

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr M Every (CDC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**
Cllr A Miles (Personal) and Cllr L Spivey
2. **Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**
 - 2.1 **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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2023 and the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 June 2023**
RESOLUTION 23/23
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
 - 3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None
4. **Reports from County and District Councillors –**
Cllr Lisa Spivey - Attached
Cllr Mike Every - Unavailable
5. **To Co-Opt to Fill the Vacancy**
Despite advertising no-one has come forward. Members agreed to approach
Action: All residents.
6. **Police – PCSO Beverley Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellows.** - Not available
7. **Questions and Comments from the Public.** - None
8. **Chairman's Report – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin**
Nothing to report.
9. **Playing Field**
The Chairman reported that there have been no problems. She circulated an email from Mrs Bainbridge which said that she had met a gentleman from Chesterton who regularly visits the Play Area with his autistic son as he enjoys the peaceful location.
Update re Lease
The Clerk reported that she has been unable to contact the Agent and Members agreed that she should continue to try to do so.
Action: CB The Clerk was passed an Invoice addressed to Mrs C Sutton from Strutt and Parker for rent of £1 for rent of the Playing Field 2023 - 24. The Clerk advised that the remainder of the lease rent until 2026 had been settled in 2014.
10. **Village Hall**
Minutes of the last Meeting held on 14 August 2023 – Noted
It was reported that the Chairman of the Committee had asked why all Village information emails go out with the Parish Council banner and the Clerk explained that the contact list is held by the Council and must comply with GDPR.

Verbal Report from Trustees

Cllr Stone reported that the ceiling in the toilet entrance is still in place but anticipates that the roof valley between the men's and ladies' toilets may fail and leak at some point in the future.

11. Village Affairs

Arrangements for the **Village Fete** this coming Saturday are well in hand. Jennifer and Ian have decided on the location of stalls and activities on the Field. It was reported that an area for Disabled Parking has been identified but First Aid cover was queried.

It was noted that the organisation of this year's Fete has been considerable in view of the number of key people who were unavailable due to holiday.

12. Finance

12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 August 2023

RESOLUTION 24/23

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

Cllr Mrs Lynas suggested that the Council might wish to consider purchasing a large banner to publicise the Village Fete but Cllr Stone thought there is one already.

The Clerk advised that she had received notification of a fine from HMRC for not filing information on time. She explained that all filings had been made on time in the usual manner and that she has appealed accordingly.

The Clerk further reported that the External Audit is in hand. She had received a query and was confident that her explanation is in line with regulations.

12.2 Approve Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule

There were no outstanding bills for payment.

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications - See 13.6

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Planning Applications Awaiting Decision

23/01597/OUT. Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire

Residential development for up to 280 dwellings, associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space, landscaping, and pumping station. Construction of a new vehicular access off Kingshill Lane (Outline application)

Objection Submitted

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence & Other Matters - None

13.5 Tree Works - None

13.6 Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda

CDC – Call for Sites - Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Travelling Show people & Bargee communities

It was noted that there is to be a site for travellers next to Butts Farm which will cater for 2 – 4 vans. There were no other suggestions.

23/02502/FUL. Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 22 (Southern entrance details) and compliance with condition 3 (Scale drawings for windows/doors etc) of permission 20/04407/FUL - Erection of 3 No dwellings to replace existing barns and associated works.

Response 20 September 2023

No objection

23/02504/FUL. Forty Farm Kingshill Lane Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 6 (window gate details) and 10 (fire hydrants) 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

No Objection

14. Correspondence - None

GCC – Replanting following Ash Dieback

It was agreed to repeat suggestions already made – on the Preston side of Cirencester Road opposite the roundabout at Siddington Park Farm.

Action: CB

Pageant Master – 80th Anniversary D Day – 6 June 2024 - Noted

GCC – Snow Warden and Snow Plough Operator – Winter 2023/24

It was agreed that the Village has managed without either a Snow warden or Snow Plough operator for several years and that Gloucestershire Highways should be asked to remove Mr Canton and Mr Price from their records.

It was also agreed to ask for a supply of grit salt to be placed near to the junction of Witpit Lane and London Road (A417).

Action: CB

CDC – Town and Parish Council Forums

Action: CB

The Clerk had agreed to attend online.

15. Any Other Business

- A local estate agent had requested an advert to be placed in the Newsletter. Members agreed that there is no objection in principle and asked the Clerk to find out how much neighbouring Parishes charge for advertisements in their magazines.
- It was agreed to include a statement in the Newsletter: Adverts included in the Newsletter are not representative of the Parish Council.
- The Newsletter Editor had asked for Councillors' biopics for future editions and Cllr Mrs Lynas agreed to devise a template.
- It was noted that the Caravan left on the roadside on Witpit Lane has been moved into the layby which was once part of the main road. The Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire Highways who may still be the owner of the land.

Action: CB

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16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 2 November 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.00