

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton, (Chairman), Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr T Hopegood, Cllr N Price, Cllr C Bennett (District) until 20.00, Mrs S Cameron and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

David Scott Maldon and Keith Cockell of English Care Villages were welcomed to the meeting and then gave a presentation on the proposed Care Village development at Siddington Park Farm.

- Currently operating 5 villages people providing a better alternative for older people who are able to live in their own homes with ancillary care as required - giving assisted living.
- Over 75's and over 85's are increasing in numbers resulting in demand for care on varying levels.
- Siddington site is on the edge of a thriving community yet near to amenities.
- Site will be built around a village square with an extra care home at the centre
- Main building will contain a reception, dining room, café /bar, private dining room, shop (basic essentials), admin offices (domiciliary care offices), library, laundry, wellness centre (swimming pool), sauna and treatment rooms, low impact gym all geared to older people. Facilities will also be available to NHS, private healthcare and the general public.
- Care Bedrooms for those with nursing needs will be grouped together for similar care.
- Mainly 1 bedroom apartments for those requiring more independence. Meals can be taken in dining room or delivered.
- Building will be of good quality stone, timber windows and good proportions using the roof for additional floor - bungalows very land hungry. Development will be sympathetic to landscape. Root protection zone for trees during development and will only remove some grade B trees. Perimeter trees will remain to give screen from the road.
- Provide comprehensive transport system to encourage residents to give up their own vehicles and also car clubs
- Will use local hospital and GP practices for health care.
- Will provide equivalent of 70 full time jobs. In Painswick 30% were recruited locally. On-site training will be given to staff including NVQ's.
- New roundabout to give access on to the site (allowing development of B1 employment land) and will be built before development begins.
- Planning application will be made in December and will involve change of use.

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Shaun Parsons (County) and Cllr Ms Juliet Layton (District)

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Price declared an Interest in Item 9.5

3. **Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting, held on Thursday, 1 September 2011**

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

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

4.1 **South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre – To Receive Update**

It had been reported in the press that the site will be sold as Group 12 have been unable to find funding to go forward.

4.2 **A419 Action Group - Report from Meeting 27 September 2011**

Cllr Mrs Freyne advised that the initial meeting to judge support had been well attended. There was plenty of enthusiasm but funding for the campaign could be a problem together with finding people with the necessary skills to drive it forward. Although she felt that it is unlikely that anything will be done until the road requires re-surfacing in 30 years' after construction (ie in 15 years) time, she recommended that the Council should continue to support to ensure that the work is carried out correctly at that time.

4.3 **Traffic calming in Kingshill Lane and Preston Village**

Cllrs Canton, Hopegood and Price had met with Highways Officers on 21 October. It was acknowledged that speeding traffic in Kingshill Lane is difficult to deal with. Traffic is coming into the village too quickly and cutting the corner. It was agreed that no one wants speed humps in the village and to investigate modifying the junction to reduce the width. The entrance at the other end of the village was not discussed nor was it considered to be a problem as parked cars at the top of the village reduce traffic speed.

Action: Concern was expressed that the users of the workshops at Village Farm create a traffic speed hazard and it was agreed to write to all of the units requesting that greater care is taken and to ask Mr C Huck to repair the badly fitting drain cover.

4.4 **Playing field gate post repair –Update**

Cllr Canton confirmed that this has been carried out.

4.5 **Impact of increased in number of properties on the Precept –Update**

The Clerk confirmed that CDC's Revenue section had incorrectly categorised all of the new properties in Kingshill Meadow as Cirencester and are in the process of making the necessary amendments. It is believed that 46 Bromford properties are now occupied and this will be checked, advised by email and confirmed at the next meeting.

Action:

4.6 **Survey of parish footpath signs – To Receive Update**

It was suggested that new finger posts could be sourced for Parish footpaths as part of a Jubilee project. It was agreed to investigate costs for discussion at the next meeting. It was also suggested that a tree could be planted opposite the chestnut at the junction with Kingshill Lane.

Action:

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

Not available

6. **Questions from the Public**

None

7. **Playing Field**

Cllr Canton reported that the rubbish has been cleared from the rough ground and that it is in a much better condition. It was noted that an extra cut may be required before the end of the growing season.

8. **Village Hall - Management Committee Report**

The Chairman advised that Barbara Pond of GRCC was advising the Committee about possible funding although there is not much available. The Committee are also keen to proceed with the lowest level of Hallmarking which will cover administration, H&S checks, first aid etc. Website training was also offered. The Committee currently have £1,000 in their account but have winter fuel bills coming up together with insurance.

9. **Finance**

9.1 **Clerk's Contract of Employment and Appoint the Responsible Financial Officer**

RESOLUTION 14/11 The Chairman proposed and the Council RESOLVED to sign the Clerk's Contract (attached) and she was also appointed the Council's RFO.

9.2 **Current Budget Status and Balance at the Bank**

The Clerk presented a budget status and confirmed that at 30 September there was a total of £8,143.74 in the bank accounts. However, the bank statements are still being posted to Mrs Jennings and, therefore, up to date information is not available. The Clerk would endeavour to correct this situation in time for the next meeting and check the bank accounts.

Action:

9.3 **Bills for Payment since the last Meeting**

RESOLUTION 15/11 The Chairman proposed and the Council RESOLVED to pay the following bills:

Kate Crook	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	Chq 452	£215.57
N H Beasley	Playing Field Gate Post	Chq 453	£276.24
Bibury	Playing Field Grasscutting	Chq 455	£223.20
Village Hall Committee-Village Hall rent		Chq 456	

9.4 Budget for 2012 – 2013

Action: A draft budget was discussed (attached) and it was agreed to finalise this at the next meeting. Cllr Hopegood reported that a new noticeboard would cost in the region of £2,000 plus installation of approx. £500 and it was agreed to take this into consideration when finalising the budget.

9.5 Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2012 – 2013

Action: It was agreed to ask Bibury to submit a quotation for a 3 year contract for consideration at the next meeting.

9.6 To Consider Internet Banking

Action: **RESOLUTION 16/11** The Chairman proposed and the Council RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's use of Internet banking.

10. Planning

10.1 New Planning Applications

None

10.2 Planning Decision Received

None

10.3 Planning Correspondence

10.3.1/11 Email dated 10 October from Mr B Bendall, CDC Planning Officer relating to 11/03809/FUL Mr D Swain, Dormans, Preston GL7 5PR Erection of first floor side extension over garage

Noted

10.3.2/11 Guidance from CDC re Occupation of Holiday Units

Noted

10.3.3/11 CDC's Request for Potential Employment, Retail or Commercial Use Land

It was agreed that all potential Employment, Retail and Commercial land has already been identified.

11. Website - To Receive Update

Action: It was agreed to progress the purchase of prestonpc.org.uk domain name and for the Clerk to work on a website.

12. Correspondence

12.1/11 Email from GAPIC including Current Update and Advice of Consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Regulations

Noted

12.2/11 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

See Item 4.6.

12.3/11 Boundary Commission's Initial Proposals for new Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Noted.

Any other urgent correspondence received since publication of the agenda

13. Any Other Business

Dog Waste Bin

A request had been received for an additional bin at the top of the village but it was not considered necessary at this time.

Tree in verge on junction to Kingsway

Action: It was agreed to ask Gloucestershire Highways if they are responsible.

Grit Salt

Action: It was agreed to request a blue bin of grit /salt to be left on the verge between Witpit Lane and Preston Cottage by the sign post.

Village Newsletter

Action: It was agreed to write to Dot Warren to thank her for her enthusiasm and all of the work that she puts in on the Newsletter.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 5 January 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45