

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 JULY 2012

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton, (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr Ms J Layton (District) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs P Chester-Masters (Personal), Cllr Mrs J Tomlin (Personal) and Cllr N Price (Personal)
Cllr Layton advised that Cllr Esmond Jenkins hoped to attend later.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 3 May 2012

RESOLUTION 13/12

It was unanimously 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

Remodelling of Preston Toll Bar – Meeting with Scott Macaulay-Lowe, Gloucestershire Highways - 19 July at 10 am at the Village Hall

Cllr Mrs Freyne advised that she is unavailable to attend and the Clerk was requested to check the Hall booking and to ask Scott Macaulay-Lowe to bring a plan of the proposed road changes with him.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr C Bennett – not available.

Cllr J Layton

- Confirmed that site C80 on the SHLAA plan has been ruled out and is definitely not allocated for housing.

Cllr E Jenkins – not available.

Cllr S Parsons – not available.

6. Questions from the Public

None

7. Playing Field Update

Cllr R Canton advised that rubbish has been left overnight and that the PCSO has been notified and will monitor use of the Playing Field.

Annual Safety Inspection – circulated

It was noted that the surface under the slide gets slimy and other areas have been identified as needing attention. However, there are currently not as many young children in the village as have been in the past and it was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.

Action:

8. Village Hall

Management Committee Report

The Chairman advised that the Village Hall Committee Constitution allows for 2 members to represent the Parish Council and Cllr Mrs Cameron was duly appointed to represent the Council with Cllr Mrs Sutton.

Alexander Lindsay

Mr Lindsay explained that heating the building was a problem and the addition of 3 portable convector heaters has made an improvement. However, it is hoped that secondary double glazing would reduce heating costs as well as retaining heat in the building. A quote of £1538 has been obtained.

RESOLUTION 14/12

It was unanimously RESOLVED to fund the cost of secondary double glazing amounting to £1,538 and it was also agreed to investigate the possibility of grant funding to cover part of this cost.

Action:

9. Village Affairs Footpaths

The Chairman advised that following a meeting with Mike Barton, PROW Officer, GCC, it had been agreed that he would arrange repair of the fallen stile and also waymark the internal paths after first contacting the landowner. Mr Barton suggested that no action should be taken about the overgrown footpath through the wood as there is an alternative route across the field which is nearly opposite the fallen stile. He said that even though it is unused, the footpath would remain a legal route.

Action: The Clerk was asked to circulate the digital footpaths map.

Litter

The Chairman advised that Mrs Sue Gulliford has been collecting litter around the village and arranges for CDC to collect large items.

Noticeboards

It was noted that Mr Lynn has now completed the refurbishment of the noticeboards. Members had observed the considerable improvement made and the Clerk was asked

Action: to write thanking him for his work.

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 June 2012 (Attached)

Noted.

10.2 External Audit Report for Year Ending 31 March 2012

The Clerk confirmed that a clear Audit report had been received.

10.3 Bills for Payment since the last Meeting :

RESOLUTION 15/12

It was unanimously RESOLVED to settle the following bills:

Playsafe Ltd – Annual Playground Inspection	£ 75.60
Running Imp – Mugs and Bunting for QDJ	£ 427.39
Came & Co Insurance Premium	£ 334.28
Moore Stephens – External Auditors Fee	£ 162.00
Bibury Landscaping - Grasscutting	£ 417.77
C Braidwood – Clerk's Office Expenses	£ 14.18
J J Lynn – Noticeboards Refurbishment	£ 98.74

10.4 Insurance Renewal Update

It was confirmed that the Council have a long term agreement with Came & Co into which it is tied for 1 more year.

10.5 Provision of an Additional Dog Waste Bin

The Chairman advised that an additional dog waste bin has been requested by residents to be sited at the north side of the village.

RESOLUTION 16/12

Action: It was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase a green bin to be installed near to grit bin.

10.6 Bank Signatories

The Clerk was asked to check the names of signatories and arrange for them to be

Action: updated in view of current Councillor changes.

11. Planning

11.1 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

12/01813/FUL Preston Field Barn, Stow Road, Cirencester, GL7 5HA

The Organic Farm Shop, Abbey Home Farm, Fosseyway, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5HA

Installation of two 11kW Gaia wind turbines on 18m lattice masts

Members object to this application as it is not in keeping with an area that is both rural and of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In addition, the debate into the benefits of this type of renewable energy continues and is inconclusive compared to the disadvantages of its effect on the rural landscape.

Additional details received 20 June 2012

12/01926/FUL Berkeley House, Abingdon Science Park, Barton Lane, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3NB

13 Matthews Walk, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1HL

Single storey lean-to extension to rear

Preston Parish Council expressed concern about the density of this development when the original planning applications were considered. It is most likely that the application to extend this property will be the first of many others giving rise to greater concern for the density of development on this site. In addition, it raises the question of whether a full risk assessment has been carried out on how this extension (and others as they arise) will affect the sustainable urban drainage system as any reduction in the permeable surface will increase the possibility of flash flooding. Please could you advise if this has been / will be carried out ?

11.2 Decision Notices Received

12/02076/FUL Norcote Workshops, London Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5RH

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Erection of a workshop (revised scheme)

No objections.

Permitted 12 June 2012

12. Website - To Receive Update

The Clerk confirmed that she had carried out some updating and had included past Council Minutes and Village Newsletters although there is still much more to be done. It was suggested that the following items should be included:

- Mention of the Church silver which is on display in the Corinium Museum
- Parish Footpaths map
- Monthly diary of events
- Village Fete

Action:

13. Correspondence

Correspondence Information Sheet – attached

Tree Warden information to be sent to Cllr Mrs Sutton and Cllr Mrs Cameron. The Clerk was requested to obtain a plan of TPO trees in the Parish from CDC.

Action:

CDC's Draft Housing Plan Consultation – 25 July 2012

It was noted that the consultation period has been extended and can be viewed on CDC's website.

Natural England's Grants for Footpaths

It was noted that the proposed development at Siddington Park Farm could benefit by a path to Siddington but it is evident there is not land available.

CDC – SHLAA Consultation (Attached) C164 is Preston and NOT Cirencester

RESOLUTION 17/12

It was unanimously RESOLVED to respond as follows:

Preston Parish Council is pleased that site C80 is no longer identified as possible housing development. However, it does have concerns about site C164 which is in Preston Parish area and outside the Cirencester boundary. The Parish Council was given assurance that Preston would remain separate from Cirencester and that there would be a buffer zone allowing the Village to retain its own unique identity and requests assurance that this will continue.

Action:

14. Any Other Business

Speed Watch (Attached)

Cllr Canton explained the purpose of Speed Watch and was confident that volunteers will come forward from the community. It was agreed to include this in the Village

Action:

Newsletter asking for volunteers to contact him.

Hedge Opposite The Old Rectory

The Clerk was requested to check who is maintaining the hedge after Highways reduced the height as it needs cutting back.

Action:

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 6 September 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.29