) and Cllr A Miles

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr A Stone (Personal), Cllr N Price (Personal), Cllr M Every (CDC) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC)

**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 5 January 2023**

**RESOLUTION 5/23**

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

**3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Suitable Speed Calming Methods**

Cllr A Stone had advised that he had not yet had the opportunity to form a group, but the matter is in hand and Cllr Spivey supported carrying out a speed awareness event.

**4. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Lisa Spivey and Cllr Mike Every were unavailable.

Cllr Lisa Spivey had confirmed that she is progressing the request for a horse aware sign on Witpit Lane with Gloucestershire Highways but there is concern about cluttering the highway with signs and their effectiveness.

**Action:**  
**LS**

**5. Police – PCSO Beverley Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellows.** Not available

**6. Questions and Comments from the Public.** None

**7. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin spoke about Mrs Scilla Chester-Master, the loss felt by the Parish Council and the huge impact her death will have on Village as a whole.

She also raised the matter of the funds received from Gridserve which are being held in reserve for an appropriate community project and explained how, at the last meeting, it had been proposed that these funds might be used to buy land for a Playing Field. The lease for the existing Playing Field runs out in 2026 and the Council had met with the leaseholders' Agent in November 2021 to discuss the way forward. The Agent had indicated that the leaseholders would be willing to renew the lease on the existing site or provide an alternative one in the middle of the Village. Since then, the Clerk has been unable to make contact with the leaseholders' agent in order to discuss the matter further. Mrs Regine Freyne, who, when a Member of the Council, had been instrumental in securing the funds, is supportive of the suggestion to invest in land for a Playing Field.

**Action:**  
**CB & JT** All Members present agreed with the proposal in principle and it was agreed to continue to try to make contact with the Agent, in the first instance. If this fails then an approach should be made to the leaseholder, Abbey Farms Trust, direct.

**8. Parish & Town Council Elections – 4 May 2023**

Nomination Papers for the Election were completed, and the Clerk agreed to deliver these to the Returning Officer on the due date. It was noted that the Council has a

vacancy due to the death of Mrs Chester-Master and Members agreed to speak to residents.

**9. Playing Field**

**Verbal Report.** - Cllr Mrs Elson had nothing to report.

**Update re Lease.** - There was nothing to report.

**10. Village Hall**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2023** – Noted.

**Verbal Report from Trustees**

Cllr Stone had reported by email that he had repaired the flashing on the roof (see attached). The Chairman said that at the last Committee meeting there was some confusion about the electricity bill as it is only £58 per month. The Committee is looking into using a booking system and members are making bunting for the coronation. The insurance renewal has been finalised although there is concern that it does not cover the serving of food. The Clerk confirmed that Cllrs Mrs Tomblin and Cameron are covered by the Council's indemnity insurance when acting as Trustees on behalf of the Council.

**11. Village Affairs**

**Arrangements for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 11 May 2023**

If Pegasus has submitted a planning application for the Kingshill site by 11 May, it was agreed to focus the meeting on the Council's and residents' responses and to show people how to respond online.

**Advice from GAPTC regarding Email Contact List for the Village Newsletter in relation to GDPR.** - Noted

**Village Litter Pick – Saturday, 25 March 2023**

The event has been advertised in Preston News and a reminder would go out on

**Action :** WhatsApp during the week before asking residents to meet at the top of the Village at 10 am. The Clerk was asked to arrange collection of the equipment from Church Farm.

**CB**

**Coronation Lunch - Sunday, 7 May 2023**

The Chairman confirmed that she had matters in hand and that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to contribute 50% of the cost. Cllr Spivey had suggested a Bouncy Castle and the Chairman agreed to investigate. She also confirmed that she would ask for any help required using the WhatsApp group.

**Action :**  
**JT**

**12. Finance**

**12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2023**

**RESOLUTION 6/23**

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

**12.2 Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

**RESOLUTION 7/23**

It was resolved to pay the bill as attached.

**12.3 Budget 2023 – 2024.** - Noted

**12.4 Donations for 2022 - 2023**

**RESOLUTION 8/23**

It was unanimously agreed to donate £50 to the Citizens Advice Bureau and £50 to Cirencester Food Bank.

**Action:** Cllr Mrs Elson agreed to act as a collection point for donations for the Cirencester Food Bank and asked for this to be included in the next edition of Preston News.

**CB**

**13. Planning**

**13.1 New Planning Applications** - None

**13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting** - None

**13.3 Planning Applications Awaiting Decision**

**21/03907/LBC Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Replace existing wooden casement single glazed windows with double glazed, wooden casement windows.

It was noted that the replacement windows had been allowed at the side of the building but not on the front.

The Chairman further confirmed that a planning application is expected to be submitted to extend the pond on the site.

**22/03404/COMPLY Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP**

Compliance with condition 9 (contamination) of permission 19/02806/FUL- Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into two dwellings and erection of a detached open fronted car port replacing Dutch barn

**13.3 Decision Notices Received**

**22/03490/FUL Straw Barn Witpit Lane Preston Gloucestershire**

Change of use from agriculture to storage use with ancillary office accommodation (retrospective). **Permitted 17 January 2023**

**13.4 Planning Correspondence & Other Matters**

**Consultation on CDC Local Plan - Non-Strategic Site Allocations Selection Methodology.**

Noted

**Consultation on CDC Local Plan - Guidance on major development in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (National Landscape)**

Noted

**Meeting with Pegasus and Robert Hitchens with Cirencester Town Council - Tuesday, 28 February 2023**

The Chairman gave an overview and the Clerk circulated notes (attached) for the meeting. It was confirmed that the presentation was the same as that given to Preston residents and the Council in October 2022. However, the need for a cycle/footway had been taken on board and added to the plan although it does not extend far enough. In addition, it was noted that the light pollution from the football club would have a detrimental effect on anyone living on the proposed development. Pegasus Planning hope to submit an application to CDC before the end of March.

**13.5 Tree Works**

**23/00442/TCONR Old Farm House Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR**

Fell Horse Chestnut. - No Objections

**14. Correspondence - None**

**15. Any Other Business**

Cllr Stone had raised the matter of awards for residents who had made a significant impact on the life of the Village and its residents in a voluntary capacity. Members discussed how this might be best achieved and it was agreed to explore the possibility of a board in Village Hall displaying framed photographs of those people who had made a noteworthy contribution. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with the Village Hall Committee.

**Action:**  
**JT**

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall and followed by the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

***There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.32***