

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2012

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton, (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr Mrs J Tomblin, Cllr Ms J Layton (District) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mrs Sutton was re-elected Chairman to hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2013 and signed her Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Mrs Chester-Masters proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for her work during the previous year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs Chester-Masters was re-elected Vice Chairman to hold office until the Annual Council Meeting 2013

3. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr N Price (Personal), Cllr E Jenkins (District), Cllr C Bennett (District) and Cllr S Parsons (County)

4. Declarations of Interest and Update Register of Members' Interests (as required)

None.

5. Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 1 March 2012

RESOLUTION 8/12

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

• **Dog Fouling**

It was noted that the situation locally remains unchanged. Members' attention was brought to a recent article in the press about Flintshire County Council's trial using an anaerobic digester to dispose of dog waste.

• **South Cerney Outdoor Activity Centre (SCOAC)**

Members were advised that arrangements were in hand to issue a lease to new tenants but concern was expressed that costs may rise and that it may become more commercialised.

• **Remodelling of Preston Toll Bar**

Details were to be placed on the noticeboards and comments requested from members of the public.

• **Litter on Kingshill Lane – response from Cirencester Town Football Club**

In view of the reply received from Cirencester Town Football Club it was agreed to take this up with CDC who has responsibility for street cleaning.

7. Co-Option to Fill the Vacancy

RESOLUTION 9/12

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mrs Sue Cameron to the vacancy.

8. County and District Councillors

Cllr Ms Layton (District) advised that she had recently attended a meeting on the National Planning Framework and recommended that the Council should consider a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

9. To Receive Questions from the Public

None

10. Playing Field

Cllr Canton advised that there had been few problems recently although on one occasion the chain for the swings had been wrapped around the frame. It was agreed to keep an eye on situation. There had been no repetition of overnight camping.

11. Village Hall - To Receive Management Committee Report well.

The Chairman stated that the Quiz Evening had gone very well with approx. 30 people attending. The Committee are considering installing double glazing at an approximate cost of £2,000 but it was noted that the convector heaters are working very well. Members unanimously agreed that the refurbishment of the building had made a great deal of difference to the cohesiveness of the village.

12. Finance

12.1 Financial Statement for Year Ending 31 March 2012

Noted

12.2 Audit Report for Year Ending 31 March 2012

The Internal Auditor's report was noted.

12.3 To Approve and Sign the Audit Return

The Governance Statement was approved and the Audit Return signed by the Chairman and the Clerk / RFO.

12.4 Bills for Payment since the last Meeting

RESOLUTION 10/12

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the following outstanding bills:

J-Bookkeepers Invoice dated 3 May £65.00 to be paid by BACS

12.5 To Consider Insurance Renewal (Attached)

RESOLUTION 11/12

With Insurance renewal due on 1 June 2012, it was **RESOLVED** to delegate responsibility to the Chairman and Clerk who would confirm arrangements by email.

13. Planning

None.

14. Website

The Clerk advised that little development had taken place recently but that work would continue during the summer.

15. To Consider Arrangements for Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – June 2012

RESOLUTION 12/12

It was agreed to order 72 mugs with 'Preston Village' personalised printing on the reverse at a cost of £176.40 + VAT together with 5 lengths of bunting (including 1 free) at a cost of £16.00.

It was agreed that all children of the Village under 12 years of age by 31 December 2012 should receive a commemorative mug and that the surplus could be sold at £3 per mug. Cllr Mrs Freyne advised that any leftover could be used by the Cricket Club. Cllrs Mrs Sutton, Freyne and Tomblin would make the necessary arrangements with Cllr Mrs Tomblin being responsible for road closure signs. The Clerk was requested to notify residents via the Village Newsletter that the times stated in the May edition were incorrect.

16. Correspondence

• **Correspondence Information Sheet – attached**

Noted

• **Gloucestershire Highways – Changes to Contacts – Scott Macaulay-Lowe**

Noted. It was agreed to request a site meeting with Mr Macaulay-Lowe to look at a safe crossing for pedestrians and cycles once the gap in the Toll Bar is closed.

• **RIAT – Invitation to Briefing – 16 May 2012**

No-one available to attend.

• **GCC – Vacancies for 2 new members of Independent Remuneration Panel**

Noted

• **CDC – Building Trade Seminar – 12 June**

Noted. It was agreed to pass details to Kendrick Joiners in Village Farm.

• **GAPTC – Call for Resolutions for AGM**

Noted

17. Any Other Business

- Members were advised that notices have been installed in the Churchyard requesting dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead and to pick up waste.
- Cllr Mrs Tomblin advised that she will not be available for the next meeting.

**18. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, 5 July 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm