PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2019

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr G Edwards (from 7.20 pm) and Cllr N Price.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr S Parsons (GCC and CDC) and`Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence
Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal) and Cllr Mrs S Cameron (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 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 17 January 2019
RESOLUTION 06/19
The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
Village Hall – Liaison and Minutes
The Clerk reported that Mrs C Sutton has agreed to act as liaison between the Council and the Village Hall Committee.

5. Receive Report from County and District Councillor
Cllr Shaun Parsons advised that:
- Local Plan had been adopted.
- He is not standing for the District Council in the coming elections and will concentrate on his position as a County Councillor.
- A417 (London Road) is to be resurfaced in near future and the Clerk was requested to inform Planet Planning so that their work connecting the solar farm to the grid can be co-ordinated.

Action: CB

6. Questions and Comments from the Public
None

7. Chairman's Report
Cllr Mrs Tomblin advised that a resident had queried the tree planting across and alongside the field adjacent to Kingshill Lane. It was generally agreed that another planning application might be submitted in the future.

8. Playing Field
The Chairman advised that she is now carrying out regular safety checks of the playing field and play equipment.
Cllr Price reported that parts of the field will definitely need re-seeding and it was agreed that he should proceed at the appropriate time and after spraying the weeds first.
It was noted that the old safety surface where the old slide was located needs to be removed.

9. Village Hall – Minutes or Report from Committee Meetings
The Minutes from the Committee meeting held on 27 February 2019 had been circulated.
Action: The Chairman had been advised that the cleaning bill had not been paid and as

CB the Clerk had not received it, it was agreed to make enquiries.

10. Village Affairs

Solar Farm – Update

Members who had attended yesterday's meeting with Owen Saward of Planet Planning (notes attached) reported that the site development in now out to tender and once this has been finalised a new planning application will be submitted.

First Aid Course – Update

Since the last Council meeting, the offer of a free course had been received from Gloucestershire County Council and the Clerk is seeking a convenient date when the Village Hall is also available.

Action: CB

Traffic Speed and to Consider Installation of an Automatic Number Plate Recognition device – Email from Mr A Stone

The Council debated Mr Stone's request for the installation of an ANPR camera to address speeding issues as it had been reported that both Siddington and South Cerney Parish Councils were doing so,

The Clerk reported that Siddington and South Cerney are in the early stages of considering the installation of these cameras and, therefore, there is no further information at this time.

It was noted that no other requests or complaints about speeding in Preston have been received and in view of the cost of the equipment and difficulty in finding a suitable location, it was agreed to wait and see how the other two Parish Councils proceed.

Action: CB It was further noted that 30 MPH sign opposite Village Farm has been knocked over and the sign has disappeared. The Clerk was requested to notify Gloucestershire Highways.

Annual Litter Pick – Saturday, 30 March at 10 am

The Clerk was asked to advertise this in the Village Newsletter and to remind Members during the preceding week. The Chairman advised that a Provisional Driving Licence had been found at a fly-tipping site on Witpit Lane and that she had delivered it to CDC who are making further enquiries.

Local Elections – 2 May 2019

Nomination Papers were circulated, and Members were asked to renew efforts to find someone to fill the vacancy.

Arrangements for Annual Village Meeting – May 2019

It was agreed to hold the Annual Village Meeting after the Annual Parish Council meeting on 9 May unless there is no development on the NDP in which case it could be deferred until there is.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk reported that a draft Green Gap Policy is expected from the Landscape Architect, Portus and Whitton, in the next 3 weeks and a Steering Group Meeting would be schedules to discuss it.

12. Finance

12.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2018

RESOLUTION 06/20

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

12.2 To Approve Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule

RESOLUTION 06/21

It was resolved to pay the bills as detailed on the attached schedule together with an Invoice received from Parish Online for £36.00.

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications - None

19/00343/FUL. Kelfield Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR

Erection of single storey garage and altered vehicular access

It was resolved to Object to this application due to the proposed materials for soffits and bargeboards. Whilst these at the same materials used on the main house, they

are not in keeping with other properties in the Village and would be particularly prominent when viewed over the top of the boundary wall to anyone entering the Village from Kingshill Lane. Otherwise there was no objection in principle to the garage and turning area.

19/00573/FUL Village Farm Preston Gloucestershire

Extend current grain store

No objections

13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence - None

14. Correspondence - None

Any Urgent Correspondence Received since Publication of the Agenda

16. Any Other Business

None

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 9 May 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:10