

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs R Freyne and Cllr N Price

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mrs J Layton (CDC) 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 in Items on the Agenda

None

2.2 To Receive Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

2.3 To Consider Changes to CDC's Code of Conduct

It was agreed to defer any decision to adopt the new Code until the January meeting to

Action: give everyone time to read and consider the changes that CDC has made.

3. Minutes

3.1 Acceptance and signing of Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 5 September 2013

RESOLUTION 22/13

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

Play Area Equipment

It was agreed to further research the options for play equipment and to involve Mrs

Action: Edwards who has indicated an interest.

Condition of Trees on Playing Field Boundary

Cllr Mrs Chester Master and Cllr Price reported that the trees requiring attention are mostly within the field where some branches need to be removed and the small thorn trees could be completely removed. The eastern boundary contains scrubby thorn bushes that need to be cut back. Only one tree would need to be climbed (estimated to cost in the region of £200) and the remainder could be done from ground level

Action: It was agreed that Cllr Price would arrange for the work to be done.

Traffic Speed Limit on A419 at Toll Bar

It was noted that any TRO would be dependent upon s106 Agreement with Highways for the further Kingshill development. It was agreed to chase GCC Highways for and update

Action: and to send previous correspondence to Cllr Mrs Layton.

Maintenance of Bridle Path BPR132

This was visited again, but no solution found. Cllr Mrs Layton agreed to find out why there had been no acknowledgement to written and online requests.

Action:

Overnight Parking of Buses

Members were advised that the landowner has given the bus company 14 days' notice to remove the buses. Cllr Mrs Cameron reported that the buses have already gone from opposite her house.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs J Layton reported:

Electoral Review

- Guideline recommends 2,210 per Ward Councillor.
- Preston is predicted to have the same number of electors in 2019 as now.
- There are more 60 – 64 year olds than 30-34 year olds.
- Age shift is hitting the villages harder than urban areas making them unsustainable.
- Small village developments could help the situation and keep them sustainable.

- Warding is a difficult issue.
- Tries to attend all Parish Council meeting to maintain communication.

Flooding

Land owners must ensure that ditches are cleared and people must be more responsible for their own flooding issues.

6. Questions from the Public

Mr J Lynn was interested to know why the Council had not supported the 20's plenty initiative and said that contrary to popular belief it is enforceable ! He expressed concern that once the roundabout is built on the A419, the village could become a rat run. Traffic already cuts the corner from Kingshill Lane but it is hoped that the proposed remodelling of the junction will prevent it and reduce speed.

It was agreed that the increase in traffic to Village Farm has created most of the problems particularly at night and the Clerk was requested to check the terms of

Action: planning approval. It was also agreed to invite Mr C Huck to a future meeting to discuss the current use of Village Farm and any proposals for the future as well as contacting Gloucestershire Highways to determine the procedure for adopting 20's Plenty in Preston as well as Cllr Roly Hughes (Cirencester Town Council) who was instrumental in reducing the traffic speed limit in the centre of the Town.

Cllr Mrs Layton suggested that the Council could prepare a 'wish list' for Gloucestershire Highways which might include a cycle path to Kingshill School, an island at the junction of the village with Kingshill Lane and the means to reduce speed in the Village.

7. Playing Field – Cllr R Canton

Nothing further to report. Since the clocks have changed there have been fewer footballers.

Action: It was agreed that the Clerk should source 2 litter bins (Playing Field and old road from Tesco).

8. Village Hall

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

Cllr Mrs Sutton drew Members attention to the newly fitted secondary double glazing but there was nothing further to report.

9. Village Affairs

Highways Issues (List Attached)

The list of outstanding issues was circulated.

Highways Response to Kingshill Lane Footway

Members were advised that the cost of a footway would be enormous and that no funding is available.

Cirencester's Cycling and Walking Map

<http://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/cirencester/>

Members were advised that the map has been updated.

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 October 2013 (Attached)

Noted

10.2 Bills for Payment

RESOLUTION 23/13

The following Bills were approved for payment:

Cirencester Windows - VH Secondary Double Gazing	£1,538.00
Busy Fingers – Newsletter Printing September	£ 27.88
Busy Fingers – Newsletter Printing October	£ 28.20
Bibury Landscaping – Sept & October Mowing	£ 235.20

10.3 Budget and Precept Request 2014 – 2015

Draft proposals were considered, (as attached) to be finalised at the January meeting in time for the Precept request to be sent to CDC at the end of the month. In the

meantime, the Clerk was requested to make the necessary enquiries to more accurately determine income.

Action:

11. Planning

11.1 New Planning Applications

13/04365/FUL Full Application for Demolition of existing buildings and erection of Class A1 food store (1,560 sq m. gross) with associated access, parking and landscaping at Northfield Garage Cricklade Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 1NP

Members stated that they have serious concerns about the increase in traffic, light pollution and noise in the immediate vicinity of the site together with the additional traffic on the roundabout which is already very busy. In addition the building is very close to dwellings on the boundary.

Action:

11.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

13/04332/TCNR Village Farmhouse, Preston, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5PR

T.1 - Horse Chestnut - reduce crown by 3m; T.2 - Cypress - remove 4 metres off top of crown; T.3 - Cherry Tree - fell to ground level

No Objections

11.3 Decision Notices Received

13/02993/FUL 1 Norcote Cottages, London Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5PH

Two storey and single storey extensions

Permitted 19 September 2013

12. Website

The Clerk advised that this is updated on a regular basis.

13. Correspondence

List of Correspondence Received in September & October (Circulated)

Noted

GCC – Bus Service Changes

Members were advised that the take up of the extended 53 Service (which served the Village) had not been fully utilised and was, therefore, being restricted. It would now only run from Purton or Cricklade to Swindon with the exception of 2 evening journeys in each direction which would also cover Cirencester. The loss of any service was regretted and particularly those affecting Preston.

CDC – Electoral Review

It was noted that the Boundary Commission has agreed to reduce the number of Ward Councillors to 35. CDC is now considering how the new Wards should be formed.

CDC's New Website

<http://beta.cotswold.gov.uk/9091.aspx>

Noted

CDC – Invitation to Town and Parish Meetings

Monday 11th November 2013 - 6.45pm for 7.00pm - Council Chamber, Trinity Road, Cirencester GL7 1PX No one was available to attend.

GCC – New Arrangements for Public Rights of Way

It was noted that provision is to be included in the Highways contract and staff will be transferred.

Notes from GRCC / Highways meeting – Road Safety

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/road-safety/road-safety>

Action: It was agreed to ask the Group for advice in implementing 20's Plenty.

CDC – Changes to Section 157 Housing Act Restrictions

Noted.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr Canton drew Members attention to:

- Overflowing dog bin on the Old Cricklade Road - Clerk to source new litter bin.
- Tree down across the river – Advise Cllr S Parsons
- Dog fouling in the Church Yard – Clerk to include in Newsletter article

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 9 January 2014 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm