

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2014

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs C Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr R Canton, Cllr Mrs R Freyne and Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Mrs J Layton (CDC), Cllr C Bennett (CDC), Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Personal) and Cllr N Price (Personal)

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

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

None

**2.2 Updates to Members Register of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes**

**3.1 Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9 January 2014  
RESOLUTION 4/14**

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**

In hand but no progress to date.

**Traffic Speed Limit on A419 at Toll Bar and Cirencester Inner Ring-Road**

Results of the survey have shown that traffic speeds do not significantly exceed the current limit and, therefore Gloucestershire Highways will not consider any reduction to the limit as it will require enforcement to be effective. Members acknowledged that the current speed of traffic is a serious issue for Preston residents who need to cross the road to shop even though speed at the Toll Bar is not considered to be a serious risk issue to others.

Cllr Parsons advised that there are to be staff changes at Highways due to the new contract and that he will take up this issue with Richard Grey once he is in post from 1

**Action:** April 2014.

**Maintenance of Bridle Path BPR132**

The Clerk advised that the Community Payback Scheme is interested in carrying out this work to cut back the overhanging hedge but it unable to take any debris away. It was noted that GCC PROW carried out this work about 3 years ago and agreed to do it again but has not done so. Cllr Parsons agreed to take this up with GCC PROW to determine

**Action:** who is responsible for this maintenance work.

**Traffic to and from Village Farm**

It was acknowledged that most of the traffic is large delivery trucks going to and from the Village Farm units and it was agreed to keep an eye on traffic movements.

**Action:**

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

**Cllr S Parsons** reported:

- GCC budgets have been approved with no increase in Council tax for 4 years. This equates to £43m that residents have not had to pay out on rates.
- Siddington Park Farm planning proposals have been withdrawn and it is hoped that another developer will come forward. In the meantime, the proposed roundabout will remain dormant.
- There will be £40K available over 2 years to promote healthier living and this might provide funding for a cycle path between Preston and Cirencester.
- A417 Missing Link – the campaign website is <http://a417missinglink.co.uk/>

**Cllr C Bennett** advised Members about CDC's WW1 Commemoration fund and the Clerk

**Action:** was requested to include this in the Village Newsletter article.  
**Cllr Mrs Layton** reported on available funding for youth.

6. **Questions from the Public**  
None

7. **Playing Field**  
Cllr Canton reported that tree works during the recent wet weather have made a mess of the surface but there has been no damage to the football area or the play equipment.

8. **Village Hall**

**8.1 Report and Update from the Last Meeting**

The Chairman reported that a very successful Cheese & Wine event had been held recently and it has been suggested that a book exchange could be located in the Hall. Cllr Mrs Sutton also reported that she had received a suggestion for the Village to provide a community Defibrillator. Members discussed the possible cost and management and the Clerk was requested to include in the Village Newsletter article to determine the level

**Action:** of local support.

9. **Village Affairs**

**9.1 Highways Issues (List Attached)**

It was noted that Highways will move the blue grit bin at the north of the Village to the Toll Bar.

**9.2 Crime Report**

Noted

**9.3 Adoption of a 20's Plenty Scheme**

Following the meeting with Cllr R Hughes in Cirencester, Mr J Lynn reported that he had surveyed the Village to find that there are 15 telegraph poles, 5 x 30 mph signs and 2 x Preston signs (one on Wit Pit Lane is on the wrong side of the road). Following discussion it was agreed that:

- notices on lamp posts would look messy and unlikely to gain attention or support.
- a 20's Plenty Scheme should not be pursued at this time.

It was noted that most of the traffic is travelling between the Kingshill Lane junction and Village Farm and it was further noted that when the speed survey was carried out 30 – 40 % was above the speed limit. It was unanimously agreed that a 'gated entrance' was the preferred method of reducing traffic speed and the Clerk was requested to contact Kemble Parish Council to enquire how effective their 'gates' were.

**Action:** A suggestion had come from a resident to request that Highways prevent traffic entering the Village from the A417 London Road direction thereby creating a 'rat run'. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Gloucestershire Highways, about this and the proposed "gates" on the verges at the village entrances.

10. **Finance**

**10.1 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2014 (Attached)**

Noted

**10.2 Bills for Payment**

- Clerk's Expenses - (annual) £48.13
- Busy Fingers - Newsletter printing £28.51
- Preston Village Hall – Annual Hire fee for Council meetings £88.00

**RESOLUTION 5/14**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the above bills.

- David Scott-Langley - Treeworks £155.00
- RT Contracting – Hedgecutting £98.20

The Clerk was requested to seek further clarification on the above 2 items.

**10.3 To Consider Donations**

**RESOLUTION 6/14**

Following requests received, it was unanimously RESOLVED to pay the following donations:

- Cotswold Volunteers £50
- Citizens Advice Bureau £50

**10.4 Advice Regarding Referendum Trigger for Precepts**

Noted

**10.5 Renewal of GAPTC Membership**

**RESOLUTION 7/14**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to renew membership to GAPTC at £182 to be paid in the next financial year.

**10.6 Risk Assessment – Attached**

**RESOLUTION 8/14**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the reviewed Risk Assessment as attached.

**11. Arrangements for Annual Meetings**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

To be held on Thursday, 1 May 2014 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Annual Parish Meeting**

To be Held on Thursday, 1 May 2014 at 7pm. It was agreed to invite the applicant of proposed solar park on land east of Witpit Lane to address residents or alternatively a

**Action:** spokesperson for Community Defibrillation.

**12. Planning**

**12.1 New Planning Applications**

14/00581/FUL **Crucis Park, Barnsley Road, Ampney Crucis, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5DX**

Installation of an underground cable line for Crucis Park Farm Solar Farm

Response required by 20 March 2014

No Objections

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

None

**12.3 Decision Notices Received**

None

**12.4 Planning Correspondence**

**14/00246/SCR Land East Of Witpit Lane, Preston, Gloucestershire**

Proposed solar park

Noted

**CDC's Draft Local Plan Consultation**

[http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/local\\_plan\\_2011-2031/development\\_strategy](http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/local_plan_2011-2031/development_strategy)

Noted. The Clerk was requested to include this in the Council's article in the Village

**Action:** Newsletter.

**12.5 Any Urgent Planning Items Received since Publication of the Agenda**

13/05005/FUL **Old Cirencester Lane, Driffield, Gloucestershire, GL7 5QA**

Extension and alteration of an existing agricultural machinery dealership and the change of use of agricultural land to the storage and display of vehicles and associated works.

**Action:** Members to advise their response to the Clerk by email.

**13. Website - To Receive Update**

The Clerk was requested to update the Village Newsletter page and Council Finance as

**Action:** soon as possible.

**14. Correspondence**

**List of Correspondence Received in January and February (Attached)**

Noted

**CDC's WW1 Fund**

Each District Councillor has £500 available to support commemoration activities in their Ward. It was noted that there is no War Memorial in the village and the Clerk was

**Action:** requested to publicise the fund in the Council's Village Newsletter article.

**To Consider CDC's Electoral Review Recommendations (Attached)**

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/1550/la=64>

Noted

**Email Relating to Cessation of Mobile Police Station visiting the Village.**

Noted

**15. Any Other Business**

**Dog Fouling in the Churchyard**

It was noted that incidents have increased and the Clerk was requested to publicise this in the Council's Village Newsletter article and to provide a can of spray paint for the Chairman.

**Action:**

16. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on Thursday, 1 May 2014 at 7 pm in the Village Hall**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm**