

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 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, Cllr N Price, Mrs J Edwards and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

MERVYN DOBSON, Pegasus Planning – Siddington Park Farm

Mr Dobson introduced himself and explained that he is a Director of Pegasus Planning and has also owned the site for nearly 20 years.

- The site crosses the boundaries of Siddington and Preston.
- The site was recommended in 2004 for employment use and will require a change of use re-classification which could be supported by the lack of a 5 year housing supply in the Cotswolds.
- Planning Permission has been granted for a retirement home complex but the developer is unable to progress.
- Mr Dobson presented 2 Options, both of which are revisions of the previous retirement scheme although one includes mixed residential.
- The presentation to Siddington showed a preference for the care home development rather than the mixed housing.
- Intends to sell the land to a developer who would build and operate such a development but would retain the Siddington Park Farm building
- There would be no vehicular access into site from the South Cerney Road which is unsafe.
- There is an increasing need for assisted living.

Members raised:

- Concern that the infrastructure of the area has not kept pace with the number of new and proposed housing developments.
- There needs to be sufficient parking and Mr Dobson advised that national policy is changing to accommodate these needs.
- Access roads should be wide enough to accommodate delivery vehicles
- Concern that the previous developer cut down the trees and then abandoned the site.

There was a unanimous preference for the assisted living option.

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs J Layton (District)

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

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

None

2.3 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

3. Minutes

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

RESOLUTION 19/13

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

Dog Waste Bin

It was confirmed that the bin is now being emptied regularly and is no longer a problem.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Shaun Parsons (County)

Nothing to report but requested that the address of the Churn Catchment Flood Prevention

Group Facebook page is circulated for anyone that might be interested :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/412462082197472/?fref=ts>

Cllr Mrs Juliet Layton (District)

Although unable to attend the Chairman has received an email drawing attention to the Cotswold Electoral Review confirming that the number of Ward Members will be reduced from 44 to 35.

6. Questions from the Public

Mrs Edwards said that she frequently takes her children to the play area on the Playing Field and is interested in being involved in any future plans. She added that the Council might like to look at the Toddler play area in South Cerney for ideas. It was agreed that the Clerk

Action: would investigate and keep Mrs Edwards involved.

7. Playing Field – Cllr R Canton

It was reported that some of the trees on the boundary have dropped branches and others

Action: look vulnerable. It was agreed that Cllr Price and Cllr Mrs Chester Master would investigate.

8. Village Hall

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

The Chairman reported that a Jumble Sale is to be held later in the month, the double glazing will be installed imminently and a new table has been purchased for the kitchen. Cllr Mrs Sutton also asked for ideas for a Village activity to be held later in the year.

9. Village Affairs

Highways Issues (List Attached)

The list of outstanding issues was noted.

Speed on A419 at Toll Bar

The results of the speed survey showing that most drivers kept within the speed limit were noted. However, it was agreed that the current speed limit at the Toll Bar is too high in view of the junctions with Kingshill Lane and South Cerney Road together with the pedestrian crossing and bus stops. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Shaun Parsons requesting

Action: his support to reduce the current speed limit.

20's Plenty

The Chairman asked if there was support for a campaign to introduce 20's Plenty to the Village but it was agreed not to pursue.

Cirencester's Cycling and Walking Map

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting at Cirencester Town Council to develop a walking and cycling map of paths in Town and surrounding area and to classify them. She said that Kingshill Lane hadn't been considered dangerous but has now been reclassified. It is hope that the Group will help to put pressure on the relevant authorities to provide a safe cycle path between Preston and Kingshill.

The draft map can be seen at <http://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/cirencester/>

Maintenance of Bridle Path BPR132

Following a request to the Council to cut back the overgrowth making the path more accessible to users, it was agreed to contact the owner of the adjoining field to see what could be done.

Action:

10. Finance

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

Noted

10.2 Clerk's New Salary Scales

RESOLUTION 20/13

It was unanimously agreed to honour the nationally agreed 1% increase backdated to 1 April 2013.

10.3 Bills for Payment

RESOLUTION 21/13

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following bills

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| • Bibury | Mowing of Playing Field | £235.20 |
| • Grant Thornton | External Auditor's Fee | £120.00 |
| • Busy Fingers | August Newsletter | £ 35.35 |

It was further resolved that the Clerk should pay the monthly Busy Fingers invoice for Newsletter printing by BACS as they arrive.

10.4 Closure of the Audit and to Note the External Auditor's Report

The Clerk confirmed that a clear Audit report had been received.

11. Planning

11.1 New Planning Applications

11.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

13/01857/FUL and 13/01858/LBC Tectone Ltd, Norcote Barn, Road To Northcote Grange.

No Objections

13/02942/OUT Kingshill Development, London Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire,

Proposed mixed use development comprising employment floor space up to 5,000 sqm for B1 Use; residential development (up to 100 dwellings) with associated infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space and landscaping, including creation of new vehicular access from A417 London Road, creation of new cyclist and pedestrian accesses from the A417 London Road, and cycle and pedestrian connections with the adjacent development.

The Parish Council does not object to this development but is concerned about the inevitable increased volume of traffic on Kingshill Lane where it wishes to see a reduction in the speed limit and provision for a pedestrian / cycle path.

11.3 Decision Notices Received

None

11.4 Other Planning Matters

Proposed Development at Siddington Park Farm

See Mr Mervyn Dobson's presentation before the meeting was open.

CDC;s Draft Housing Allocation Scheme

http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nacontent.cfm?a_id=14232

Noted.

12. Website - To Receive Update

The Clerk confirmed that the website is being updated on a regular basis but there was nothing further to report.

13. Correspondence

List of Correspondence Received in August

Noted

Mid-Cotswolds Tracks & Trails Group

No one was available to attend the meeting on 25 September in Cranham.

GRCC – Invitation to 90th Celebrations and AGM

<http://sut5.co.uk/l/c.php?c=4168&ct=172256&si=36437189&u=clerk>

No one was available to attend.

Zurich Insurance – Invitation to Annual Seminar

No one was available to attend.

14. Any Other Business

Buses Parked Overnight

It was noted that buses are being parked overnight at Village Farm as well as the site north of the Village. They would appear to be leaving at 7am and returning around 5 pm and servicing on to the local schools. The Clerk was requested to continue to check in to the

Action: legality of this operation.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 7 November 2013 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm