

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2012

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton, (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr T Hopegood, Cllr N Price, Cllr Mrs J Tomblin, Cllr C Bennett (District), Cllr Ms J Layton (District), Cllr S Parson (County) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

David Neudegg, Chief Executive Officer, Cotswold District Council

The following issues were raised:

Kingshill Meadow – Members felt that the Parish Council had no control over the development process and is unsure of their current position and responsibilities regarding it. There had been little consultation or communication from CDC or GCC and that it is very important to retain the buffer zone between the village and Cirencester.

Mr Neudegg stated that the **Local Development Framework** should retain the integrity of the village and suggested inviting a Planner to come to talk about the implications for Preston.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – When asked if the Parish should be working on such a Plan, he said that it depended on what Council wants to do and that CDC will try to work with the Council to achieve its aims.

Holiday accommodation in the Water Park - Guidance note which is now available was developed following concerns that owners could have significant impact on the local communities even though it is not their primary residence. Members agreed that the current policy should be retained and enforcement action taken when necessary. The properties should be marketed and advertised as holiday homes rather than second homes and it was evident that purchasers were not clear about the conditions. It was noted that many people believe that it is the developer who enforces the conditions whereas it is CDC. Residents are able to be included on the register of electors as there is only case law and no legal definition of 'holiday home'.

Members went on to say that although close to Cirencester, Preston is a separate village; a bus only twice per week; a working village with farm yard industrial units and no second homes.

Mr Neudegg confirmed that it is hoped that roadside collection of plastics for recycling will begin towards end of the year once the new waste arrangements are in place. He also asked for an invitation to the Village Fete.

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr R Canton (Personal)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 5 January 2012 RESOLUTION 6/12

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

Hedge Opposite the Old Rectory

It was noted that it has been cut back drastically on the pavement side.

Gloucestershire Highways Proposal for Kingshill Lane junction

Cllr Hopegood has co-ordinated Members responses and forwarded them to GCC Highways who are still working on detailed design and costing.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Ms J Layton (District), Cllr C Bennett (District) and Cllr S Parsons (County)

- Lanterns Festival tomorrow at Upper Up Playing Fields, South Cerney.
- South Cerney Outdoor Activity Centre (SCOAC) - Tenders being opened at GCC on 7 March. In all, 24 have been received but unlikely to be suitable. However, Officers have found a suitable organisation and initial terms have been agreed but further negotiations are taking place. Employees of the organisation are partners and happy to accept schools as well as being prepared to take over 125 year lease with GCC retaining the freehold.

- Water Park – Water Park Joint Committee is being disbanded and the Cotswold Water Park Society is being reformed. Concerns were expressed how these will evolve. More gravel extractions are planned extending into Down Ampney and Maisey Hampton but it is difficult to find information particularly about proposed works in Wiltshire.

Preston Toll Bar

It was explained that this work had been granted permission 6 years ago and the position agreed to limit light pollution in the Village and provide access to the care home development. It is also intended to slow traffic speed on the A419 as it approaches an urban road. Members were supportive but it was noted that both Siddington and South Cerney Parish Councils would prefer the roundabout located at the toll bar.

6. Questions from the Public

None

7. Playing Field – To Receive Update – Cllr R Canton

Not available

8. Village Hall - Management Committee Report

The Chairman advised: that the recent Jumble sale had raised £312; the Committee are actively looking at insulation; new fan heaters seem to very effective and some enquiries for new bookings have been received.

9. Finance

9.1 Current Budget Status and Balance at the Bank

Noted

9.2 Bills for Payment since the last Meeting

RESOLUTION 7/12

Clerk's Salary	BACS	£194.45
HMRC - PAYE & NiCs	BACS	48.60
GAPTC Membership	Chq	83.63

The Chairman **PROPOSED** and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay these bills.

9.3 Appoint Auditor for the Year 2011-12

It was agreed that Cllr Price and the Clerk would make enquiries.

10. Planning

10.1 New Planning Applications

10.2 Planning Decision Received

12/00818/NONMAT Land At Kingshill South, Kingshill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire
Non-material amendment to 10/04185/FUL (Erection of 31 dwellings (in addition to those approved under 06/02991/OUT)) for the conversion of all carports to garages

This NONMAT (NON-MATERIAL) application has been submitted to the Council to seek amendment following the grant of planning permission. Comments are not invited on the details supplied unless you have been formally consulted.

12/00819/NONMAT Land At Kingshill South, Kingshill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire
Non material amendment to 10/03034/REM (Phases 5,6,7, for 103 dwellings, within the residential development previously permitted under Outline Permission 06/02991/OUT) for the conversion of all carports to garages

This NONMAT (NON-MATERIAL) application has been submitted to the Council to seek amendment following the grant of planning permission. Comments are not invited on the details supplied unless you have been formally consulted.

Members noted both of these applications.

10.3 Planning Correspondence

Guidance for Holiday Accommodation within Cotswold District – Final

Noted

Neighbourhood Planning Briefing Notes

Noted

11. Website

The Clerk advised that work is continuing and Members were pleased with the results so far.

12. Options for Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – June 2012

Following a request from residents for a street party Members discussed:

- Date - Lunchtime on Sunday, 3 July on the road between the 2 Village Farm accesses and it was agreed to apply for road closure
- Consider supplying Union Jack disposable tableware and Souvenir mugs – source brochures.
- Will need advance notice of numbers.
- Brief mention in April Village Newsletter and further details in May edition.

13. Cllr Terry Hopegood's Resignation

Cllr Hopegood advised his resignation from the Council due to his imminent house move after 39 years in the village. He added that there will be an announcement in the Village Newsletter also introducing the family who will be moving into his house. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hopegood for all of his work for the Council and the Village and hoped that he will return for the Jubilee street party. County and District Councils also said that they would be sorry to see Cllr Hopegood leave.

14. Impact of Changes to the Bus Service

Members noted that there is a much reduced bus service in the Village with Pulhams providing a bus on Mondays and Fridays. This goes to Cirencester and then returns 1 hour later. It was agreed to include an article in the Village Newsletter asking for comments.

15. Dog Fouling

Members discussed how best to deal with this problem and varying views were expressed. It was agreed to include an article in the Village Newsletter highlighting that it is an offence liable to a fine of £75 and £1000 for repeat offences, a danger to health, a problem for pedestrians and unpleasant for people mowing verges. It was thought that most offences occur after dark. It was also noted that the notice on the dog waste bin needs to be replaced.

16. Correspondence

Correspondence Information Sheet (Attached)

Noted

GCC Highways – A419 Central Reservation – Proposal to Close Gap – previously circulated. South Cerney PC comments attached.

See Item 5

17. Any Other Business

Litter on Kingshill Lane

It was noted that there is an increasing amount of litter on Kingshill Lane and it was agreed to write to the Football Stadium and Kinghill School.

Rubbish in the river near Tesco

It was agreed to find out who is responsible for clearing this.

Theft problem in Tesco car park

Members were advised that there have been instances of this when vehicles have been left unlocked while shoppers return their trolley to the park. It was agreed to include in the Village newsletter article.

Offer to Refurbish the Noticeboards

Following an offer from a local resident it was agreed to go ahead.

**18. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, 3 May 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10