

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2012

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs C Sutton, (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Freyne, Cllr N Price, Cllr Mrs J Tomblin, Cllr Ms J Layton (District), Cllr Clive Bennett (District), Cllr S Parsons (County) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct**

**2.1 To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest**

None

**2.2 To Adopt New Code of Conduct (Attached) and Complete Register of Interest Forms**

**RESOLUTION 20/12**

Proposed: Cllr C Sutton Seconded: Cllr Mrs R Freyne and unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Code of Conduct (attached).

In view of Cllr Bennett's comments the Clerk as requested to check if Members' partners'

**Action:** Interests should also be registered.

**3. Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 6 September 2012 (Attached)**

**RESOLUTION 21/12**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** 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**

**RESOLUTION 22/12**

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase an additional Dog Waste Bin (Retriever 35) to be installed at the north end of the Village.

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

**Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC)**

- There had been a road safety meeting today and there is much support developing for reducing the speed limit on the toll bar.
- Cirencester Town Council is very active in controlling the flow of water in the Churn and the Environment Agency is carrying out a study. The River is currently lower and there is some evidence that some dredging has been done.
- Ownership of land near to Tesco has not yet been identified.
- £10,000 will be available to each County Councillor for use on Highways projects. Cllr Mrs Chester-Master asked if a contribution could be made to a speed survey on the Toll Bar as CTC is willing to contribute.
- It was noted that residents believe there to be far more accidents at Toll Bar that are not reflected in the data.
- It was noted that some residents took compensation due to the noise level on A417/419 caused by the road surface. Cllr Parsons advised that give the current austerity it is unlikely that anything will be done at the moment at that it may have to wait until the 30 year use is up when the surface will be reviewed. Will try to keep it as a standing item for Highways meetings.

**Cllr Clive Bennett (CDC)**

- Confirmed that the flooding at Kingsmeadow picnic area is being monitored and that CDC has removed some debris.
- He believed that 2013 is the earliest that anything can be done about the A417/419 road surface and explained that Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP has stated that there is no funding available to resurface unless it is worn. However, the surface is very hardwearing and unlikely to be in need of repair although it is noisy.

**Cllr Juliet Layton (CDC)**

Advised that the A417/419 Group is very active and noise levels are monitored but acknowledged that there is no funding available to resurface and that the Group needs

the Parish Council's support.

**6. Questions from the Public**

None

**7. Playing Field**

Cllr Canton advised that the surface around the slide is very slippery in bad weather. Cllr Mrs Freyne offered to clean it with a solution of soda crystals and it was agreed to review

**Action:** after the next safety inspection.

**8. Village Hall**

The Chairman reported that the Management Committee are meeting tonight, there is a Wine tasting event on 16 November and there is nothing further to report about the windows.

**9. Village Affairs**

**Community Speed Watch**

Cllr R Canton reported that there are 5 local volunteers to carry out speed monitoring and that Andy Fodgen has recommended progressing this in March / April when the weather is likely to be better and the equipment will be available.

**Action:**

**Highways – A419 Preston Toll Bar**

The Clerk advised that Gloucestershire Highways does not object to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A419 and including the Cirencester inner ring road. However, the need must be justified by first monitoring current traffic speeds which is estimated to cost in region of £3,000. Highways are looking to those Parishes affected to make a contribution to the cost and the Clerk at Cirencester Town Council has indicated that the Town Council would be prepared to do so. It was agreed in principle to make a contribution to this cost and Cllr Parsons was asked if he would make the Parish Council's contribute from the £10,000 that he has available to enhance partnership working in his Division between Parish Councils and Highways. Cllr Price agreed to check the proportion of the road in Preston

**Action:** Parish to enable the Council to determine a fair share.

**Improvements to Junction with Kingshill Lane**

Gloucestershire Highways maintain that the release of developer funding is still required for this work to be progressed whilst the Council believed that this would come from the Kingshill Meadow development which is well on the way to completion. The Clerk was instructed to

**Action:** clarify the position.

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 October 2012 (Attached)**

Noted

**10.2 To Approve Bills for Payment**

**RESOLUTION 23/12**

Bibury Landscaping – Sept & Oct Mowing      £176.40

**10.3 Donation Requests from Victim Support and Hop, Skip and Jump**

**RESOLUTION 24/12**

**Action:** In view of the small budget for donations, it was **RESOLVED** not to make a donation to either of these charities and to donate £50 to the CAB in March 2013.

**10.4 Advertising Rates for the Village Newsletter**

**RESOLUTION 25/12**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to charge commercial advertisers:

£35 for 6 months or £60 per year (or for between 6 and 12 months) on the proviso that the advert is fitted in at the Editor's discretion. Cheques should be made payable to Preston

**Action:** Parish Council.

**10.5 Budget Planning for 2013 – 14**

Members considered and developed a draft Budget (as attached) to be finalised at the next meeting. It was noted that whilst the donations budget is quite small, Members preferred to support local needs rather than requests received from further afield. The Clerk

**Action:** was instructed to contact the Village Agent for advice.

**11. Planning**

- 11.1 New Planning Applications**  
**12/04474/ADV Tesco Stores Ltd, 4 Farrell Close, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1HW**  
 External directional signage to proposed 'click & collect' pod & canopy located within the Tesco store car park comprising 2 no. gantry signs, 1 no. directional sign and 3 no. directional finger signs on existing posts  
 Response required by 6 November 2012  
 No Objections
- 11.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**
- **12/04229/FUL Tesco Stores Ltd, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP**  
 Variation to Condition 6 of planning approval 05/01568/FUL - Extension of car wash opening hours - **No objections**
  - **12/03760/FUL Tesco Stores Ltd, , Kings Meadow,, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP**  
 Erection of a storage pod and canopy to replace 8 car park spaces  
 New details dated 14 September - **No objections to this application but there are concerns about the possible impact on neighbouring residents due to an increase in noise.**
- 11.3 Decision Notices Received**
- **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  
 Permitted 18 September 2012
  - **12/03817/FUL 1 Kingsway, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5XA**  
 Proposed single storey side, rear extension and front porch  
 Permitted 27 September 2012
  - **12/04229/FUL Tesco Stores Ltd, Cricklade Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1NP**  
 Variation to Condition 6 of planning approval 05/01568/FUL - Extension of car wash opening hours - Permitted 31 October 2012
- 11.4 Invitation from Cirencester Town Council to join Planning Training - Attached**  
 It was agreed that locally delivered training would be useful.
- 12. Website - To Receive Update**  
 Nothing to report.
- 13. Response to CDC's Community Governance Review (Plan and Response attached) RESOLUTION 26/12**  
 Members **RESOLVED** to support Cirencester Town Council's request to include Kingshill Meadow and Recreation area within the Town boundary together with Tesco Kingsmeadow and 6 properties in Rose Way. However, it is preferred to retain the fields between Cirencester Football Club and Forty Farm adjacent to Kingshill Lane to ensure a clear buffer zone remains between the Town and Preston Village retaining the village's unique rural setting.
- 14. Correspondence**
- **Correspondence Information Sheet – attached**
  - **CDC's Invitation to the Community Conversation on Health – 22 November**  
 The Chairman to attend.
  - **GAPTC Invitation to Neighbourhood Planning Workshop – 13 November**  
 Noted.
  - **GAPTC Invitation to Localism Briefing – 20 November**  
 Noted.
  - **Gloucestershire Highways' Invitation to Drop in Session – 21 November**  
 Noted.
  - **Email from Cllr Paul Hodgkinson re Noise on A417/A419 - Attached**  
 It was agreed to include a request for a volunteer as Village representative in the Village Newsletter.
  - **CDC's Invitation to Town & Parish Meeting – 12 November - Attached**  
 Noted.
  - **CDC's Invitation to Presentation on Reducing the Number of Councillors and Revising Ward Boundaries – 20 November 2012**

Cllr Mrs Chester-Master to attend.

- **Health and Well Being Strategy – Invitation to include comments in CDC's response**  
Noted

**15. Any Other Business**  
None

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, 3 January 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15