

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2013

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

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Personal), Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal), Cllr S Parsons (GCC), Cllr C Bennett (CDC)

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

2.1 To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

2.3 To Receive Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

3. Minutes

3.1 Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2013

RESOLUTION 16/13

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

Replacement Light Bulb and Painting – BT Telephone Kiosk

Members were advised that BT carries out maintenance work on kiosks between May and October and that the Preston kiosk is on their list for attention.

5. To Receive Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Juliet Layton advised Members that CDC's Electoral Review will look at reducing the number of Ward Councillors from 44 to 35. She further advised that Neighbourhood Planning is high on the agenda and that funding is available and also that a response to the Local Plan is required by 19 July with the draft document being available later in the year.

6. To Receive Questions from the Public

None

7. Playing Field – Cllr R Canton

- It was noted that there has been no response from residents to the request for suggestions for new play equipment and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master agreed to consult to local families.
- Cllr Canton informed Members that the Safety Report had recommended that the bars and grips on the slide will need replacing shortly together with the rope on the climbing frame.
- It was noted that panes in a greenhouse near to the Playing Field had been broken presumably by a football.
- Cllr Mrs Chester-Master confirmed that grounds maintenance work on the boundary with the Field would be carried out in the winter.

8. Village Hall

8.1 Report and Update from the Last Meeting– Cllr Mrs C Sutton

Nothing to report.

8.2 Grant Offer from the Sustainable Development Fund for Village Hall Secondary Double Glazing

RESOLUTION 17/13

It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer of a 50% grant from Cotswold Conservation Board and the Chairman confirmed that the work is planned for August.

9. **Village Affairs**

- **Highways Issues** (Attached)
- **Highways Winter Preparations 2013/14**

It was confirmed that the Snow Warden is Cllr Canton and the Snow Plough Operator is Mr C Huck.

- **Replacement Dog Waste Bin**

Concern was expressed that the new dog waste bin at the north end of the Village may not be big enough as it is always full. It was agreed to check how often it is being emptied before considering installing additional bins to cope with the volume of waste.

Action:

10. **Finance**

10.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 June 2013 (Attached)**

Noted.

10.2 **Management of Reserve Funds**

Following the increase in funding from the Precept (due to the additional properties at Kingshill Meadow) it was agreed to explore higher interest accounts and to invest these funds for 12 months after which time a review could be taken on repayment of the Public Works Loan. The Clerk was instructed to investigate options and deposit the funds in a higher interest account.

Action: The Clerk was further instructed to check that the new signatories are now operative.

Bills for Payment

RESOLUTION 18/13

It was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the following bills:

- Churn Business Machines – Village Newsletter Printing 30 June 2010 – 31 March 2013
£928.46
- Bibury Landscape Contractors – Playing Field Grasscutting May & June 2013
£294.00

11. **Planning**

11.1 **New Planning Applications**

13/0038/CWREG3 Land at Kingshill Recreation Ground Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 1HS

Construction of replacement Watermoor C of E Primary School

No objection to the plans for the new Primary School. However, the Parish Council is concerned that there are no pedestrian or cycle access routes shown on the plans from Preston village to the new school site and requests that a footway / cycleway is created along Kingshill Lane.

11.2 **Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

13/01857/FUL and 13/01858/LBC Tectone Ltd, Norcote Barn, Road To Northcote Grange, Norcote, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5RH

Erection of link between stone barn and Dutch barn

No Objections.

New details received 20 June

11.3 **Decision Notices Received**

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11.4 **CDC Preferred Development Strategy Consultation**

www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/forwardplanning

Concern was expressed that there is a lack of access, footways and cycleways linking the Village to Cirencester.

12. Website - To Receive Update

It was agreed to include the date of the Village Fete, 13 July 2pm

13. Correspondence

CDC – Draft Proposals of Community Governance Review

The Council supported the draft Proposal.

Siddington Parish Council – Response to Community Governance Review

Noted

CDC Electoral Review

Noted

List of Correspondence Received in May and June 2013

Noted.

Cirencester Town Council Newsletter – Spring 2013

Action: Noted. The Clerk was instructed to request that Preston is included in cycle / walk audit.

GCC – Local Flood Risk Management Scheme Consultation

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/localfloodingstrategy

Noted.

14. Any Other Business

None

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 5 September 2013 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm