

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr N Price and Cllr A Stone.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Personal), Cllr Mrs N Jones (Personal), Cllr Mrs R Freyne (Personal) and Cllr M Evemy (CDC)

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

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1 Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 September 2019

RESOLUTION 27/19

The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highways Approved Schemes to Reduce Traffic Speed and Feedback from GRCC Seminar Cllr A Stone reported:

It was a very interesting meeting with some 74 attendees and good speakers including the Police, Criminal Justice system, Stroud District Road Safety Group and others.

Notes attached.

GAPTC – Clarification on Funding for ANPR Cameras

It was noted that if a Parish Council agrees that the use of cameras would be of benefit to its area then it is possible for a Parish Council to contribute to costs incurred by the local Highways authority in providing such equipment.

5. County and District Councillors – Cllr Shaun Parsons and Cllr Mike Evemy

Cllr Evemy was unable to attend but had sent an email detailing how CDC are looking to increase parking charges and Band D Equivalent CT by £5.

Cllr Parsons reported:

- It is becoming increasingly difficult to find care workers and, therefore, GCC is setting up its own training scheme to increase numbers.
- More children are being taken into corporate care in Gloucestershire than before.
- A417 to be resurfaced before the end of GCC's current fiscal year.
- Siddington Road has been done recently resulting in lots of complaints from residents about the inconvenience.
- Norcote to Ampney Crucis and Ampney St Peter to the Red lion corner scheduled before the end of March 2020 giving rise to concerns from residents that Preston Village could be used as a rat run.
- The road through Kempsford has been closed at a cost of £800K due to badgers.
- There have been no major flooding problems this winter at this end of Gloucestershire including South Cerney.
- Thames Water has placed a bowser at the Norman Arch entrance to the Abbey Grounds to take out sewage.
- A417 Missing Link is likely to go forward. Highways need to buy back the PFI contract.
- Access slip roads on M5 to cope with the extra traffic.
- A419 Noise Issue - Noise is measured by decibels but the frequency of the noise is

the problem with the concrete surface. Unfortunately, concrete is very hard wearing and unlikely to need re-surfacing in the near future.

6. **To Receive Questions and Comments from the Public.** - None

7. **To Receive Chairman's Report** – Cllr Mrs J Tomblin. - Nothing to report

8. **Playing Field Update**

It had been reported that the Baby swing seat was damaged. A new one had been ordered and would be fitted by Mr & Mrs Tomblin on its arrival.

Repair to Playing Field Fence – Cllr N Price

Cllr Price reported that he had removed the damaged fence.

9. **Village Hall**

Minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2019

Noted.

Closure of Bank Account and Request for Council to hold balance from Defibrillator Fund

RESOLUTION 28/19

Mrs Sutton has requested that the Council hold the final balance of £17 so that the account could be closed. It was unanimously agreed that the account could be closed and that the funds could be used to buy a raffle prize for the Christmas drinks party.

Action: CB

10. **Village Affairs**

First Aid Course – Update

It was noted that no further free First Aid courses would be run by GCC and the Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Parsons for advice.

Action: CB

NAG – Updates and A417 Missing Link Consultation

These had been circulated.

Planting to Replace Trees Affected by Ash Die Back

Following the offer of trees, no suitable site in the Village had been proposed.

However, Cllr Mrs Chester-Master had suggested the wide verge on Witpit Lane where nearby Ash trees had been affected by the disease. The Chairman and the Clerk had subsequently met with Mr Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways to discuss. The Chairman expressed concern that ultimately the Council would be responsible for future maintenance. Cllr Price advised that further information regarding size and variety should be sought before making a decision.

Kingshill Lane Pedestrian Route and A417 Pedestrian Crossing – Update

Nothing further to report.

11. **Neighbourhood Development Plan – Update**

Members were advised that the draft Plan has been prepared and that it is expected that the consultation process will begin in the New Year.

12. **Finance**

12.1 **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 November 2019**

RESOLUTION 29/19

It was resolved to adopt the report as attached.

12.2 **Bills for Payment: Attached Schedule**

There were no bills to be settled.

12.3 **Items to be Included in Planning the Budget 2020 – 2021**

It was agreed to consider expenditure on traffic calming measures.

12.4 **Draft Budget 2020 – 2021**

Cllr Mrs Chester-Master agreed to find out the exact costs of the Churchyard grass cutting.

12.5 **To Consider Replacing Noticeboard (near to telephone kiosk)**

RESOLUTION 30/19

Action: CB It was agreed to replace the noticeboard and the Clerk was requested to investigate the purchase of a recycled plastic board to be fitted to the existing poles and to circulate the information by email.

13. Planning

13.1 New Planning Applications

19/02806/FUL Forty Farm Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PP

Conversion of stone threshing barn and attached cow byre into two dwellings and erection of a detached open fronted car port replacing Dutch barn

It was agreed to object on the following grounds:

No reference had been made to the Preston Design Statement; only one Entrance/Exit should be made on to Kingshill Lane; concern that further development would increase the traffic on Kingshill Lane that had no pedestrian or cycle route.

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13.2 Planning Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting

C/19/01285/PTEN Temporary Event Notice for sale of Alcohol – Village Hall on 20 December 2019

It was noted that this Licence application applied to the Village Christmas Drinks Party.

There were no objections.

19/02971/FUL Norcote Workshop London Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

Change of use of commercial storage building to form additional accommodation to existing site manager's dwelling, roof addition to form gable roof

No Objections

19/03903/TPO Hunters Care Home Cherry Tree Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5DT

T1 - Paulownia - Crown reduce by 2 metres in height and 1.5 metres in spread on all aspects, leaving a finished height of 6 metres and finished spread of 2.5 metres on all aspects. Crown is in very close proximity to building

No Objections

13.3 Decision Notices Received - None

13.4 Planning Correspondence - None

14. Correspondence

British Telecom – Consultation on Removal of Payphones and CDC's Draft Decision

Noted

CDC – Review of Polling Districts and Stations. - Noted

CDC – Settlement Role and Function Study - Noted

Cotswold Conservation Board – Mowing of Road Verges - Noted

CDC – Consultation on Council Tax Support Changes - Noted

GCC – Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement - Noted

Support for the Local Energy Bill - It was agreed to support this initiative

15. Any Other Business

Village Trees - Cllr Price advised that he would carry out the annual survey of Village trees for report to a meeting in the New Year.

16.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 9 January 2020 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8:48 pm

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