

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2013

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

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal), Cllr C Bennett (CDC)

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

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

None

**2.2 Completed Register of Interest Forms (Outstanding Only)**

None

**2.3 Updates to Members Register of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes**

**3.1 Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1 November 2012**

**RESOLUTION 4/13**

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

**3.2 Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 3 January 2013**

**RESOLUTION 5/13**

The date was changed to 2013 and then unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Telephone Kiosk**

The Chairman advised that the telephone does work but takes cards only. It was agreed that it is a landmark in the village and that BT should be asked to re-paint it and change the light which isn't working. Cllr Mrs Layton suggest that the Village could use the kiosk to store a defibrillator for emergency use but as it would cost in the region of £2,000 it was agreed that this needed to be considered by the whole Village.

**Newsletter Content**

It was agreed to defer this item until till the next meeting when Cllr Mrs Freyne and Mrs

**Action:** Warren are available.

**5. County and District Councillors**

**Cllr S Parsons**

- 0% increase on GCC element of the Council tax for next year.
- Of the £400m budget, over 50% goes to adult services. Additional 4% made available this year. Growing number of elderly people is a nationwide problem but greater in Gloucestershire than many other areas.
- Highways – speed limit consultation at the Toll Bar will take place in May/June. Potholes continue to be a problem and the budget has been increased.
- Flooding – issue for Preston mainly around Tesco's. The EA is carrying out work on the Churn in the Watermoor area but details are as yet unknown. There is a meeting in South Cerney next Thursday to give the public opportunity to ask questions of the responsible authorities.

**Cllr Mrs Layton**

Nothing further to report except that funding is available from CDC for youth activities.

**6. Questions from the Public**

Cllr Canton read a letter from Mrs Swain as she was unable to attend the meeting:

**Action:** Concern that light pollution from the new roundabout at Siddington Park Farm will affect the Village. It was agreed to request details from Gloucestershire Highways.

## 7. **Playing Field**

Cllr Canton reported that rubbish had been left recently by youths but otherwise there were no problems.

### **Installation of Toddler Swing**

**Action:** Following a request from a parent it was agreed to replace one swing with a toddler seat.

## 8. **Village Hall**

### 8.1 **Minutes from the Last Meeting and Update – Cllr Mrs C Sutton**

Cllr Mrs Sutton advised that the Hall is currently in a good financial position and that the AGM had been held recently. There is a Soup Saturday coming up this weekend.

### 8.2 **Update on Grant Application to Sustainable Development Fund for Village Hall Secondary Double Glazing**

The Chairman and the Clerk advised that they had carried out an energy survey required by the Conservation Board and the decision is still awaited. It was agreed to chase the

**Action:** grant application and report to the next meeting.

## 9. **Village Affairs**

### **Community Speed Watch**

Cllr R Canton reported that a speed watch had been carried out over 2 days and 6 drivers had been caught exceeding the speed limit. Another watch would be carried out in approx. 6 months' time. The purpose of the watch is to make drivers aware of speed and drive more safely and the Clerk was requested to include a warning in the Village

**Action:** Newsletter.

### **Highways Issues (Attached)**

Members noted the list of outstanding issues as attached and added:

- To source another grit bin for the north end of the Village
- Advise Gloucestershire Highways about the tree **roots** that are growing through the footway near to the junction of Kingshill Lane and the Village Street.
- The Chairman asked if there had been any progress on finding details of the proposed cycle way connecting the Village to the Kingshill area. Concern was expressed that this could be lost sight of and the Clerk was requested to make enquires with CDC Planners

**Action:** and Gloucestershire Highways.

### **Rectory Hedge**

It was noted that the hedge is badly in need of cutting back and Cllr Mrs Chester-Master

**Action:** agreed to write to the Diocese.

## 10. **Finance**

### 10.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2013**

Noted

### 10.2 **Bills for Payment**

#### **RESOLUTION 6/13**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the following bills:

Preston Village Hall – Hire Fees £84.00 (Paid by BACS)

Clerk's Expenses (Telephone June12-Jan 13 & Stationery) £10.25

#### **HMRC Real Time – For Information**

The Clerk advised that HMRC will require on line payments at the time that calculations are submitted from 1 April 2013. No action will be necessary by the Council as this system is already in operation.

### 10.4 **Membership and Donations**

#### **RESOLUTION 7/13**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to renew memberships and make donations as follows:

Renewal of Membership to GAPTC £148.52

Renewal of Membership to GRCC £ 25.00

Request for Donation from Citizens Advice Bureau - £40

Cotswold Volunteer - £40

### 10.5 **Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and Registration with the Information Commissioner**

**RESOLUTION 8/13**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the attached Publication Scheme and to register with the Commissioner.

**Action:**

**10.6 Reviewed Risk Assessment**

**RESOLUTION 9/13**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the attached Risk Assessment.

**11. Planning**

**11.1 New Planning Applications**

**13/00605/FUL 1 Kingsway, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5XA**

Erection of single storey front extension

**No objections**

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

None

**11.3 Decision Notices Received**

None

**12. Website - To Receive Update**

The Clerk continues to update the website and asked for any photographs and information to be sent to her.

**13. Correspondence**

**NALC Policy Briefing – Community Infrastructure Levy**

Noted

**CDC – Request for Evidence of Poor Practice on the part of Thames Water**

Noted

**List of Information and Correspondence Received in January & February**

Noted

**Cirencester Town Council – Invitation to Planning Training – 9 & 23 April 6-8 pm**

**Action:** Cllrs Mrs Sutton, Mrs Tomblin and Mrs Cameron agreed to attend.

**Email from Mr A Warren regarding GCC Highways unfinished work on the Footway**

**Action:** Noted and agreed to make enquiries with Gloucestershire Highways.

**14. Any Other Business**

**Mrs Anne Smith** explained that her son is working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award and asked if the Council had any suggestions for appropriate community work amounting to 12 hours which could be carried out over the next 12 months. Cllr Canton asked if he would help with re-painting the play equipment and other Members made suggestions such as a sponsored swim, an event for fete and help with litter picking.

**Village Litter Pick**

Cllrs Mrs Sutton, Mrs Tomblin, Mrs Cameron and Mrs Smith agreed to clear the bridlepath along the A417 before the end of March

**Non-Recycled Rubbish at the Allotment**

The Clerk was asked to request a black bin from CDC.

**A419 Action Group**

Cllr Mrs Layton advised that the Group are carrying out a survey and would email the Clerk with details for inclusion in the Village Newsletter.

**15. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Annual Parish Meeting** would be held on **Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 7pm** in the Village Hall. This would be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm**